

SIIA ENDEAVORS



As we transition into summer, your friends at SIIA would like to take the opportunity to quickly preview what we have planned in the coming months, as well as remind you of current resources, services and activities.

National Conference & Expo

Of course, what most members are likely wondering about now is the status of SIIA's National Conference & Expo, scheduled for October 11-13, 2020 in Phoenix given ongoing COVID-19 developments. Given the fluidity of these developments, SIIA continues to evaluate a range of contingency plans and plans to make an announcement in early July, so please stay tuned.

Mentor Connection Forum

In another event news, SIIA has rescheduled its popular Mentor Connection Forum for November 18-19 in Philadelphia. It is hoped that this postponement will allow the event to take place assuming continued public health improvements.

Webinar Series

As you probably know, SIIA has produced several webinars over the last two months to fill the void created by cancelled live events, as well as to keep you posted on the latest COVID-19 regulatory compliance guidance. All of these webinars, as well as much great educational content can now be accessed at www.siiacano.org if you have not yet had a chance to check out SIIA's on-line educational hub, there is really no better chance to do so.

For the summer months, we plan to limit our webinar schedule to time sensitive topics, such as breaking legislative/regulatory developments. When there is something you need know, we'll make sure to continue deliver that information in real time, so watch for announcements.

The Self-Insurer Articles

The Self-Insurer Magazine has featured several great articles this year with more scheduled to be published for the coming months. In case you missed any past editions, you can access these on-line through the following link <https://www.sipconline.net/i4a/pages/index.cfm?pageid=327> If you are not on the email distribution list for *The Self-Insurer*, but would like to be, please contact Michiale Machado at mmachado@siia.org

Self-Insurance Solutions Provider Directory

SIIA regularly receives inquiries from those looking for various self-insurance and/or captive insurance service providers. We refer them to our Self-Insurance Solutions Directory, which is available on-line along with a printed edition. This directory is updated year over the summer, so now is the time to submit your information if you would like your company included. Please contact Shane Byars at sbyars@siia.org for more information.

SIIA Members at Work to Improve the Industry

SIIA volunteer committees and task forces will continue work over the summer on a variety of projects and initiatives with a common objective of improving the self-insurance industry for all participants. Areas of focus include prescription drug costs, access to health claims data, reference-based pricing, captive management best practices and engaging younger members. Watch for specific updates in the coming months.

SIIA's Government Relations Team to Remain Busy Representing Your Interests

While Congress may be working remotely and continuing social distancing, SIIA continues to be active with policymakers and regulators to ensure our collective industry voice remains engaged and active.

While conducting several webinars on the impacts of recently enacted COVID stimulus legislation on self-funded plans, SIIA's government relations team is having ongoing dialogue with Congress on future stimulus package provisions ranging from COBRA premium subsidies, to treatment coverage mandate parameters, prohibiting surprise billing, and the role self-funding plays in delivering healthcare. The association also continues to ramp up its advocacy campaign focused on captive insurance issues.

Virtual Congressional Town Hall Series

SIIA will continue to offer the opportunity for our members to remain engaged in the policy process. Over the past few weeks, SIIA's government relations team has conducted virtual town halls with U.S Senator Jacky Rosen of Nevada, and House Ways and Means Committee Members Rep. Jackie Walorski (IN) and Rep. Davie Schweikert (AZ).

These virtual congressional events are SIIA's way to bring Congress to you as we continue to engage and advocate on policy issues that remain top of mind. Over the summer, SIIA expects to confirm additional town halls with important Members of Congress. Please be on the lookout for more information in the coming weeks.

SIPAC Evolves for 2020 Election

While COVID developments have caused a brief delay in fundraising and political contributions, The Self-Insurance Political Action Committee (SIPAC) has now re-engaged to support federal candidates who support our industry.

Over the summer months, SIPAC expects to support many more candidates in advance of the November elections. Those members who have authorized direct SIPAC communications should watch for the more details on SIPAC campaign contributions and how you can support the cause.

To request be included for these communications, contact Dakota Jackson at djackson@siia.org

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