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Most Anticipated Sessions of 19th Annual Workers' Compensation Conference

*19th Annual National Workers' Compensation and Disability Conference® & Expo, being held November 10 - 12 at Las Vegas Convention Center, will deal winning strategies attendees can take home to employers;
Last Call: \$300.00 savings end August 20*

Horsham, Pa. -- July 21, 2010 -- The **National Workers' Compensation and Disability Conference® & Expo**, taking place at the Las Vegas (Nev.) Convention Center November 10 - 12, 2010, announced its most anticipated sessions ranging from the heavy-hitting Opening General Session to a nothing-but-tips session. With its exclusive hot-topic discussions and special money-saving offers, the conference is a sure bet. Now through August 20, registrants save \$300.00 off the on-site registration rate; or almost \$600 if part of a team.

Produced by *Risk & Insurance®* magazine, *Workers' Comp Forum™* and LRP Publications, the **National Workers' Compensation and Disability Conference® & Expo** remains the nation's leading conference for professionals to expand their knowledge and gain new solutions directly related to their workers' compensation, disability management and return-to-work programs. Attendees, from CEOs and attorneys to risk managers and disability claims analysts, will find answers to many of their specific challenges throughout the conference's five program tracks: **Better Claims Management/RTW Strategies, Data Analysis, Solving Legal/Regulatory Issues, Medical/Behavioral Solutions, and Strategic View**. Across the program tracks, 33 breakout sessions are organized by type and level to accommodate a range of learning styles and experience. The complete agenda is available at www.WCConference.com/agenda_wc.html.

Claude Werder, VP Editorial and Conferences for LRP Publications, reflected on the sessions he feels attendees will be most excited about:

- **The Opening General Session Moderated by Conference Co-Chair Mark Noonan, "Needle-Moving States: Developments That Drive the Nation."** Many of the major trends in workers' compensation start in particular states -- California, Texas and Florida among them. Noonan will question high-ranking workers' compensation officials from those states and others to get their views on the latest developments and the potential exponential effects on the industry. "This is the first time top-ranking officials from key states have appeared together to openly discuss the critical decisions they are making that tend to impact the rest of the industry nationwide. This opening session will be a great scene-setter for the rest of the conference," said Werder.
- **"Medicare Setasides/SCHIP Summit Meeting" from the Solving Legal/Regulatory Issues track.** The Medicare, Medicaid and SCHIP Extension Act of 2007 requires insurers, self-insured companies and TPAs to determine Medicare status for all claimants and report to the federal government when those claims are resolved. The changes in reporting to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, coupled with the constantly changing rules for Medicare Setasides and last year's implementation of new pharmacy review criteria, have turned the workers' compensation system on its ear. Executives from some of the largest MSA/SCHIP compliance companies and one of the nation's foremost attorneys on the topic will hash out some of the biggest difficulties faced in trying to comply with these changes.

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"We have covered Medicare Setasides in previous conferences, but never like this," said Werder. "Attendees will get varying perspectives on the challenges of compliance, all in one room from some of the biggest names in the industry. It's a unique experience on a vital topic that you can only get at this conference," he added.

- o **"60 Cost Containment Tips in 60 Minutes" from the Better Claims Management track.** Imagine having 60 proven ideas at your fingertips to expedite your claims closing process. That is exactly what attendees will get in this fast-paced, round-robin session. Experts in the fields of human resources, vocational rehabilitation, claims management, occupational medicine and workers' compensation law will outline their best strategies — each within 60 seconds. It will be fun, insightful and useful. "While the 2010 conference offers many new features, we have not gotten away from sessions attendees have said are the most valuable," said Werder. "We've held '60 Tips' sessions for the past five years, and attendees always rank them among the most relevant. This year we are focusing on the always timely topic of cost containment."

In addition to the conference, attendees will hit the research jackpot at the **Expo**, open Nov. 10 - 11. The Expo will host more than 250 vendors ready to display and answer questions about their products and services relevant to the workers' compensation and disability management industries. It provides an additional venue for attendees to gather knowledge, network with peers and make purchases. For exhibitor and sponsorship information, visit www.WCConference.com or contact Fred Kurst, Trade Show Manager, at (703) 393-8304.

In the days leading up to the **National Workers' Compensation and Disability Conference**[®], the **Workers' Compensation in the Federal Workplace Conference** will offer 14 unique breakout sessions delivered by 15 compelling speakers, plus two dynamic general sessions. All the content is geared specifically to federal employees in workers' compensation. Attendees can register for an all-access **Super Pass** and attend sessions from both the **Workers' Compensation in the Federal Workplace Conference** and the **National Workers' Compensation and Disability Conference**[®]. More information can be found at www.fedWCConference.com. To request a press pass, please contact Lee Ann Tiemann at ltiemann@lrp.com.

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