

## WCRI Louisiana State Advisory Committee Meeting Agenda and Discussion Topics

*The mission of this Advisory Committee is to assist WCRI in maximizing the credibility, usefulness and continuation of the WCRI Benchmarking work in Louisiana. With that goal in mind, the committee members are senior public officials and representatives of stakeholder groups who are key opinion leaders. These meetings are an important part of our quality assurance process and value creation processes; to meet those objectives, we count on high participation and attendance.*

**Thursday, January 24, 2019**

**9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon CT**

**Louisiana Department of Insurance  
1702 N. Third Street, Baton Rouge, LA**

### **Meeting Agenda**

- I. Coffee/Networking  
**9:00 – 9:30 a.m.**
- II. Welcome, Introductions, and Meeting Overview Mr. Hassett-Salley  
Review of Advisory Committee Mission  
**9:30 – 9:45 a.m.**
- III. Presentation of Draft Findings from CompScope™ Benchmarks, Ms. Telles  
19th Edition, and Other WCRI Studies, Including the Following:
  - Costs per claim grew 5–7 percent per year since 2012, similar to 2004–2012
  - Costs per claim higher than typical and growing faster for all components due to persistent drivers
    - Temporary disability duration and lump-sum settlements were key drivers of higher and growing indemnity benefits per claim
    - Higher hospital outpatient payments were main reason for higher and growing medical payments per claim
    - Benefit delivery expenses per claim were among highest of 18 states and higher for most components; defense attorney payments mainly drove growth**9:45 – 11:15 a.m.**
- IV. Other Issues Mr. Hassett-Salley
  - Current and emerging policy issues
  - Potential research impact opportunities
  - Suggestions for future editions of WCRI studies**11:15 – 11:45 a.m.**
- V. Other Business All
  - Dissemination opportunities in the next two years
  - Meeting evaluation**11:45 a.m. – 12 noon**
- VI. Adjourn  
**12 noon**

## Discussion Topics

Below we have listed several specific questions on which we would like committee members' feedback during the meeting. We would appreciate your consideration of these questions in advance of the meeting and look forward to hearing your comments and observations. Please treat this agenda as confidential material, as we make reference to preliminary, unpublished findings of the recent CompScope™ analysis.

- What are your observations about the trends in medical payments per claim in 2017 and 2018, and what factors have contributed to any changes?
- What impact, if any, will the passage of House Bill 579 (medical marijuana) have on existing opioid treatment patterns?
- What impact have you seen from the new laws passed in 2017 aimed at curbing the opioid epidemic?
- How will updates to the Medical Treatment Guidelines (MTG) likely affect medical utilization over the next year?
- What issues are likely to be the focus of legislative or regulatory action over the next 12–18 months?
- For issues that are the potential focus of upcoming policy debate in Louisiana, are there ways that WCRI research could help inform the policy debate, for example, by providing additional analysis or information or sharing our findings with key policymakers and system stakeholders?