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**HCAA Fourth Annual TPA University
August 2-4, 2006**

Hotel Solamar, San Diego, CA

The Health Care Administrators Association serves member companies including Third Party Administrators (TPAs), insurance carriers, managing general underwriters, audit firms, physician hospital organizations, brokers/agents, consultants and human resource managers. This annual forum offers roundtables and networking opportunities, plus information sessions on topics including marketing, pharmacy benefits, and data mining.

Visit www.hcaa.org for more information.

Hygeians Attending: Scott McCall and Larry Taylor

**IFEBP 52nd Annual Employee
Benefits Conference**

October 8-11, 2006

Mandalay Bay Convention Center, Las Vegas, NV

This conference is designed to meet the specific needs of multiemployer and public sector plan trustees and administrators, attorneys, accountants, actuaries, investment managers and others who provide services or who are involved in the overall management and administration of benefit trust funds.

Visit www.ifebp.org for more information.

Hygeians Attending: Craig Cameron and Scott McCall

**SIIA 26th Annual National Educational
Conference & Expo**

October 15-18, 2006

JW Marriott Desert Ridge, Phoenix, AZ

SIIA's National Educational Conference & Expo is the world's largest event dedicated exclusively to the self-insurance/alternative risk transfer industry. The educational sessions and workshops will cover topics such as the evolution of the self-insurance/ART market, regulatory and compliance issues and managing self-insurance/ART programs in a global environment.

Visit www.siiia.org for more information.

Hygeians Attending: Craig Cameron, Scott McCall, Larry Taylor, John Iori

Staff Recommendations



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The Case Manager's Handbook, Third Edition, by Catherine M. Mullahy and Deborah K. Jensen, Jones and Bartlett Publishers

This handbook is a training guide for new case manager or a teaching tool for client groups. Provides how-to guidance for case managers and defines good case management processes. Presents practical procedural information and novel approaches for management. Also addresses trends and opportunities, financial considerations, and legal and ethical issues.

Consumer-Driven Health Care: Implications for Providers, Payers, and Policy-Makers, by Regina E. Herzlinger, Jossey-Bass Publishers

Regina E. Herzlinger, a prominent professor at the Harvard Business School, has been a leading voice among advocates of a price-sensitive, consumer-driven market as the solution to the problems of our health care system. Herzlinger is convinced that market forces, given properly informed and motivated consumers, will bring runaway costs under control, even while improving the quality of care.

For a free copy of the recommended publications, please contact our Communications Department at m.andwele@hygeia.net.

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**Florida: www.floridacomparecare.gov
Oregon: www.orpricepoint.org and
Wisconsin: www.wipricepoint.org**

These websites provide various information such as the number of patients who received a particular inpatient service at one of these state's hospitals, the average length of stay, average and median charges at individual hospitals as well as a hospital's rate of medical problems and mortality rates in several categories, including heart attacks, strokes, pneumonia and heart surgery.

www.canadian-health.network.ca – Government and non-governmental organizations in Canada have pooled their expertise and resources to publish health information resources online. The new Canadian Health Network (CHN) website offers a comprehensive library of health promotion and injury prevention information. The information on the site is organized by 25 major health topics, each of which is managed by an affiliate organization specializing in that particular area.