



**Texas Ambulatory Surgery Center Society  
State of the State Conference**

**January 31 – February 1, 2011  
Austin, Texas | W Hotel**

**Schedule**

**MONDAY, JANUARY 31, 2011**

**1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. Accountable Care Organizations & ASCs - Diane Carter - Brown McCarroll LLP**

Diane Carter will discuss the latest information about ACOs and what ASCs should expect. In addition to rules from Medicare that should be released soon, we are expecting major initiatives from the Texas Legislature regarding ACOs for state employees.

**2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. State & Federal Update & Analysis - Jaime Capelo - Lobbyist | Bobby Hillert - Executive Director**

Jaime Capelo will provide an overview of the 2011 Texas Legislature. We are expecting a number of issues involving commercial insurance, ACOs for state employees, corporate practice of medicine, and other issues that will impact your ASC. In addition, Bobby Hillert will provide an analysis of recent federal actions that impact ASCs. He will provide an overview of what to expect from the new Congress.

**3:00 p.m. - 3:15 Break**

**3:15 p.m. - 3:45 p.m. ASC Reporting to the State Cancer Registry - Melanie Williams - Texas Cancer Registry**

A number of ASCs have asked TASCs about the state's requirement of ASCs and other facilities to report cancer findings to the Texas Cancer Registry. Melanie Williams, the head of the Texas Cancer Registry, will provide an overview of ASCs' cancer reporting requirements and what to expect in the future.

**3:45 p.m. - 4:15 p.m. Texas Department of Insurance Update - Monica Pinon - Texas Department of Insurance**

The Texas Department of Insurance is currently considering a rule for what is considered to be some of the strongest commercial insurance network adequacy standards in the nation. In addition, the Legislature will once again consider sunset legislation for TDI. This could lead to major changes for PPOs and HMOs. Monica Pinon, the special advisor to policy development for TDI, will provide us with an update and answer our questions.

**4:15 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. Break**

**4:30 p.m. - 5:15 p.m. Healthcare Associated Infection Reporting - Ron Gernsbacher - Department of State Health Services**

The state is expected to require HAI reporting for ASCs and other facilities in the third quarter of 2011. Training has started around the state. Ron Gernsbacher of DSHS will provide us with the latest update on the reporting system.

**5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Reception with Lawmakers**

Please plan on staying for a reception with lawmakers at the W Hotel Austin.

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2011**

**8:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. Breakfast**

Lawmakers will give us an overview of the 2011 Texas Legislature.

**9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Capitol Visits**

Please plan on joining TASCs for visits to the Capitol. It is critical for our ASCs to visit with lawmakers and tell our story about the incredible safety and quality that our ASCs are delivering to Texas patients.

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