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HCCA Announces its 2008 Fall and Winter National Compliance Conferences:
Quality of Care, Physician Practice Compliance, AHCA/HCCA Fraud & Compliance Forum, Research Compliance, Audit & Compliance Committee, Medicare Part D Compliance, and Managed Care Compliance

Minneapolis, MN---September 9, 2008--- Setting the standard in health care compliance education, the Health Care Compliance Association (HCCA) announced today its Fall and Winter National Compliance Conference Schedule. Compliance professionals working in the health care industry contend with a myriad of federal and state regulations, and HCCA's Fall and Winter conferences are designed to deliver critical regulatory information related to specific areas of the health care industry. "Each conference is meant to meet the needs of the men and women who work every day to improve the quality of compliance in their organizations," said HCCA CEO Roy Snell.

The HCCA's conference line-up addresses compliance concerns related to physician group practices, quality of care and compliance, clinical research, the Audit & Compliance Committee and its fiduciary responsibility, Medicare Part D, and Managed Care. These comprehensive Fall and Winter conferences provide an expert faculty made up of health care industry leaders, advisors and regulatory and enforcement representatives.

National Conference Schedule

To link to the brochure of the upcoming HCCA conferences, please click on the conference title:

[Quality of Care Compliance Conference](#)

September 28-30, 2008, Philadelphia, PA

About the conference: The Quality of Care Compliance Conference focuses on organizational change: improving quality and compliance for your organization without forgoing the business model. This conference is designed for those involved in improving their organization's quality and compliance initiatives, as well as managers and academics. Topics include:

- Emerging Enforcement of Quality of Care & Compliance Solutions
- Health Care Reform: Enemy of Quality
- Pay for Performance

[Physician Practice Compliance Conference](#)

October 1-3, 2008 Philadelphia, PA

About the conference: Physicians, compliance officers, coders, and managers will learn to manage an effective compliance program. Designed with networking in mind, the conference provides many opportunities for choosing breakout sessions covering topics of interest for all. Participants will learn about compliance program development and management as it relates to physician practices; current government initiatives in the field

of health care compliance specific to physicians and their group practices; correct documentation, billing and coding practices for physicians; and best practices utilized in physician practices.

[AHLA/HCCA Fraud and Compliance Forum](#)

October 5-7, 2008, Baltimore, MD

About the conference: The AHLA/HCCA Fraud & Compliance Forum will provide practical guidance on the pressing legal and compliance issues that have arisen in the last twelve months. For health lawyers, the program will highlight the most important legal developments in areas such as Stark, the False Claims Act, and the Anti-Kickback Statute. For compliance officers, the conference will cover important issues such as Part D compliance plans, compliance effectiveness, and fraud and abuse. The program's uniqueness stems not only from the important content for health lawyers and compliance officers but also from the additional value of bringing together legal counsel and compliance officers in one educational arena. The networking opportunities and synergistic advances in fraud and abuse compliance make this program an essential educational forum for both health lawyers and compliance officers.

[Research Compliance Conference](#)

October 20-22, 2008 Chicago, IL

About the conference: This is the research conference you cannot miss if you work for a sponsor, a research site, or for clinicians who conduct research. Learn about updates to the new CMS Clinical Research Policy (replacing the Medicare NCD for Clinical Trials), latest trends on compliance with research accounting standards, clinical trial billing and process improvement, effort reporting, scientific misconduct, conflicts of interest, off-label use issues, FDA compliance, and government enforcement trends. Hear directly from representatives from NIH, OHRP, ORI, the FDA, the OIG, and the DOJ, and from other industry experts who can provide practical perspectives for handling research compliance risks.

[Audit & Compliance Committee Conference](#)

October 27-29, 2008, Ft. Lauderdale, FL

About the conference: This conference is designed for board members and audit committee members of not-for-profit health care organizations who serve on an organization's audit and/or compliance committee. Compliance officers may attend with their board member. CEO, CFO, and other senior officers are welcome to attend.

[Medicare Part D Compliance Conference](#)

December 7-9, 2008, Baltimore, MD

About the conference: This comprehensive conference offers essential information provided by a talented faculty made up of leading regulatory and enforcement representatives and industry experts. It will offer need-to-know information on critical developments and compliance issues faced by all stakeholders, including Part D plans, pharmacy benefit management organizations, pharmacies, long-term care facilities, and hospitals. Hot topics include fraud and abuse under Part D, regulatory scrutiny, drug price transparency, new laws and requirements, auditing and monitoring, discipline

and enforcement, appeals and grievance, and much more!

Managed Care Compliance Conference

February 22-24, 2009, Scottsdale, AZ

About the conference: HCCA's Managed Care Compliance Conference provides essential information for individuals involved with the management of compliance at health plans. Plan to attend if you are a compliance professional from a health plan (all levels from officers to consultants); in-house and external counsel for a health plan; internal auditor from a health plan; regulatory compliance personnel; or managed care lawyer. Topics to be covered may include: compliance risk monitoring and auditing; application of Sarbanes Oxley requirements to nonprofit health plans; ethics and building an ethical culture; board involvement in compliance; Medicare Prescription Drug Plan compliance and audit experience; New York's Medicaid compliance guidance for managed care plans; and HIPAA privacy and security challenges at health plans

Note: HCCA has also scheduled an Audit & Compliance Committee Conference for February 23-25, 2009, in Scottsdale, AZ.

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About HCCA: The HCCA, headquartered in Minneapolis, MN, is the only national, non-profit organization solely dedicated to improving the quality of health care compliance. Its mission: *HCCA exists to champion ethical practice and compliance standards and to provide the necessary resources for ethics and compliance professionals and others who share these principles.*

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