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<http://files.ctctcdn.com/3f282ed6201/83faafce-5063-4282-b47f-438e83624162.jpg> Policymakers and system stakeholders in Georgia now have information from the Workers Compensation Research Institute (WCRI) on how their workers' compensation system compares with 16 other states across a broad array of metrics, including performance.

Join WCRI's Dr. Rebecca Yang for an hour-long webinar on **Wednesday, January 13, 2016, at 1pm ET (12pm CT, 11am MT, and 10am PT)**

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Dr. Yang, a senior public policy analyst and a lead author of WCRI's CompScope™ benchmarks studies, will discuss the editions of CompScope™ Benchmarks and Medical Benchmarks for Georgia published in 2015. These studies provide the most meaningful interstate comparisons currently available for more than 60 system performance measures. They examine costs, medical payments, prices, and utilization of medical care, income benefits, duration of disability, litigiousness, benefit delivery expenses, timeliness of payments, and other metrics.

The states included in these studies represent 60 percent of all workers' compensation benefits paid nationwide. Along with Georgia, these states are Arkansas, California, Florida, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Louisiana, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, New Jersey, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Texas, Virginia, and Wisconsin.

In addition to sharing her insights from CompScope™ benchmarks, Dr. Yang will present findings from other WCRI studies that examine medical prices, hospital costs, and ambulatory surgical center (ASC) payments under different regulatory approaches.

Things you will learn:

- The major cost drivers in Georgia's workers' compensation system.
- Performance of Georgia's workers' compensation system compared to other states.
- Trends seen in many metrics of system performance in Georgia's workers' compensation system.
- Factors that shape income benefits in Georgia.
- How Georgia's medical prices, payments, and utilization (per claim) differ from other states for similar injuries and workers.

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All attendees receive a free copy of the slides. **Webinars are \$39 for WCRI members; \$79 for non-members; and no charge for members of the press, legislators as well as their staff, and state public officials who make policy decisions impacting their state's workers' compensation system.** For questions, contact Stephanie Deeley at sdeeley@wcrinet.org <<mailto:sdeeley@wcrinet.org>> or 617-661-9274 x 261.

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