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May 2, 2015 OCA/NCA Joint Seminar

The Ohio Cleaners Association (OCA) and the National Cleaners Association (NCA) present...

AVOIDING CLAIMS AT THE COUNTER

Saturday, May 2, 2015

[Quest Conference Center](#)
8405 Pulsar Place
Columbus, Ohio 43240
614.540.5540



Alan Spielvogel with NCA will present the seminar. It is designed for owners, management as well as customer service.

Agenda

Registration begins at 8:00 a.m. The program starts at 8:30 a.m. and runs until 2:15 p.m. A continental breakfast from Panera Bread and lunch from the Polaris Grill will be provided.

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Registration

OCA Member - \$50; additional employees \$40 each
Non-Member - \$75

Hotel Information

If you require overnight accommodations, there are three (3) hotels located next to the Conference Center:

- [Fairfield Inn & Suites by Marriott](#) 614-568-0770
- [Hampton Inn & Suites by Hilton](#) 614-885-8400
- [Four Points by Sheraton](#) 614-844-5888

Directions

The Quest Conference Center is located at I-71 and the Polaris exit in the heart of the Polaris entertainment district with easy access to I-270, SR 315, Rte 23 and Rte 161. Click [here](#) for map and directions.

Cancellation

Cancellations must be received in the OCA office by **Friday, April 24, 2015**. There are no refunds after this date.

Download registration form [here](#).

Additional Income Tax Reductions But Also Sales Tax Hike

Kasich Proposal Eliminates Income Tax on Small Businesses



Gov. John Kasich launched the third state budget of his career by proposing another \$500 million in tax cuts, including eliminating income tax on small businesses with annual gross receipts under \$2 million and a 23 percent income tax cut for personal income tax rates over the biennium.

Titled "Blueprint for a New Ohio," Kasich called the proposal a "360 proposition," saying it would benefit all and require responsibility by all.

The tax changes would be paid through better management of programs as well as a *host of tax increases* and changes in other areas, including *raising the sales tax to 6.25 percent*, boosting the cigarette tax by \$1 to \$2.25 per pack and raising the tax on other tobacco products to a level equivalent to the cigarette tax, and raising the severance tax to 6.5 percent when sold at the wellhead and 4.5 percent when sold downstream. *The Commercial Activity Tax (CAT) would also see its first increase since its inception, going from .26 percent to .32 percent.*

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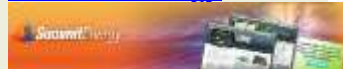
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Bureau of Workers'
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BWC's Upcoming Change to Prospective Billing

As part of the BWC's ongoing efforts to modernize their operations and provide better service to Ohio's employers, the BWC will be transitioning to a new prospective billing system beginning in July 2015. Prospective billing is an insurance industry standard practice that will enable BWC to collect premiums before extending coverage. Currently, Ohio employers pay for coverage they have already received.

When will this transition happen?

- July 1, 2015: for private employers

Transition credits to cover the cost

BWC will cover the \$1.2 billion transition cost with transition credits for private and public employers. This means the switch from a retrospective billing system to a prospective billing system will come with no additional cost to Ohio employers.

[Read more](#)

Small Businesses Snub Health Exchanges for Coverage

Owners, Brokers Blame Limited Federal Tax Credits and Small Menu of Offerings



Some small-business owners are snubbing the new health-insurance exchanges, operating under the Small Business Health Options Program, citing limited federal tax credits and a small menu of insurance offerings in a few states, companies and health-insurance brokers say.

Under the program, small businesses in Ohio and 32 states have been able since Nov. 15 to buy coverage for their employees through [HealthCare.gov](#), the Affordable Care Act's online insurance enrollment site. The federal government operates SHOP exchanges in these states, which include Delaware, Georgia and Missouri. Seventeen others and the District of Columbia choose to operate their own SHOP marketplaces.

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BWC Directors Approve Rate Cut



Steve Buehrer

The Bureau of Workers' Compensation (BWC) Board of Directors has given formal approval to another rate cut totaling \$500 million in private employer savings under the Kasich administration.

Directors voted Feb. 27 to approve the 10.8 percent, \$153 million estimated rate reduction after an initial hearing last month and a final recommendation from the Actuarial Committee. BWC

Administrator/CEO Stephen Buehrer attributed ongoing premium cuts to a several factors including lower-than-expected claim frequency and this year's adoption of prospective billing, under which the bureau will bill in advance rather than in arrears. The switch will save employers money and free up state investment dollars for BWC.

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Every Region Reports Better Drycleaning Sales in December, Fourth Quarter



Drycleaning sales rose on average in every region in December and the fourth quarter of 2014, according to the results of January's *American Drycleaner* StatShot survey.

The Midwest saw the biggest upswings: 9.0% in December (compared to December 2013) and 5.4% for the quarter (compared to fourth-quarter 2013). One operator in Indiana reported benefiting from being the only dry cleaner in a county of 72,000 residents.

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Register for the 2015 Ohio Safety Congress & Expo

Registration is open for the [2015 Ohio Safety Congress & Expo](#) (OSC15), which will run from March 31 to April 2 at the Greater Columbus Convention Center.

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April 2015 BWC Prospective Billing & Safety Seminar Offerings

Attendance at BWC's Prospective Billing & Safety Seminar for Private Employers qualifies for group rating two hour training credit. For a complete list of scheduled dates and seminar locations, visit <https://www.bwc.ohio.gov/home/current/articles/2015/ProspectiveSeminars.asp>

Prospective billing & safety seminar for private employers

Bonus! Earn training credit for BWC programs

FREE

Have you heard?

BWC is switching to the industry standard of prospective billing for employer premiums. Have you wondered what it means for your business? **Private employers:** Come to a **FREE** seminar near you to get answers and details about prospective billing, including:

- The reason for the transition and its benefits to employers;
- How BWC will cover the costs of this change with a transition credit;
- Transition timelines and important dates to remember;
- Essential information and new requirements for payroll reporting;
- Changes to deadlines for rating plans and BWC programs.



The seminar also includes the latest workplace safety updates and information to help you lower costs and keep your workers safe on the job.

Earn training credit for BWC programs

As an added bonus, by attending a seminar, your company can receive safety-training credit for the following:

- EM capping;
- One Claim Program (after the first year);
- Grow Ohio Incentive Program;
- Safety Council Rebate Program (one meeting credit);
- Group and group retrospective – safety program requirement for those participating employers that have a claim in the “green period”

Who should attend?

- Financial controllers and payroll officers
- Human resources professionals
- Business owners and chief executive officers
- Certified public accountants
- Workplace safety and/or risk managers

Dates and locations online

Visit www.bwc.ohio.gov to find a seminar near you. Don't delay! Seating availability is limited!

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