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Conference to Address the Pain and Drug Crisis in Workers' Compensation

LOUISVILLE, KY – On Thursday, March 2 and Friday, March 3, speakers from the legal, medical, government, and business communities will gather at the Kentucky International Convention Center in Louisville, Kentucky to discuss the key issues of pain and its impact on the workers' compensation industry. Speakers include Congressman Ed Whitfield who will address state and national issues on March 3rd. Registration will begin at 7:30 AM each day.

Pain management and its attendant drug abuse issues have become a major problem for communities, employers, and workers' compensation insurers. The conference will explore medical, legal, and public policy issues associated with the significant costs of lost work time, high drug costs, internet pharmacies, illegal drug use and addiction.

Stakeholders in workers' compensation at any level – claims adjusters, insurance carriers, TPA's, attorneys, actuaries, CPA's, medical providers, workers' comp managers, and public policy makers - will learn about national and statewide initiatives to address these problems and gain insight into evidence-based evaluation and control of pain treatment and management.

The conference Pain, Drugs and the Crisis in Workers' Compensation is presented by Occupational Managed Care Alliance, Inc. (OMCA). OMCA assists employers, carriers, third-party administrators and self-funded groups in managing their worker's compensation claims costs, an increasingly difficult task in the environment of rapidly escalating medical costs. Payors constantly struggle with excessive medical expenses while providing quality medical care for injured workers. OMCA believes that aggressive medical management by select occupational healthcare professionals is critical in achieving cost efficient, optimal outcomes.

Interested parties can register at the conference; pre-registration information is available at 800-633-5960, 502-495-5040, or online at www.omca.biz.

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