

Central States Association Spring Seminar

June 26-27, 2025, in Madison, WI

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

THURSDAY, JUNE 26	
8:00 am – 9:00 am	Continental Breakfast and Check-in
9:00 am – 9:15 am	Welcome and Introductions JOSE CASTILLO, KANSAS DIVISION OF WORKERS' COMPENSATION JESSICA FAUST, IAIABC, EVENTS AND MARKETING MANAGER
9:15 am – 10:15 am	Economic Impacts on Self-Insurance DAVID SPRICK, KANSAS DIVISION OF WORKERS' COMPENSATION ALLEN KASSEBAUM, NEBRASKA WORKERS' COMPENSATION COURT A presentation on the state of the economy and how that impacts self-insured employers will set the stage for presentations addressing the financial stability of a self-insured employer and the liability of a surety bond company after a self-insured has declared bankruptcy.
10:15 am – 10:30 am	Break
10:30 am – 11:30 am	Self-Insurance Panel Discussion DAVID SPRICK, KANSAS DIVISION OF WORKERS' COMPENSATION ALLEN KASSEBAUM, NEBRASKA WORKERS' COMPENSATION COURT A panel of jurisdictional representatives will discuss various self-insurance issues at hand and how they address them.
11:30 am – 12:30 pm	Luncheon
12:30 pm – 2:00 pm	Roundtable Discussion MODERATOR: JOSE CASTILLO, KANSAS DIVISION OF WORKERS' COMPENSATION Participate in discussion with Central State colleagues on current issues and initiatives.
2:00 pm – 2:15 pm	Break

2:15 pm – 2:30 pm	CSA “Hall of Fame” Ceremony RON RASCIA, ILLINOIS WORKERS’ COMPENSATION COMMISSION DAVID SPRICK, KANSAS DIVISION OF WORKERS’ COMPENSATION
2:30 pm – 3:30 pm	A Comparison of Workers’ Compensation Medical Data: Central States V.S. Nationwide SUSAN SCHULTE, NCCI Gain insights from NCCI’s Medical Data Dashboard on medical cost drivers that underlie the financial soundness of the workers’ compensation system. A comparison of workers’ compensation medical costs reported for the Central States to Nationwide will also be shared.
3:30 pm – 4:30 pm	Ohio’s Return to Work Program Spotlight GREG BROKAW, OHIO BUREAU OF WORKERS’ COMPENSATION MICHAEL D’AMICO, OHIO BUREAU OF WORKERS’ COMPENSATION This presentation will provide an overview of the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation’s Return to Work (RTW) strategies and best practices. They will discuss the importance of early intervention, key RTW program components, and collaborative approaches between employers, medical providers, and managed care organizations. The session will also highlight proven best practices to support injured workers in safely resuming productive employment and ensuring a successful and cost-effective return-to-work process.
5:00 pm – 6:30 pm	Networking Reception THE GREAT DANE

FRIDAY, JUNE 27

7:30 am – 8:30 am	Breakfast
8:30 am – 9:00 am	General Business Meeting
9:00 am – 9:45 am	<p>PTSD/ Presumptions Discussion Session</p> <p>MODERATOR: RODNEY GENNRICH, WISCONSIN DIVISION OF WORKERS' COMPENSATION</p> <p>This session will be a roundtable discussion of PTSD presumptions for first responders. Come prepared to discuss:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Current status of presumption statutes in your jurisdiction<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ If you have a presumption how are "first responders" defined○ Any new legislation proposed/pending?• Effects of presumption statutes on your jurisdiction<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Increased claims volume?○ Effects on litigation volume?○ Other noticeable changes• Are stakeholders happy with the presumption statutes?<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Complaints from workers, employers/municipalities, insurers?○ Complaints from workers not covered by the presumption?
9:45 am -10:00 am	Break
10:00 am – 10:45 am	<p>Wisconsin's System Modernization</p> <p>RODNEY GENNRICH, WISCONSIN DIVISION OF WORKERS' COMPENSATION</p> <p>The Wisconsin Division of Worker's Compensation began working on modernizing their Pending Reports website that insurers use to report claims and claim payments about three years ago. This website was originally created in the 1990's with only nominal cosmetic changes since then.</p> <p>This session will be a discussion of what Wisconsin's process was, what challenges they faced, and the lessons learned. Hopefully, others can learn from their</p>

	experiences and apply the lessons they learned to their own modernization or IT projects.
10:45 am - 11:30 am	Illinois Workers' Compensation in the 21st Century MICHAEL J. BRENNAN, ILLINOIS WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION Illinois will share insights on how their system has changed since COVID. They will share about their CompFile system, arbitration changes, and more!