



## Willis North America to Host 19th Annual Health Care Forum

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### ***Leading Industry Specialists Help Health Care Professionals with Risk Management Strategies for 2015 and Beyond***

**NEW YORK, July 14, 2015** – Willis North America, a unit of Willis Group Holdings plc, the global risk advisor, re/insurance and human capital and benefits firm, today announced the 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Health Care Forum, July 14-15, in Chicago, IL.

Willis is an industry leader in the health care arena, with more than 6,000 clients and 300 dedicated health care professionals across North America. The Practice helps organizations across all segments of the health care industry assess and minimize risk, including: hospitals, health systems, physician groups, long-term care, managed care and miscellaneous health care facilities. Willis has a deep commitment to this sector and was the first major broker to establish a health care practice.

The Willis Annual Health Care Forum brings together more than 150 health care professionals for both educational and networking opportunities. This year's theme, "The New Normal: Managing Risk in the Changing Reimbursement Environment" focuses on helping health care organizations address risks and challenges associated with a new operating environment. Discussions will focus on a range of issues including business challenges created by a shift toward risk-based payments by both public and private payors, physician alignment strategies and legal implications related to the adoption of new delivery models.

Commenting on the upcoming conference, Frank Castro, National Health Care Practice Leader, Willis North America, said, "Health care organizations are facing an extremely complex environment and rapidly evolving risk landscape. The Annual Forum provides an opportunity for risk management and insurance professionals to learn about some of the challenges health care organizations are facing and ways in which their peers have addressed these challenges, as well as other solutions Willis is developing. Willis is proud to be a true risk management partner to the health care industry and we are committed to delivering valuable solutions to help clients succeed in this new environment."

Willis health care experts and leading industry specialists will present a variety of educational sessions, including:

#### **Business Challenges Facing Providers in a Changing Reimbursement Environment**

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**Moderator:** Micah Weinberg, Senior Policy Advisor and Senior Research Fellow, Bay Area Council

**Panelists:** Michael Kasper, CEO, DuPage Medical Group  
Lisa Ozaeta, Senior Vice President and Chief Strategy Officer, UCSF Benioff Children's Hospitals  
Richard Elwell, Senior Vice President and CFO, Elliott Health System  
Lisa Farman, Vice President, External And Government Relations, Dignity Health

#### **Antitrust Enforcement and ACA Economies of Scale: Can They be Synced?**

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**Moderator:** Kenneth White, National Managed Care Practice Leader, Willis National Health Care Practice

**Panelists:** Jeffrey H. Perry, Partner, Weil, Gotshal & Manges, LLP  
Mark J. Botti, Head of Global Antitrust and Compliance Group, Squire, Patton & Boggs  
Jeff Micklos, Executive Vice President, Management, Compliance and General Counsel, Federation of American Hospitals

[Click here](#) for the full conference program. Individuals can stay up-to-date on the health care risk issues and the key themes from the conference by following [WillisWire](#).

### **About Willis**

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