

Western Association of Workers' Compensation Boards (WAWCB)

Summer Seminar

Thursday, August 27, 2026

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

All times in Central Daylight Time

Thursday, August 27	
11:00 am – 11:05 am	Welcome <i>Jason Swant, Montana Department of Labor</i> <i>Heather Lore, IAIABC</i>
11:05 am – 11:50 am	Oregon's Take on Employee vs Independent Contractor <i>Sarah Jones, Lead Investigator, Oregon Workers' Compensation Division</i>
11:50 am – 11:55am	Short Break
11:55 am – 12:40 pm	Medical Cannabis Reimbursement
12:40 pm - 1:00 pm	Break
1:00 pm - 2:00 pm	Maximum Allowable Payments for CPT Codes and Fee Schedule Panel
2:00 pm – 2:05 pm	Short Break
2:05 pm – 3:05 pm	Roundtable Discussion Participate in discussion with Western jurisdictional colleagues on current issues and initiatives.

Discussion Questions:

1. Has your jurisdiction encountered any budget issues? Has this impacted staffing? Reorganization of or in your division? Caused recruiting issues?
2. If a medical service is partly performed in another jurisdiction (ex: reading images, specialized testing analysis) does your jurisdiction pay additional amounts? Is this included in your fee schedule if you cover the additional payments?
3. Has your jurisdiction faced any issues with claimant legal work status? What policies does your state have regarding this issue?
4. Can you provide a general update on any legislative or policy changes in your jurisdiction?