

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
CHAPTER MEETING
THURSDAY, MARCH 22ND**

Meeting Agenda

- 8:00-9:00 a.m. Registration and Continental Breakfast**
- 9:00-9:15 a.m. Welcome and Introductions**
- 9:15-10:30 a.m. MSA Updates & Mitigating Opioid Costs Utilizing State-of-the-Art Techniques**
Presenter: Karen Cofield, CMSP
(1 CEU available – certificate provided)

In today's environment, appropriate evaluation of medical expenses is a significant factor in effective resolution of claims. Past and future medical expenses must be reviewed and considered, particularly where Medicare is involved. The Medicare Set Aside (MSA) arrangement in Workers' Compensation provides assurances and adequately protects Medicare's interests. In this presentation, learn how to navigate through the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) submission process quickly, and prevent CMS submission errors. The topic will include some state of the art options for lowering prescription costs by utilizing pharmacogenetics, and discussion regarding the concern that most Medicare Set Aside plans include funds for long-term opioid use.



Karen Cofield is the co-founder and owner of the Medicare Set Aside company named MSP360 headquartered in Tampa, FLA with a satellite office in Carlsbad, CA. Ms. Cofield has been involved in healthcare and medical care services for over 30 years. She received her RN in 1989, a Certified Case Manager Degree in 2003, and became certified as a Qualified Rehab Professional in 2003 as well. In 2005, Karen became a Certified Medicare Set Aside Consultant" and became the 2nd person in the U.S. to earn the necessary license for the production of Medicare Set Asides. She is very passionate with assisting carriers, TPA's, self-insureds, and employers realize what options they have available in the Medicare Set Aside arena.

- 10:30-10:45 a.m. BREAK AND NETWORKING**

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10:45-12:00 p.m.

GIMME SHELTER: THE HOMELESS DILEMMA FOR CITIES

Presenters: Kimberly Chin, Atty and Mark Hazelwood, Atty
(1 MCLE Credit available – certificate provided)

Homelessness continues to be a growing challenge to public entities in California. From 2015-2016, California experienced an absolute increase of 2.1% in its homeless population; in 2016, nearly half the unsheltered people in the U.S. were in California. Despite these statistics, many cities and municipalities have few resources to accommodate the increasing number of homeless individuals within their jurisdiction. Public entities attempting to address issues through local ordinances and enforcement may find themselves in hot constitutional water as local and federal courts continue to scrutinize City ordinances and efforts. This seminar will provide an in-depth view of the law in regards to various constitutional concerns relating to the homeless, including camping ordinances and personal property rights; provide risk management advice in order to avoid a potential constitutional challenge to existing ordinances; and offer defense strategies when faced with such lawsuits.



Kimberly Chin, a partner with the law firm of Allen Glaessner Hazelwood Werth, specializes in defending personal injury, catastrophic injury, and wrongful death claims, particularly those brought against municipalities, special districts, recreation districts, and transportation agencies. She is well-versed in the California Government Code and the Tort Claims Act, has defended public entities in lawsuits arising out of inverse condemnation claims, claims under the Americans with Disabilities Act, and constitutional challenges to local ordinances. She advises public entities in the adoption, amendment, and enforcement of local ordinances, - and regularly provides risk management advice and claim handling training.



Mark Hazelwood, a partner with the firm Allen Glaessner Hazelwood Werth, specializes in public entity premises liability; trucking; American With Disabilities Act (ADA); and catastrophic injury/wrongful death litigation. Mr. Hazelwood practices in both State and Federal court, and represents a wide variety of cities, counties, transportation, special districts, and private sector employers. He is active in several public entity organizations, including the Public Agency Risk Management Association (PARMA). He is also a member of the Trucking Industry Defense Association (TIDA). He is a frequent speaker on litigation and risk management issues affecting public entities.

12:00-1:00 p.m.

LUNCH AND NETWORKING

Date: March 22, 2018

Time: 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Location: Joint Power Insurance Authority
8081 Moody St., La Palma, CA 90623



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