

February 8, 2001

Dear Fellow Orthopaedic Administrator:

I am pleased to announce the Spring Meeting of the Texas Orthopedic Administrators Association (T-BONES) will be held Friday, March 30th, 2001, at Double Tree Guest Suites in Austin. There will be an all day meeting on Friday, as well as a dinner, for those interested, on Thursday, March 29th, 2000, at the Double Tree Guest Suites.

I have received commitments from five speakers who will provide valuable information to our group. They will address a variety of relevant topics.

Mignon McGarry is the Legislative Consultant for the Texas Orthopaedic Association. She will discuss the current legislative environment pertinent to Orthopaedic Surgeons relationships.

Velma Johnson is the Director of the Healthcare Division of Myron Steves and Company. She will talk about the changing marketplace in professional liability insurance.

Connie Bryant is the President of Health Care Solution, Inc. She will speak about trends in managed care contracting.

David Martinez is the Chief of Medical Dispute Resolution for the Texas Workers Compensation Commission. He will discuss the medical dispute resolution process for healthcare providers.

Teresa Devine is the Director of the Health Care Financing Department for the Texas Medical Association. She will present the latest information regarding the Stark II Rules on Fraud and Abuse.

I am enclosing a tentative program as well as a registration form, which give additional information about this meeting. The expense for the Friday, March 30th, meeting is \$75, which includes breakfast and lunch. Please send your registration form as soon as possible since I must notify the hotel of the number of registrants. The meeting will be held at Double Tree Guest Suites. The hotel has agreed to reserve a block of rooms for those interested individuals, but there is a deadline for reserving rooms at the convention rate. Reservations need to be made through the hotel at 512-478-7000.

Please contact me at 281-440-6960 (office) or 713-728-4882 (home) if you have any questions concerning this information. I hope you will be able to attend this most important meeting. Thank you for your time and cooperation.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures