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2016 PIAA Medical Liability Conference to Convene in Washington, D.C., May 11-13

Rockville, MD (February 11, 2016) – PIAA, the nation’s leading association representing the medical professional liability (MPL) insurance community, today issued a reminder that its annual Medical Liability Conference will take place in May in the nation’s capital. The Association also noted that advance registration for the 2016 Medical Liability Conference will expire on April 8. Attendees who submit their registration before April 8 can save $100. The PIAA Medical Liability Conference is the preeminent educational and networking event for all of the stakeholders in the medical and healthcare professional liability insurance sector.

“We are thrilled that Washington, D.C. will serve as the backdrop for the 2016 Medical Liability Conference,” said Brian K. Atchinson, president and CEO of PIAA. “Our return to the nation’s capital could not be more timely, given that Congress and the Administration continue to examine a variety of healthcare policy issues that could have broad implications for the medical and healthcare liability community—not to mention the fact that this is a presidential election year.”

The Conference, which is open to both PIAA members and non-members, will be held on May 11-13 at the JW Marriott.

“We are pleased to invite all MPL/HPL professionals to the 2016 Medical Liability Conference,” Atchinson continued. “This gathering brings together hundreds of professionals who work in insurance and alternative risk transfer, all looking to gain new insights on the global and day-to-day issues facing medical, hospital, and dental liability companies, risk retention groups, captives, trusts, and other entities.”

Atchinson noted that those who work in MPL/HPL confront many challenges in the daily operations of their organization and must plan strategically for the future. “This unique event will help attendees find pragmatic solutions for optimizing performance in these changing times,” he said. “We have secured high-profile speakers and panels with decades of experience in medical and healthcare professional liability. No matter what your role in the industry, we believe that you will learn some surprising perspectives by attending this conference.”

The keynote speaker for the Conference is Kathleen Sebelius, 21st U.S. Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services. Sebelius, one of America’s leading voices on health policy and healthcare reform, will offer her invaluable perspectives on the changing realities in healthcare. Drawing on her vast experience, and knowledge of the U.S. healthcare delivery system, she will provide attendees with a candid take on the ongoing transformation of the healthcare system—and what this could mean for the MPL/HPL community and those they insure.

James D. Hurley, ACAS, MAAA, Consulting Actuary, Willis Towers Watson, will discuss how while 2014 and recent prior-year results have been favorable, they have also shown some signals of emerging change—some positive, and others not. He will analyze the big picture, but, recognizing the various contributing factors to the overall results, will also examine the key underlying drivers behind them, to determine the possible direction of future results. This discussion will give attendees a current perspective on the financial health of MPL/HPL insurers.
A panel of international experts will offer insights on the modification of risk through the intelligent use of data. The speakers will discuss using historical data to identify insureds who would benefit most from an educational intervention to modify their behavior in a way that will enhance the doctor-patient relationship and how to use database analysis as a prime resource in creating risk prevention programs.

In addition, claims misadventures will be explored by several panelists who will discuss some of the claims experiences they’ve had that ended badly, and relate how a different decision might have saved their company money and also brought about a better outcome. The session will also feature an experienced mediator, and a plaintiff’s attorney, who will talk about the kinds of behaviors that, during mediation, are likely to increase litigation and indemnity costs to insurers.

Other topics to be explored during the two-day event in Washington, D.C. include perspectives on millennials in 21st century medicine, risks associated with telemedicine, aging healthcare professionals and considerations for insurers, benefits of shared-decision making for patients, providers, and MPL, the growth of retail medicine, and much more.

“By attending this one Conference, individuals who work in the MPL/HPL field gain an unparalleled intelligence on the essential developments for 2016 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/HPL insurance, patient safety and risk management, and other healthcare-related information and its ability to provide valuable services to a broad diversity of entities,” stated 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 2016 PIAA Medical Liability Conference, or to register online, visit the PIAA website at www.piaa.us.

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