

2025 Annual NCCMP Lawyers and Administrators Meeting

9:00 am to 5:00 pm
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National Press Club
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MODERATOR

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AGENDA

Time	Topic
8:00 – 9:00	<i>Breakfast</i>
9:00 – 9:15	<i>Welcome, Introductions, and Opening Remarks</i> Michael D. Scott Executive Director, NCCMP
9:15 – 10:30	<i>What's Happening on the Hill</i> Washington policy experts will examine the outlook for government funding, the impact of executive orders and agency actions, and end of year bills as well as what if anything might ride on them focused specifically on issues affecting multiemployer pension and health plans. Becca Alcorn Director, Mindset Kendra Isaacson Principal, Mindset
10:30 – 10:45	<i>Break</i>
10:45 – 12:00	<i>Pension Litigation Update</i> This has been an active year for litigation affecting multiemployer pension funds, with a number of influential court cases including the first multiemployer Supreme Court case in decades. Speakers will discuss recent court cases including <i>Bakery Drivers Loc. 550 v. Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</i> , the Yellow Roadways bankruptcy litigation, <i>GE v. Boilermaker-Blacksmith National Pension Trust</i> , and <i>M & K Employee Solutions, LLC v. Trustees of the IAM National Pension Fund</i> , and the impacts for all multiemployer plans. Paul Green Attorney, Mooney, Green, Saindon, Murphy and Welch Samuel Levin Principal, Groom Law Group

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12:00 – 1:00	<i>Lunch Session Break</i>
1:00 – 2:00	Special Financial Assistance and Death File Update <p>As the SFA program begins to wind up as the last set of initial applications are due at the end of 2025, technical and policy experts will discuss the status of the SFA program and outlook for plans that remain on the waitlist, the recent changes to the Social Security master death file in relation to SFA applications but also more broadly with the government addition of “ineligible” SSN’s.</p> <p>Benjamin Ablin Senior Consulting Actuary, Horizon Actuarial</p> <p>Michael Irely Director of Operations, The Berwyn Group</p>
2:00 – 3:15	<i>Healthcare Legal and Regulatory Update</i> <p>From vaccines to mental health parity, ERISA preemption and PBM reform, multiemployer health plans face a number of new and ongoing challenges. Speakers will discuss recent and pending regulations, as well as recent litigation developments and the impacts for all multiemployer plans.</p> <p>Elena Lynett Senior Vice President, Segal</p> <p>Ryan Temme Principal, Groom Law Group</p>
3:15 – 3:30	<i>Break</i>

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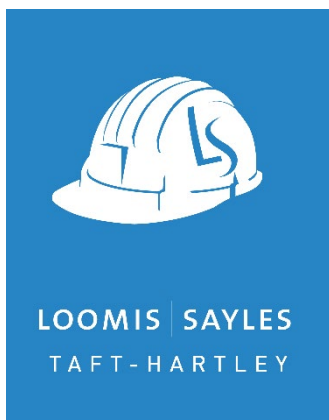
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3:30 – 4:30	<p><i>Surprise Billing and the IDR Process</i></p> <p>The No Surprises Act was intended to protect patients from unexpectedly high medical bills by banning surprise billing for most emergency services and certain out-of-network care at in-network facilities. The Independent Dispute Resolution process was established to settle payment disputes between healthcare providers and plans for out-of-network services. Recent analysis of government data on the IDR process by data from Georgetown's Center on Health Insurance Reforms has found substantially more IDR claims being filed than CMS had predicted, with a staggering number of claims being decided in favor of the healthcare provider for far more than the in-network cost. Speakers will discuss the analysis, work to educate Congress and Federal Agencies, and will arm attendees with questions funds should be asking to determine the extend to which multiemployer funds are similarly affected.</p> <p>Megan Horn Vice President and Senior Compliance Consultant, Segal</p> <p>Katy Spangler Principal, Spangler Strategies</p>
4:30 – 5:00	<p><i>Open Forum</i></p> <p>This time is set aside for issues you would like the group to discuss, but which did not appear on the formal agenda.</p> <p>Moderator: Mariah Becker Director of Research and Education, NCCMP</p> <p>Michael D. Scott Executive Director, NCCMP</p>
5:00	<p><i>Closing and Adjournment</i></p> <p>Michael D. Scott Executive Director, NCCMP</p>

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