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## N E W S R E L E A S E

### **Workers' Compensation Educational Conference Set for 2012**

*Interested attendees encouraged to register*

BATON ROUGE – The Louisiana Workforce Commission and the nonprofit group International Workers' Compensation Foundation will present the second annual Louisiana Workers' Compensation Educational Conference Jan. 23-24, 2012. The event will be held at the Crown Plaza Hotel, 4728 Constitution Ave., in Baton Rouge.

The conference brings together employers and industry experts in law, medicine and insurance to discuss ongoing reforms and new ways to improve workers' compensation for everyone in Louisiana. The conference is designed for employers, claims professionals, insurance adjusters, self-insurers, third party administrators, attorneys, vocational rehabilitation providers, doctors, safety and risk managers, and human resource professionals. Anyone whose work involves the workers' compensation system is encouraged to attend.

"The conference gives a diverse audience an opportunity to share ideas and best practices to help an evolving system operate with integrity and effectiveness," LWC Executive Director Curt Eysink said. "It also provides a platform to keep the industry abreast of the latest developments within the LWC."

The conference will focus on significant changes to Louisiana's workers' compensation system, including the implementation of evidence-based medical treatment guidelines. Since the implementation began in July, more than \$2.5 million in potential litigation costs have been saved. Other topics will include electronic billing, medical utilization review, hearing rules and other enhanced services offered by the LWC's Office of Workers' Compensation Administration. The conference will also include breakout sessions, presentations and workshops by industry experts along with an exhibit hall and networking opportunity.

Conference participants may be eligible for continuing education credits. Application is pending for Louisiana CLE credit for attorneys and CRC, CDMS and CCM credit for rehabilitation providers, and a certificate of attendance will be available for other professional disciplines.

For conference details and registration information, visit [www.iwcf.us](http://www.iwcf.us) or contact the IWCF by email, [iwcf@bellsouth.net](mailto:iwcf@bellsouth.net) or call, 386-677-0041.

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