

Agenda – 2017 Legal Conference

Continental breakfast, buffet lunch and exhibit breaks are included

8AM-8:45AM	Registration & Continental Breakfast
	So You Think You're Insured? Voiding Policies — John Whitman, JD 60 min.
9AM-10AM	This presentation explains the basic scope of No-Fault coverage: when is someone entitled to No-Fault coverage and when are claimants excluded from coverage. This presentation lays the foundation so that attendees will understand the impact of the recent cases which are narrowing the scope of coverage for claimants.
10:00AM-10:30AM	Exhibit Break
	Jumping Through the Hoops of the Assigned Claims Facility — Jody Lipton, JD 60 min.
10:30AM-11:30AM	Why does it seem to take so long to get cases open and billable when the patient's claim must go through the Assigned Claims Facility? This presentation will go through the process of ascertaining when the ACF must get involved. Furthermore, we will explore what the ACF is considering and why it can take months before they will assign a claim.
11:30AM-12:45PM	Lunch & Exhibit Break
12:45PM-1:00PM	Auto No-Fault Legislative Update — Kevin McKinney
	Challenges with Claims: Fraud or Mistake — Pratheep Sevanthinathan, JD 60 min.
1:00PM-2:00PM	What happens when the insurance company alleges fraud? What does this mean for the patient? What does this mean for the medical provider? The seminal fraud case, Bahri v IDS, has disproportionately and unfairly wreaked havoc on brain injury clients. Attorney Pratheep Sevanthinathan will discuss the momentous impact of Bahri, which has made fraud EVERYONE's problem.
2:00PM-2:30PM	Exhibit Break
	Do Providers Still have an Independent Cause of Action — Wayne Miller, JD 60 min.
2:30PM-3:30PM	Michigan's no-fault auto insurance law continues to provide funding for comprehensive multi-disciplinary rehabilitation programs. However, actually getting paid in a timely fashion remains a challenge. This talk will explore the various hoops that service providers must jump through in order to be paid in a timely fashion. Suggestions will be made to improve collection strategies. The "Covenant" case and its implications will be discussed in detail.