WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2018

1:00 Opening Remarks
Charlton L. Allen, Chairman, NCIC, Raleigh, NC; Dana P. Genibeiner, President & Marketing Chair, Kids’ Chance of North Carolina, Inc., Raleigh, NC

1:15 2018 Executive Secretary Section Update
Meredith Henderson, Executive Secretary, NCIC, Raleigh, NC; Michael Kelly, Special Deputy Commissioner, NCIC, Raleigh, NC

1:45 2018 Deputy Commissioner Section Update

2:00 Break

2:15 2018 Compliance & Fraud Investigative Update
Bryan Strickland, Director Compliance & Fraud Section, NCIC, Raleigh, NC

2:45 Break

3:00 The Nuts & Bolts of Obtaining Independent Medical Examinations and Second Opinions
Annemarie Pantazis, Attorney at Law, Pantazis Law Firm, Charlotte, NC; Jeffrey Kados, Attorney at Law; Hedrick Gardner, Charlotte, NC; Meredith Henderson, Executive Secretary, NCIC, Raleigh, NC; Jay Tillman, Deputy Commissioner, NCIC, Charlotte, NC

4:00 Use of Opioids and Other Pain Management Treatment under the New Rules
Christopher Grubb, M.D., East Carolina Anesthesiologists, Greenville, NC; Victor Farah, Attorney at Law; Farah & Gammarano, P.A., Raleigh, NC; Daniel Pope, Attorney at Law, Wilson Ratledge PLLC, Raleigh, NC

5:00 Adjourn and Reception Begins
Kids’ Chance Silent Auction bids accepted until 6:00 p.m.

6:15 Reception Ends

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2018

8:00 Continental Breakfast

9:00 Break-Out Session – Choose one session of (2) listed below.

I. Best Practices for Drafting and Submitting Proposed Opinion and Awards to the Commission
Gina Gammarano, Attorney at Law; Farah & Gammarano, P.A., Raleigh, NC; M. Pierce Sandeit, Attorney at Law; Lewis & Roberts PLLC, Raleigh, NC; Tom Perlunghei, Deputy Commissioner, NCIC, Greenville, NC; Layla Santa Rosa, Law Clerk, NCIC, Raleigh, NC

II. Diabetes and How It Can Adversely Affect Recovery
Dr. John Groves, CEO, Fit for Work, San Antonio, TX; Dr. Jeff Hatlauwy, CEO, BreakThrough Physical Therapy, Cary, NC; Dr. Richard Moore, EmergentOrtho, Wilmington, NC; Stewart Poisson, Attorney at Law, Poisson Poisson Bower, PLLC, Wilmington, NC; Michael Ballance, Attorney at Law, Dickey, McCamy & Chilcote, P.C., Raleigh, NC; Emily Baucom, Clerk, NCIC, Raleigh, NC; Asia Prince, Director of Claims Administration, NCIC, Raleigh, NC

10:00 Break

10:20 Break-Out Session – Choose one session of (2) listed below.

I. Administrative, Expedited, or Emergency: Navigating the Medical Motion Process through N.C. Gen. G.S. § 97-25(f) and Rule 609A
Sumit Gupta, Deputy Commissioner, NCIC, Raleigh, NC; Michael Kelly, Special Deputy Commissioner, NCIC, Kevin Bann, Attorney at Law, McAngus Goudelock & Courie LLC, Raleigh, NC

II. Analytics to Improve Outcomes and Identify Best Providers to Treat Injured Workers
Linda Lane, President, Harbor Health Systems, Newport Beach, CA

11:20 Break-Out Session – Choose one session of (2) listed below.

I. Finding Resilience in Your Life and Career
Jim Blackburn, Jim Blackburn Seminars, LLC, Raleigh, NC

II. Integrating Claims Handling & Case Management on Catastrophic Claims
Judith Lubbe, Claims Manager, Corvel, Raleigh, NC; Kari Altmann, Case Management Manager, Corvel, Raleigh, NC

12:20 Lunch

2:45 Break

3:00 Break-Out Session – Choose one session of (2) listed below.

I. Recent News from Industrial Commission Filers: Update from the Clerk’s Office and Claims Administration Section
Emily Bausum, Clerk, NCIC, Raleigh, NC; Asia Prince, Director of Claims Administration, NCIC, Raleigh, NC

II. Leveraging the New Neuroscience of Pain for Injured Workers
Dr. Jeff Hatlauwy, CEO, BreakThrough Physical Therapy, Cary, NC; Dr. Richard Moore, EmergentOrtho, Wilmington, NC; Stewart Poisson, Attorney at Law, Poisson Poisson Bower, PLLC, Wilmington, NC; Michael Ballance, Attorney at Law, Dickey, McCamy & Chilcote, P.C., Raleigh, NC; Emily Baucom, Clerk, NCIC, Raleigh, NC; Asia Prince, Director of Claims Administration, NCIC, Raleigh, NC

4:00 Adjourn

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2018

8:00 Continental Breakfast

9:00 A View from the Chairman

9:30 Best Practices and Strategies for Investigating a Workers’ Compensation Claim
Stephanie Gay, Vice-President, Claims Manager, Aegis Administrative Services, Inc., Raleigh NC; Hollard Ferguson, Attorney at Law; Oxner + Permar, Charlotte, NC; Larry Baker, Attorney at Law; Willson Jones Carter & Basley, PA, Charlotte, NC

10:30 Break

10:50 The Physician’s Role in the Return to Work Process
Dr. Richard Moore, EmergentOrtho, Wilmington, NC; Stewart Poisson, Attorney at Law, Poisson Poisson Bower, PLLC, Wilmington, NC; Michael Ballance, Attorney at Law, Dickey, McCamy & Chilcote, P.C., Raleigh, NC

11:50 Case Law Update
Vernon Sumwalt, The Sumwalt Law Firm, Charlotte, NC; Bruce A. Hamilton, Teague Campbell Dennis & Gorkum, LLP, Raleigh, NC

1:00 Adjourn