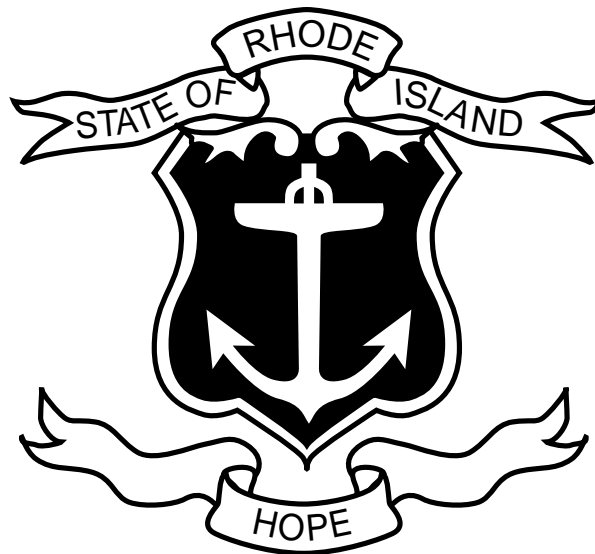


# The Rhode Island Workers' Compensation Educational Conference 2017

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**September 7-8, 2017**

Renaissance Providence Downtown Hotel  
*Providence, Rhode Island*

The International Workers' Compensation Foundation is a non-profit corporation dedicated to workers' compensation education and outreach.

**RHODE ISLAND**  
**WORKERS' COMPENSATION EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCE**  
**September 7 - 8, 2017**

**Who Should Attend?**

All employers, employees, insurance companies, agents, healthcare organizations, third party administrators, managed care organizations, attorneys, researchers and students will receive valuable workers' compensation information at this conference.

**Registration Fee**

*The fees for attending this informative conference are:*

**\$350** Early bird registration on or before August 15th

**\$400** Registration thereafter

Registration fee includes conference materials and special functions, including two continental breakfasts, one evening reception and one luncheon. Casual attire is appropriate for all functions.

**Conference Location**

**RENAISSANCE PROVIDENCE DOWNTOWN HOTEL**

5 Avenue of the Arts • Providence, RI 02903 • (401) 919-5000

A block of rooms has been reserved at the conference group rate of \$169/night. **The rooms will be held through August 11, 2017**, unless this block becomes fully reserved prior to this date. Register early! Call (866) 630-0704 and give group code RI Work-Comp Ed Meeting when making your reservations. Or book online at <https://tinyurl.com/RIconf17>. Hotel parking rates are \$17 a day for event self-parking and \$30 for overnight guests. *(Parking rates are subject to change).*

**Materials**

The conference is paperless! Materials will be provided on a flash drive, available upon request at the conference. Additionally, attendees will be able to download the materials via internet prior to the conference. Please look for the link on your confirmation postcard and via email once the materials are available to download. Please be sure to provide an accurate and legible email address when you register to assure receipt of the link.

**Continuing Education Credits**

Participants may be eligible for continuing education credits for conference attendance. Application will be made for Rhode Island CLE credit for attorneys; SHRM credit for human resources professionals; and CRC, CDMS, and CCM credits for rehabilitation providers. A certificate of attendance will be provided for other professional disciplines.

## Program Schedule\*

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2017

8:00 am – 9:00 am

REGISTRATION AND CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

9:00 am – 9:50 am

*Healthy Workplaces – The Benefits of Having a Safety Program:* How work-related injuries can be avoided and the consequences of not implementing an employee safety program *Peter Brewer, CQCM, CHST, Principal, Ocean State Risk Management, LLC; David Taillon, CHST, Senior Project Manager, Ocean State Risk Management, LLC*

9:50 AM – 10:00 AM

BREAK IN EXHIBITION AREA

10:00 AM – 10:50 AM

*Appropriate Prescribing:* When work injuries occur, when is opioid use appropriate? *Tracey Cohen, MD, Medical Director, Neighborhood Health Plan of Rhode Island*

10:50 AM – 11:00 AM

BREAK IN EXHIBITION AREA

11:00 AM – 12:15 PM

*From Harvard to Hell:* The dangers of opioid use based on a personal experience. *Sylvester “Skip” Sviokla, MD, author of the book FROM HARVARD TO HELL... AND BACK: A DOCTOR’S JOURNEY THROUGH ADDICTION TO RECOVERY*

12:15 PM – 1:30 PM

LUNCHEON

*Luncheon Speaker: Chief Judge Robert Ferrieri will discuss the newly established Workers’ Compensation Court Mediation Program*

1:30 PM – 2:00 PM

DESSERT WITH EXHIBITORS IN EXHIBITION AREA

2:00 PM – 2:50 PM

*When Conservative Treatment Fails:* What are the less invasive surgical options for treating chronic pain? *Roberto Felize, MD*

