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Join WCRI's president and CEO, Dr. Richard Victor, for a half-hour webinar on [Thursday, December 10, 2015 at 2 p.m. ET \(1 p.m. CT, 12 noon MT, and 11 a.m. PT\)](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001FK9itU1w8dWEeWbGPfpc1GFOwCnHYvrnVq9rqjxkh0tfjblG2cuju3zHVAAtKA-ZsQ0mGckWi_kVvAdNy8BLIJrILS7kugGebHMOPF99hliPGeMIRkP0JxdjWixfjmov0qJeQJXxujKDIsIVlfVHGpK8NPsgGfW6o4sn9uMNVXFqefF2NEVL8yAWsCPV_CsH9RKJCGAh7qKdR-hnl4XIUXHCZImHz52dOcPzaR1FeqLYHTrjvUbX4K2VAmDRvSwGEk5Snm3rZnpIErUTMqr4GEXRgQT7sC4) [001FK9itU1w8dWEeWbGPfpc1GFOwCnHYvrnVq9rqjxkh0tfjblG2cuju3zHVAAtKA-ZsQ0mGckWi_kVvAdNy8BLIJrILS7kugGebHMOPF99hliPGeMIRkP0JxdjWixfjmov0qJeQJXxujKDIsIVlfVHGpK8NPsgGfW6o4sn9uMNVXFqefF2NEVL8yAWsCPV_CsH9RKJCGAh7qKdR-hnl4XIUXHCZImHz52dOcPzaR1FeqLYHTrjvUbX4K2VAmDRvSwGEk5Snm3rZnpIErUTMqr4GEXRgQT7sC4](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001FK9itU1w8dWEeWbGPfpc1GFOwCnHYvrnVq9rqjxkh0tfjblG2cuju3zHVAAtKA-ZsQ0mGckWi_kVvAdNy8BLIJrILS7kugGebHMOPF99hliPGeMIRkP0JxdjWixfjmov0qJeQJXxujKDIsIVlfVHGpK8NPsgGfW6o4sn9uMNVXFqefF2NEVL8yAWsCPV_CsH9RKJCGAh7qKdR-hnl4XIUXHCZImHz52dOcPzaR1FeqLYHTrjvUbX4K2VAmDRvSwGEk5Snm3rZnpIErUTMqr4GEXRgQT7sC4)

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Although pundits have written about "cost-shifting" to workers' compensation, a significant underappreciated effect of the ACA is "case-shifting" from group health to workers' compensation. The ACA seeks to greatly expand the use of ACOs---where providers are rewarded for meeting cost and quality goals. This will expand the use of "capitated" health insurance plans. Under these plans, providers are paid a fixed insurance premium per insured regardless of the amount of care provided to a given patient during the year. Under traditional fee-for-service insurance plans, providers are paid for each individual service rendered.

"The question we addressed in our study is to what extent do the financial incentives facing providers and their health care organizations that arise out of capitation, given that workers' compensation pays fee- for -service, influence whether or not a case is deemed to be work-related," said Dr. Richard Victor, president and CEO of WCRI.

Questions addressed:

- What is the difference between the care a patient receives under a capitated group health insurance plan vs. workers' compensation?
- Do incentives exist for doctors to call an injury work related?
- If the share of capitated patients rises in a state, what impact does that have on the workers' compensation system?
- In what states is case-shifting more likely to occur?

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