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2017 PIAA Medical Liability Conference to Convene in Colorado Springs, May 17-19

Rockville, MD (February 9, 2017) – PIAA, the leading association representing the medical and healthcare professional liability (MPL/HPL) insurance community, today issued a reminder that its annual Medical Liability Conference will take place in May in Colorado Springs, Colorado. The Association also noted that advance registration for the 2017 Medical Liability Conference will expire on April 7. Attendees who submit their registration before April 7 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 pleased to invite all MPL/HPL professionals—as well as anyone with an interest in MPL/HPL—to the 2017 Medical Liability Conference,” said Brian K. Atchinson, president and CEO of PIAA. “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.”

The Conference, which is open to both PIAA members and non-members, will be held May 17-19 at The Broadmoor.

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 Robert M. Wachter, MD, an internationally known leader in healthcare safety, quality, and IT. Currently a professor and chair of the Department of Medicine at the University of California, San Francisco, Dr. Wachter will draw upon his personal experiences and real-life case examples to explore some of the unforeseen consequences of information technology.

Chad C. Karls, FCAS, MAAA, Principal & Consulting Actuary, Milliman, Inc., will brief attendees on the essential historical and current financial results of the MPL industry, highlighting the primary drivers behind the industry’s improved capital position. “This session will offer attendees a fuller understanding of the underlying drivers of the industry’s financial condition,” noted Atchinson. “If you are interested in the performance of the MPL/HPL industry, these are the particular metrics that are important to watch closely.”

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A panel of international experts will offer insights into unexpected medical outcomes, specifically looking at the major drivers of adverse medical outcomes. Is it medical errors, as many believe, or is it the lifestyle choices that patients make? Do cultural differences among the world's populations play a role? This session will drill down to discern the real causes of untoward medical results, in the United States and internationally.

In addition, there will be a panel discussion about the latest threats and risks posed by cyber criminals—as well as their sophisticated new tools. The panel will describe the evolving regulatory environment and the risk mitigations methods that organizations can deploy to reduce their exposures to data breaches and cyber-attacks.

Other topics to be explored during the two-day event include leveraging data to assist in risk mitigation, how claims and risk exposure may shift in the face of healthcare reform, a global look at Patient Compensation Systems, factors that influence the decision to remain in or leave private practice, 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 2017 and a clear vision of the road ahead—and, as at 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 2017 PIAA Medical Liability Conference, or to register online, visit the PIAA website at www.piaa.us.

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