2:50 PM – 3:00 PM

BREAK IN EXHIBITION AREA

3:00 PM – 3:50 PM

*How Chronic Pain Is Distinguished from a Traumatic Injury:* When is surgery appropriate? *Benjamin Phillips, MD, Ortho Rhode Island*

3:50 PM – 4:00 PM

BREAK IN EXHIBITION AREA

4:00 PM – 4:50 PM

*Getting the Injured Worker Back to Work:* What programs are available to get an injured worker back to work? An introduction to a new vocational program *Bill Massey, M.A., M.A.T. CRC, RI-QRC, Assistant Administrator, Vocational Recovery Services, R.I. Department of Labor and Training, Workers’ Compensation Unit, Robert F. Arrigan Rehabilitation Center; Sarah Blusiewicz, Assistant Director, Division of Workforce Development Services, Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training*

5:00 PM – 6:00 PM

RECEPTION IN EXHIBITION AREA

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2017

8:00 AM – 9:00 AM

REGISTRATION & CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

9:00 AM – 9:50 AM

*The Going to and Coming from Work Rule:* Where have we been, where are we now and where are we heading? *Nick Mancini, Esquire, Law Office of Nicholas Mancini; Aimee Audette, Esquire, Audette, Cordeiro & Violette*

9:50 AM – 10:00 AM

BREAK IN EXHIBITION AREA

10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Breakouts – Select 1 of 2

**Option 1.... Ethics** *David Curtin, Esquire, Chief Disciplinary Counsel, RI Supreme Court*

**Option 2.... CMS from an Adjuster’s Perspective:** What are the latest trends in dealing with Medicare issues in workers’ compensation cases? *Melisa Zwilling, Esquire, Carr Allison*

12:00 PM

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**CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM**  
**RHODE ISLAND WORKERS' COMPENSATION EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCE**  
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Registration Fees:                                 \$350 per person paid on or before 8/15/17  
  \$400 per person paid thereafter

1. **Payment by Credit Card** (MasterCard, VISA or American Express) - go to [www.iwcf.us/iwcfevents.html](http://www.iwcf.us/iwcfevents.html) and click on link to Register Online under RHODE ISLAND.
2. **Payment by Check** Complete, copy and return this form, along with a check made payable to the IWCF (International Workers' Compensation Foundation, Inc.) and mail to IWCF, 570 Memorial Circle, Suite 320, Ormond Beach, FL 32174.

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CANCELLATION REFUND POLICY - Cancellation of preregistration must be made before 5:00 pm on **August 25, 2017**. Substitution of personnel is recommended in lieu of cancellation after that date. The full registration fee will be forfeited if you fail to attend or cancel timely.

SPECIAL NEEDS - Individuals attending the conference who may need auxiliary aids or special services are requested to provide notice of their needs in writing no later than 10 working days before the conference so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

DRESS CODE - Casual clothing is appropriate for all events.

*For further information contact the IWCF office at (386) 677-0041, Fax (386) 677-0155  
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**EXHIBITOR/SPONSORSHIP REGISTRATION FORM**  
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**ATTENTION EXHIBITORS**

Fee of \$800 includes two (2) complimentary registrations for exhibitor representatives. Additional registrants will be accepted at the early bird rate of \$350 each. A separate registration form should be completed for each additional registrant.

Space is offered on a first come, first served basis and will only be reserved upon our receipt of this registration form, which may be faxed to (386) 677-0155 or emailed to iwcf@bellsouth.net. For additional information regarding exhibit area, contact the IWCF at (386) 677-0041. Booth set-up will be in the exhibitor area on Thurs., Sept. 7th, 7 A.M. - 8 A.M. Tear-down will be on Fri., Sept. 8th, 12:00 P.M. Reception, continental breakfasts and refreshment breaks will be held in the Exhibition area. Registration fee includes one 6' draped table and two chairs, identification sign, and twenty-four hour security. Full fee forfeiture if unable to attend.

**EXHIBITOR INSURANCE/HOLD HARMLESS CLAUSE**

Exhibitor assumes entire responsibility and hereby agrees to protect, indemnify, defend, save and hold harmless the International Workers' Compensation Foundation (IWCF), its employees and agents, Chelsea Place Meetings and its employees and agents, and the Renaissance Providence Downtown Hotel against all claims, losses and damages to persons or property, governmental charges or fines and attorney fees arising out of or caused by exhibitor's installation, removal, maintenance, occupancy or use of the exhibition premises or part thereof, excluding any such liability caused by the sole negligence or concurrent comparative negligence of the Renaissance Providence Downtown Hotel and its employees and agents, Chelsea Place Meetings and its employees and agents, as well as the IWCF, its members, employees and agents.

