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Seminar Agenda

Reducing Claims Cost and Limiting Litigation in Workers' Compensation Webinars

Wednesday, September 23, 2020

8:45 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. EST

The State of the State - Florida

-James N. McConnaughay

The Florida Workers' Compensation Law and its rules and regulations are constantly changing. This presentation deals with important decisions made by the recently held legislative session that will affect how claims are handled in Florida. In addition, there will be a discussion of changes in the Florida law that have taken place from an administrative standpoint.

9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. EST

How to Avoid Inadvertent Acceptance of Non-Compensable Conditions

-R. Stephen Coonrod & Suzanne Yong Gutierrez

Conditions that are diagnosed by authorized treating physicians are often deemed to be covered by workers compensation if they are not timely denied. The panel will discuss the law governing claim acceptance and how to avoid being found responsible for otherwise non compensable conditions.

10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. EST

Medical Benefits

-Caitlin Beyl & Christopher G. McCue

Under the current statutory provisions governing medical care and treatment in Florida, there are many challenges to address and pitfalls to avoid on your way to successfully resolving a claim. This course will discuss the most common issues arising under Section 440.13, interpretation of those provisions by Judges of Compensation Claims and the First District court of Appeal, and practical ways to properly handle requests for treatment that may arise under the statute.

11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. EST

Steps Adjusters and Employers Can Take to Minimize Attorney Fees and Litigation

-E. Louis Stern & Patrick E. Weaver

What areas of claims handling are opening the door for increased attorney fee exposure? We will identify and discuss the areas of claims handling that leave you most vulnerable to attorney fees. Limiting or avoiding the attorney fee exposure puts you in a stronger position to reach a favorable settlement of the claim and closure of your file.

Wednesday, September 30, 2020

9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. EST

Misrepresentation 440.09/440.105

-Laura A. Buck & Susan N. Marks

This presentation will discuss how to successfully raise and prove the misrepresentation defense. The various types of misrepresentations, with case law examples, will also be discussed.

10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. EST

Caselaw Update

-Tracey J. Hyde & Christopher D. White

Significant decisions by the Florida First District Court of Appeals and the Florida Supreme Court and their impact on Florida claims handling is the subject of this breakout.

11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. EST

Benefits Payable, Offsets

-Jennifer T. Reimsnyder & Melissa A. Volk

For any claim that reaches lost-time status, the timely and accurate payment of indemnity benefits is critical to the proper handling, analysis, and defense of the claim. Application of potential offsets is just as critical to an effective resolution of a claim. The course will discuss each category of indemnity benefits potentially payable to an injured worker, current issues involving particular categories of indemnity benefits, and the impact of offsets on payment of indemnity, exposure on claims, and settlement utilizing offsets.

2020 Ethics and Georgia WC – The State of the State Webinars

Wednesday, October 7, 2020

9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. EST

Georgia Workers' Compensation – Managing Medical

-Caitlin Beyl & Hanna J. Williams

This presentation will cover conservative measures in orthopedic care, when surgery is necessary and best practices for getting patients back into the workforce.

10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. EST

Georgia Workers' Compensation – 240 Process and Pitfalls

-Caitlin Beyl & Hanna J. Williams

This presentation will be a discussion of completing the WC-240 light duty job offer process with tips on how to complete the WC-240a and WC-240 including filing of WC-2 with tips on how to avoid common pitfalls for a successful suspension of benefits.

11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. EST

Georgia Hot Topics and Issues

-Caitlin Beyl & Hanna J. Williams

Topics of discussion will be procedural requirements for denying a claim, litigation deadlines, how to lose a defense and preexisting conditions.

Wednesday, October 14, 2020

9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. EST

Ethics: How To Stay On The Right Track! (Part One)

* Florida and Georgia credits

-Caitlin Beyl, Melissa A. Volk & Hanna J. Williams

This 3-hour program is designed to address proper claims handling which involves decision making on a day-to-day basis. While many of the daily decisions made by adjusters and agents are black and white, numerous other decisions involve making judgment calls about issues that could go in a multitude of directions. What is the right thing to do and how do you figure that out? This program will focus on the guidelines that all adjusters must follow in order to make ethical decisions in performing their daily job responsibilities to try to keep you on the right track! Throughout the program, we will focus on the statutory and administrative code rules for Florida, although Georgia credits are also awarded. Case law dealing with ethical issues will also be discussed.

10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. EST

Ethics: How To Stay On The Right Track! (Part Two)

* Florida and Georgia credits

11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. EST

Ethics: How To Stay On The Right Track! (Part Three)

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