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2014 PIAA Medical Liability Conference to Convene in Toronto, Canada, May 14-16

Rockville, MD (February 25, 2014) – PIAA, the insurance industry trade association representing the medical professional liability (MPL) insurance community, today issued a reminder that advance registration for its 2014 Medical Liability Conference will expire on April 7. Attendees who submit their registration before April 7 can save $100. The Conference is the preeminent educational and networking event for all of the stakeholders in MPL insurance.

“We are pleased to invite all MPL professionals to Toronto for the 2014 Medical Liability Conference,” said PIAA President and CEO Brian K. Atchinson. “This event provides participants from around the world with a unique opportunity to gain invaluable insights on the global and day-to-day issues that concern every organization involved in medical liability.”

Atchinson noted that those who work in MPL now confront a new set of challenges, as the transformation of healthcare continues at an unprecedented pace. “This unique gathering will help attendees find pragmatic solutions for optimizing performance in these evolving times,” he said.

The Conference, which is open to the public, will take place May 14-16, 2014, at the Fairmont Royal York in Toronto, Canada.

The keynote speaker for the Conference is Reed V. Tuckson, MD, FACP. Dr. Tuckson brings a wealth of diversified experience, in nearly every aspect of medicine, to his presentation. Now Managing Director of his own company, Tuckson Health Connections, LLC, he is a former Executive Vice President and Chief of Medical Affairs with UnitedHealth Group and also former Vice President for Professional Standards with the American Medical Association. Dr. Tuckson will share his perspective on the current state of healthcare. Drawing on his previous experiences and current work with innovation in healthcare, he will help the MPL community understand the real-world ramifications of reform and other recent developments in healthcare and identify the most important issues for quality, safety, and MPL results.

James D. Hurley, ACAS, MAAA, Consulting Actuary, Towers Watson, will give a comprehensive financial update on the MPL sector. Aggregate financial results for MPL have been favorable for the past several years, and some observers are calling it the “new normal.” But the most recent years have also begun to show some indications of change—and Mr. Hurley will explain what these emerging indicators could portend in terms of future results.

Serial claims, class action lawsuits, and all of the other types of systemic risks can be a major concern for physicians, nurses and other healthcare professionals, hospitals, health systems, and MPL insurers and indemnifiers. An international panel will provide attendees with the critical intelligence they need to understand the actual scope of these threats, and take proactive steps to minimize their likelihood.
The 2014 PIAA Medical Liability Conference will also include a special Wednesday luncheon event featuring two widely recognized experts on the benefits of diversity in the insurance sector. Pina Albo, President, Reinsurance, Munich Reinsurance America, Inc., and Ana Pujols-McKee, MD, Executive Vice President, Chief Medical Officer, The Joint Commission, will explore how, and why, diverse leadership can give companies a unique and powerful competitive edge.

"By attending this one Conference, individuals who work in the MPL field gain an unparalleled intelligence on the essential developments for 2014 and a clear vision of the road ahead—and, as in every PIAA Conference, unique opportunities for one-on-one networking with their peers," said Atchinson.

“PIAA is well known for its uniquely comprehensive collection of MPL-related information and its ability to provide valuable services to a broad diversity of entities concerned about MPL,” continued Atchinson. “This Conference is a prime example of PIAA’s ongoing efforts to meet the needs of the varied professionals it serves.”

For more information about the 2014 PIAA Medical Liability Conference, or to register online, visit the PIAA website at www.piaa.us.

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