In addition, exhibitor acknowledges that the Renaissance Providence Downtown Hotel, Chelsea Place Meetings, and the IWCF do not maintain insurance covering exhibitors' property or potential liabilities and that it is the sole responsibility of the exhibitor to obtain business interruption insurance, property damage insurance and liability insurance covering such losses by exhibitor. Exhibitor shall obtain and keep in force during the term of the installation and use of the exhibit premises, policies of comprehensive general liability insurance and contractual liability insurance and specifically referring to contractual liability set forth in the foregoing paragraphs hereof, in an amount not less than \$1,000,000 combined single limit for personal injury and property damage. Renaissance Providence Downtown Hotel, Chelsea Place Meetings, and the IWCF shall be included in such policies as additionally named insureds for this convention only.

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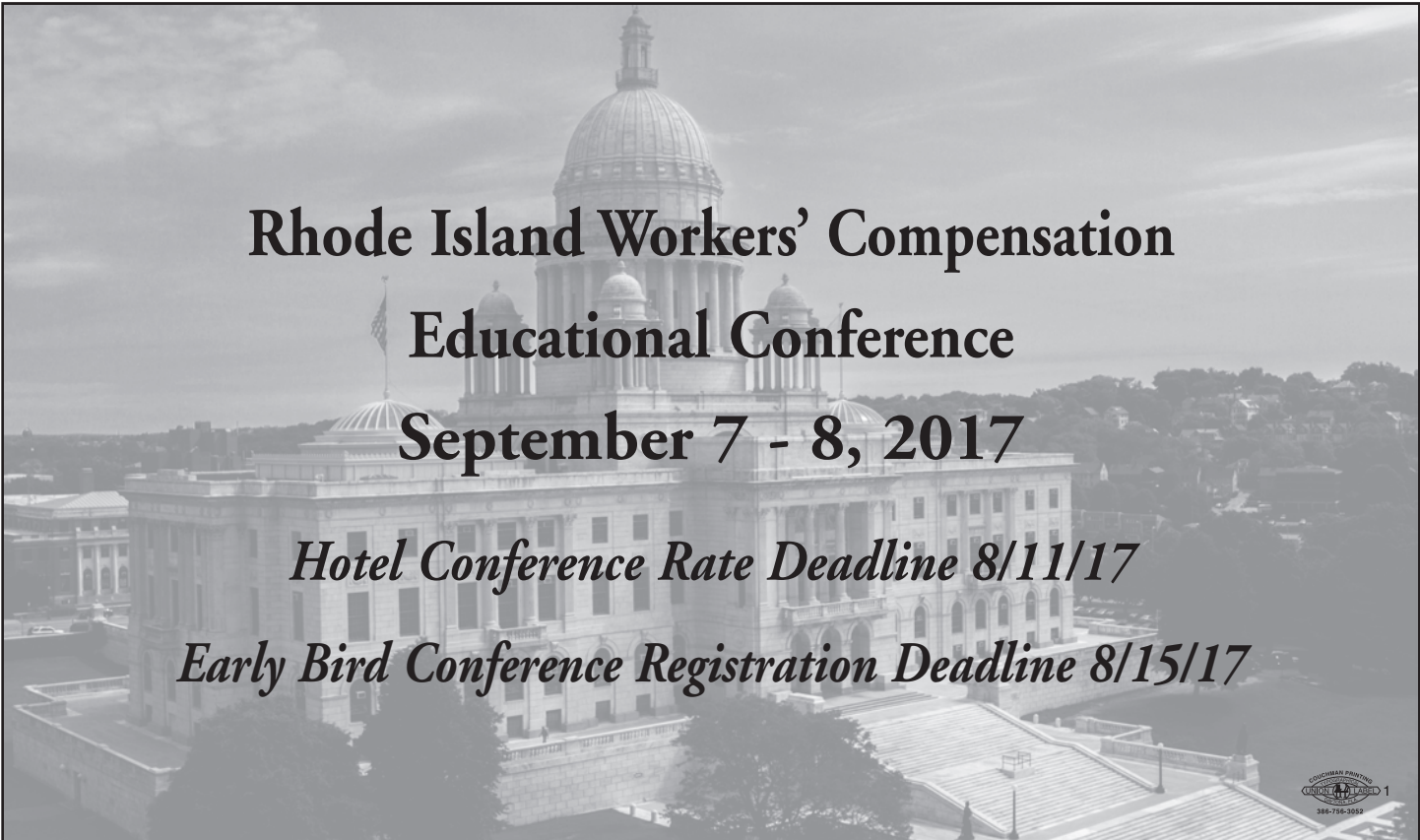
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