

Northwest Health Law Advocates presents Advocating for Health Care Consumers in Uncertain Times



A Continuing Legal Education Seminar
1.00 Ethics - 1.75 Law & Legal - 3.50 Other CLE Credits

Friday, October 27, 2017
Registration opens at 8:00 a.m.
Program: 8:30 am to 5:00 pm
Fox Rothschild (formerly Riddell Williams)
1001 Fourth Avenue, Suite 4500
Seattle, Washington

Agenda*

8:00 – 8:30 am Registration and Coffee Service
8:30 – 8:45 am Introduction – Program Chair – Janet Varon, Executive Director, NoHLA

Responding to Federal Threats and Progress on State Initiatives

8:45 – 10:45 am, Other Credit 2.00

In this panel, policy leaders from the Health Care Authority, Health Benefit Exchange, Office of the Insurance Commissioner, and Department of Health will update you on federal threats to health care access and their effects on Washington State consumers. They will also discuss priorities for the coming year.

Moderator: Huma Zarif, J.D., Staff Attorney, Northwest Health Law Advocates

Panelists:

Jane Beyer, J.D., Senior Health Policy Advisor, Washington State Office of the Insurance Commissioner

Pam MacEwan, M.A.T, Chief Executive Officer, Washington Health Benefit Exchange

Marc Provence, M.P.H, B.A., Director, Office of Medicaid Transformation, Washington State Health Care Authority

Kristi Weeks, J.D., Acting Government Relations Director, Washington State Department of Health

10:45 – 11:00 Break

* Agenda subject to change.

Tools to Achieve Health Equity - Improving Access and Outcomes by Eliminating Disparities and Addressing Social Determinants of Health

11:00 am – 12:00 pm, Other Credit 1.00

Low income individuals, people of color, immigrants, seniors, people with disabilities and other groups suffer from persistent disparities in health outcomes, access to care, and health's social determinants. This session will address how these disparities impact population health, the legal tools available to combat such inequities, and how health systems are seeking to promote health equity, not only as a moral and legal imperative, but as the best way to improve overall health in our communities.

Moderator: Daniel Gross, J.D., Senior Staff Attorney, Northwest Health Law Advocates

Panelists:

Joan Altman, J.D., Associate Director of Legislative and External Affairs, Washington Health Benefit Exchange

Marc Provence, M.P.H, B.A., Director, Office of Medicaid Transformation, Washington State Health Care Authority

Washington's New All-Payer Claims Database

12:00 – 12:30 pm, Other Credit .50

In 2014, the Legislature established the Washington all payer claims database (WA-APCD) to collect all medical, dental, and pharmacy claims from private and public payers, with data from all settings of care that permit the systemic analysis of health care delivery.

The purpose of the database is to improve health care price transparency and to:

- Assist patients, providers, and hospitals to make informed choices about care
- Enable providers, hospitals, and communities to improve by benchmarking their performance against that of others by focusing on best practice
- Enable purchasers to identify value, build expectations into their purchasing strategy, and reward improvements over time
- Promote competition based on quality and cost
- Learn about the content and rules for use of the database, and how it can be helpful to your advocacy.

Presenters:

Thea Mounts, M.A., B.A., Senior Forecasting Coordinator, Washington State Office of Financial Management

Janet Varon, J.D., Executive Director, Northwest Health Law Advocates

12:30 – 1:45 pm Lunch (on your own)

Overview of Public Benefits for Non-Citizens in Washington

1:45 – 2:45 pm, 1.00 Law & Legal

This session will cover immigrant eligibility for both state and federal public entitlements programs, barriers to accessing benefits, whether and when it is safe for immigrants to access public benefits, and current developments related to these issues.

Presenter: Kate Laner, J.D., Attorney, Northwest Justice Project

2:45 – 3:00 pm Break

Ethical Considerations when Working with Clients who have Diminished Capacity or Other Barriers

3:00 – 4:00 pm, 1.00 Ethics

Attorneys often have clients who have diminished capacity or other barriers. This session will provide an overview of the Rules of Professional Conduct as they apply to clients who have diminished capacity. Panelists will also discuss ethical issues that commonly arise such as working with third parties or agents; what to do if you are unsure whether your client has capacity; and, how to represent clients with language access barriers.

Moderator: Jodi Sullivan, J.D., Staff Attorney, Northwest Justice Project

Panelists:

Carla Calogero, J.D., Attorney, Reed Longyear Malnati & Ahrens, PLLC

Scott Crain, J.D., Advocacy Coordinator, Northwest Justice Project

Kristi Cruz, J.D., Staff Attorney, Northwest Justice Project

Recent Developments in Federal Law Affecting Health Care Access

4:00 – 4:45 pm, .75 Law & Legal

This session focuses on federal law developments affecting health care access, particularly for low income people. It will include updates on federal litigation regarding reproductive rights as well as other developments in federal legislation, budget, rulemaking, or executive action.

Presenters:

Sara Ainsworth, J.D., Advocacy Director, Staff Attorney, Legal Voice

Ann Vining, J.D., Staff Attorney, Northwest Health Law Advocates

4:45 – 5:00 pm Closing Remarks and Evaluations

Accessibility: Please let us know of any accommodations you may need to register for or attend the program.

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