

SIIA ENDEAVORS



Congressman Schweikert



SIIA Kicks-Off Virtual Congressional Town Hall Series with Congressman David Schweikert

SIIA recently hosted its first virtual Congressional Town Hall with Congressman David Schweikert, who spoke to SIIA members on health, tax and other top of mind policy issues, including COVID-19 legislative activities and the upcoming 2020 election.

Congressman Schweikert serves on the House Ways and Means Committee, which has primary jurisdiction on a number of health and tax issues that are critical to SIIA members, having previously served as the Majority Whip in the Arizona legislature and on the Arizona tax court. Additionally, the Congressman serves on the subcommittees for Tax and Trade Policy where he is an advocate for reducing trade barriers and developing important tax reform.

Among other topics, the Congressman offered advice to self-insured small business owners on how to apply for emergency COVID-19 funding and specific loan opportunities.

Additionally, the Congressman examined the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on the 2020 presidential election and the future potential impacts on the Congressional voting structure. Congressman Schweikert also discussed the complexity of surprise medical billing and drug pricing in the post COVID-19 congressional agenda.

SIIA members were able to discuss topics such as captive insurance issues and recent IRS actions, as well as the importance of healthcare cost and transparency.

With nearly 60% of Arizonians covered by a self-insured plan, the Congressman looks forward to continuing to work with the self-insured industry. Congressman Schweikert remains committed in protecting patient healthcare, working on solutions to the opioid crisis, and curbing burdensome government regulation to drive economic growth.

The Congressman encouraged members to reach out to his office directly with any concerns or questions during these unprecedented times.

SIIA will be announcing future congressional town hall events in the weeks to come. If you have specific Members of Congress you would like to hear from, please contact Dakota Jackson at djackson@siia.org.

SIIA Webinar Series

SIIA has also developed a series of webinars which are free for SIIA members. Non-members may join for \$125. Space will be limited so we encourage early sign-ups.

Upcoming webinars include:

SIIA Drug Pricing Task Force Update Webinar
Tuesday, May 5th, 1:00-2:00 PM EDT

Members of SIIA's Drug Pricing Task Force will offer an update on the group's work, focusing on best practice questions related to financial considerations, plan documents, and the roles and responsibilities of industry participants.

Webinar panelists include Jeff Gavlick, Senior Vice President, Accident & Health, Tokio Marine HCC-Stop-Loss Group, Steve Kelly CEO, ELAP Services, Mary Catherine Person, President, HealthSCOPE Benefits, and Shaun Peterson, Vice President, Stop-Loss, Voya Financial Employee Benefits.



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Broker/Advisor Compensation Arrangements – Implications for the Self-Insurance Marketplace

Tuesday, May 12th, 2:00-3:00 PM EDT

Broker/advisor compensation arrangements in connection with self-insured health plans have been the subject of heightened (sometimes heated) discussion over the past year.

This webinar will take a deep dive into the various compensation arrangements and the implications they may have for self-insured employers, TPAs, stop-loss carriers and other key service providers.

Laura Hirsch, Co-CEO, Aither Health will moderate, with panelists David Fear, Sr. Partner, Dickerson Insurance Services, Scott Haas, Senior Vice President, USI Insurance Services and John Kirke, President, Employee Benefits, CCIG.



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An Update on Litigation Related to Reference Based Pricing (RBP) Strategies

Wednesday, May 13th, 1:00-2:00 PM EDT

Scott Bennett, J.D., CPC, Counsel, VP of Access Innovation at Maestro Health will provide further updates regarding several recent, current and prospective court cases related to reference-based pricing and hospital collections.

The list of new cases is short, which may be a good sign that compromise is preferred over conflict; however, some of the original cases are ongoing and have resulted in important courtroom opinions, excellent in-depth analysis and arguments, and ongoing challenges to an RBP strategy.

The legal landscape for RBP continues to evolve so if your company is engaged with this business practice, or considering it, this will be a very useful webinar.

Please note participation for this webinar will be limited so register for it right away if you want to listen live. Recordings of past webinars are available now to SIIA members at www.siiacano.org.

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The same day that many states across the country began to institute 'stay at home orders' and require closure of non-essential businesses, captive owners across the country received approximately 150,000 ill-timed letters from the IRS, sent out based on 2018 disclosures. Keep in mind that many of these businesses are shut-down, inaccessible, or operating at diminished capacity, scrambling to help customers and employees while keeping their operations afloat.

In short, the IRS letter requires recipients to access and report information about their captive insurance program that might not be available to them because of the emergency, to report that information under penalty of perjury, originally giving a deadline of May 4, 2020, or face the risk of audit, however; SIIA is pleased that the IRS has announced an extension of the response deadline for the recent micro captive data letter from May 4th to June 4th. While this is good news for captive owners and their businesses, SIIA has been strongly advocating for the IRS to stand down on its unnecessary data collection and more appropriately focus its activities on narrowing guidance.

We continue to engage Congress on this issue and, more importantly, how captive insurance is helping America's small- and medium-sized businesses when it is needed the most. Watch for additional exclusive SIIA reporting on this developing story. ■

