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William Faris, President & CEO of Occupational Managed Care Alliance (OMCA) is appointed subcommittee chair on Pain Management.

LOUISVILLE, KY – The Kentucky Office of Workers’ Claims has appointed William Faris to chair the 2006 Utilization Review Study on Pain Management.

Pain management and its attendant drug abuse issues have become a major problem for communities, employers, public policy makers, and workers’ compensation insurers. This subcommittee will explore medical, legal, and industry issues associated with pain management. The subcommittee will be responsible for presenting a study of pain management and proposed regulatory changes and language in early December 2006 to the Kentucky Office of Workers’ Claims Executive Director.

William Faris conceived and presented Pain, Drugs and the Crisis in Workers’ Compensation, an industry conference held in Louisville, Kentucky March 2006. He is uniquely qualified to facilitate a study on this topic.

For insurance carriers, self-funded groups and self-funded employers in more than 40 states, Faris’s Louisville-based company, OMCA, has delivered claims and managed care services to more than 4,000 employers. His company designed and implemented the first workers’ compensation managed care plan to be certified by the Kentucky Department of Workers’ Claims and was the first program to attain certified status in all 120 counties.

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