



Update on MSP and Workers' Compensation Settlements Bill (HR 5284)

UWC is working with Representatives Dave Reichert (WA) and Mike Thompson (CA) to prepare for reintroduction of the “Medicare Secondary Payer and Workers’ Compensation Settlement Agreements Act of 2013” which was HR 5284 in the previous congress. In preparation for reintroduction we are not only updating the bill to address changes in cross references but also making sure that it is clear that the bill is consistent with changes in federal law with respect to conditional payments that were enacted as part of the SMART Act (HR 1063) which passed last year as an amendment to HR 1845.

We anticipate reintroduction this Spring and that there will be an opportunity to address the Medicare Secondary Payer (MSP) issues impacting workers’ compensation settlements and set-aside arrangements during this Congress.

UWC continues to coordinate the broad national coalition in support of this legislation, which includes AIA, PCI, the National Council of Self Insurers, the American Bar Association, the American Association for Justice, and the Workers Injury Law and Advocacy Group. We will be reaching out to national and state business associations and individual UWC members this year to push for this legislation.

More to come on changes to the bill and specific advocacy plans.