

**Concordia Care Presents Expert Guidance on Clinical, Administrative and Risk Implications of Complex Substance Use Disorder Cases at 5th Annual AMS Claims Symposium**

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**MIAMI – June 26, 2018** – Concordia Care, Inc. (Concordia), a specialty risk-transfer company, announces that its upcoming presentation at the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual AMS Claims Symposium, June 27, 9:15 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. ET, provides expert clinical guidance on prevalence and impact of substance use disorders in workers’ compensation. Developed by Alana Letourneau, M.D., MBA, vice president, Clinical Program Strategy, and David Vittoria, LCSW, MCAP, ICADC, NCAC II, vice president, Clinical Services, the presentation also focuses on the connection between opioids and the brain, as well as early identification of complex cases where new advances in treatment can have positive impact.

“Addiction is a disease that requires providers to address both the clinical and behavioral health components of treatment, including full biopsychosocial evaluation, coordination of care, and evidence-based treatment approaches,” says Dr. Letourneau. “This presentation will also focus on levels of care determination and medical necessity criteria for addiction treatment, with a full discussion of their impact on opioid claims. We will highlight new advances in opioid treatment, including medication and therapy interventions and their inclusion in health plan coverage.”

David Vittoria explains that pain and disability involve dynamic interactions among physiological, psychological and social factors, adding, “Trying to manage any one of these areas to the exclusion of the others is a futile effort. We need to treat the individual in the context of the environment in which these patients live, work and play to be most effective in maximizing individual outcomes and lowering long term cost of care for complex cases.”

**About Concordia Care, Inc.**

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