The 85th Texas Legislative Session:

The Texas legislators are working around the clock in an attempt to close out the 85th Texas Legislative Session. While the media swirls with many controversial issues during this session our legislative initiatives have done fairly well.

Our TAHU legislative team along with our Lobbyist – Lee Manross have worked extremely hard before and during the legislative session. Their hard work has paid off with three key pieces of legislation which should benefit our membership.

S.B. 1107 confirms Telemedicine as a valid method of treatment in Texas increasing patient access. Texas-licensed physicians may now establish a valid physician-patient relationship without conducting an in-person exam or having another healthcare provider present with the patient. Physicians may instead exclusively use telehealth to establish relationships with and treat patients, including using both real-time audio/video platforms and asynchronous (store-and-forward) platforms.

S.B. 507 expands patient protections by expanding mediation eligible services. SB 507 expands the TDI mediation system to include all types of out-of-network providers treating patients at in-network hospitals and other facilities, including freestanding emergency departments. It also allows mediation for emergent care balance bills over $500 at any healthcare facility, whether in or out of network. While a welcome expansion, remember that mediation does not apply to self-funded plans.

S.B. 1406 Allows Texas to request a ACA 1332 waiver giving authority to the commissioner of insurance to request a state innovation waiver for certain small group health benefit plans of certain federal actuarial value and level of coverage requirements.

Thanks for your support of our association. Membership and financial support allows our team to achieve these significant accomplishments.

Sincerely,
Ed Oleksiak, President
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May 17th Luncheon
June Monthly Luncheon

June 21st

Prestonwood Country Club, Dallas,

Buffet Lunch 11:30-1:30

Member $25, Non-Member $40

Program: Panel Discussion on Consulting Agreements.

Approximately 45 minutes of frank conversation with the following

Louanne Trebing

Patrick Skinner

Jacqueline St. Hilarie

Tamela Southan

Cliff Kammerdiener

Attorney Chris Harrington

Their thoughts (the good and the bad), on the What, How & When in using Consulting Agreements along with their experiences with them.

Plus DAHU June Awards and introducing for membership approval the 2017-2018 DAHU Board.
**FWAHU Annual Awards Dinner and New Board Installation**
**Thursday, June 15, 2017 at 5:30 – 9:30pm**

Did I say dinner? Yes! We are also going to move the meeting to a dinner the week following our normal meeting on June 15th, 2017 at the new meeting site Mediterranean Villa. We will install our 2017-2018 Board and honor our 2016 Donna Carnall recipient!

To register for the award dinner, click here.

Pre-Registration ends on June 13th at 9:00PM
Registration is only $40 if pre-registered online ($50 at the door)
Meeting cancellations received in writing 72 hours prior to dinner, will receive a full refund. No refunds for cancellations will be made after this time. All registered members/guest who are no-shows will be invoiced for the meeting registration fee.

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**NAHU Compliance Corner Webinars**

NAHU provides all members with exclusive access to free monthly webinars focusing on a specific detailed compliance topic of interest. These one-hour webinars are generally held on the first Thursday of each month at 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. Eastern.

Compliance Corner webinars in the past have focused on W2 reporting, exchanges, summaries of benefits and coverage, the MLR rebates and more. Presentation slides, recordings and supplemental materials are available for members.

**Additional Tools**

**Technology Solutions** - The technology solutions on this page are to help you navigate & grow your business in the industry as it relates to compliance within the ACA.

**Compliance Resources** - Guidebooks to assist you with ensuring your clients are complying with all applicable laws & tools to ensure your compliance with HIPAA and HITECH.

**NAHU Membership Comparison Flyer** - One-page flyer that members can use that differentiates NAHU members in the marketplace - customize with your company logo!

For more information, please contact Senior Director of Health Reform Compliance Pam Mitroff. For specific compliance questions, requires NAHU membership, click here to login and ask your question.

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**IIAD June CE & Luncheon**

June 21st @ Bent Tree Country Club

EARLY BIRD Registration is open, click here.

4 hours of CE

“Insuring the Oil & Gas Industry”

8-11am Katrina Hemphill (Markel Mid South)

TX Hail Claims & Lawsuits....."What the Hail is Going On?"

11:15am-1:00pm Steve Badger of Zelle
May 25th After Hours Social

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