

# Central States Association Spring Seminar

June 13-14, 2024, in Madison, WI

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## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

THURSDAY, JUNE 13	
7:45 am – 9:00 am	<b>Continental Breakfast and Check-in</b>
9:00 am – 9:30 am	<b>Welcome and Introductions</b> PAMELA LEWIS, DIRECTOR, MISSOURI DIVISION OF WORKERS' COMPENSATION DIVISION
9:35 am – 10:05 am	<b>State of Workers' Comp</b> SPEAKER: HEATHER LORE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, IAIABC
10:05 am – 10:20 am	<b>Break</b>
10:20 am -11:20 am	<b>Inpatient Utilization</b> SPEAKER: SUSAN SCHULTE, DOL STATE RELATIONS EXECUTIVE, NCCI
11:20 pm – 1:00 pm	<b>Luncheon</b>
1:00 pm – 1:30 pm	<b>CSA Hall of Fame</b> DAVID SPRICK, PUBLIC SERVICE EXECUTIVE, OPERATIONS SECTION, KANSAS DIVISION OF WORKERS' COMPENSATION JESSICA STIMAC, ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER, MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRY
1:30 pm – 3:00 pm	<b>Roundtable Discussion</b> MODERATOR: PAMELA LEWIS, DIRECTOR, MISSOURI DIVISION OF WORKERS' COMPENSATION DIVISION Participate in discussion with Central State colleagues on current issues and initiatives. Discussion Questions: <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Can you provide a general update on any major law or policy changes in your jurisdiction?</li><li>2. Is your jurisdiction currently using artificial intelligence (AI) or do you have any plans to use AI? Does your jurisdiction have a policy on the use of AI?</li><li>3. How has inflation impacted your jurisdiction? Have you had any budget constraints, wage changes, etc.?</li></ol>
3:00 pm – 3:15 pm	<b>Break</b>
3:15 pm – 4:30 pm	<b>Rescheduling Marijuana: Implications for Workers' Compensation</b> SPEAKER; LISA ANNE HURT-FORSYTHE, VICE PRESIDENT, GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS, AAPAN On April 30, 2024, it was reported that the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) planned to move marijuana from a Schedule I to a Schedule III drug under the Controlled Substances Act. (CSA) The planned change followed an August 2023 recommendation from the Dept of Health and Human Services (HHS). Although the change will still have

	<p>several additional regulatory steps, the move is seen as one of the most impactful policy changes that the DEA has made in 50 years.</p> <p>This session will provide an overview of the change including the federal regulatory process, the potential legal consequences, and the implications/questions that we should all be asking in Workers' Compensation. The session will include both slides and small group discussions.</p>
5:00 pm – 6:30 pm	<p><b>Networking Reception</b> THE GREAT DANE</p>

**FRIDAY, JUNE 14**

7:30 am – 8:45 am	<b>Breakfast</b>
8:45 am – 9:15 am	<b>General Business Meeting</b>
9:15 am – 10:00 am	<p><b>Legal Aspects of Cannabis in Workers' Compensation</b></p> <p>MODERATOR: DAVID SPRICK, PUBLIC SERVICE EXECUTIVE, OPERATIONS SECTION, KANSAS DIVISION OF WORKERS' COMPENSATION</p> <p>PANELISTS: JILL SCHROEDER, ADMINISTRATOR, NEBRASKA WORKERS' COMPENSATION COURT</p> <p>JEFF KING, DIRECTOR, KANSAS DIVISION OF WORKERS' COMPENSATION</p> <p>JESSICA STIMAC, ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER, MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRY</p>
10:00 am – 10:30 am	<b>Break</b>
10:30 am – 11:15 am	<b>SHAREMO Adjudication Survey Results and Lessons Learned</b>

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