

TheCapitol.Net's Executive Conference:
Working with the 107th Congress and the Regulatory Process

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Washington, DC

8:30 Welcome and Introduction

8:35 The Dynamics of the 107th Congress

Congressional expert

This session will discuss the dynamics of the legislative process and what drives today's institution focusing on three key elements: policy, politics and procedure. It will review the basic differences between the House and Senate, the leadership in the two bodies, and the potential for policy-making with slim party majorities in the current "war" environment.

9:35 Break

9:45 How a Bill Becomes a Law

Congressional expert

The speaker will briefly review how a bill becomes a law from introduction, referral of the legislation, through committee hearings and markups, scheduling of legislation, amending and floor action, reconciling differences between the houses, to presidential action.

10:45 Break

11:00 Communicating Effectively with the New Capitol Hill

Registered lobbyist and Hill veteran

The speaker will present the tools and techniques that (client association) program administrators and (association members) can use to communicate with congressional staff and members of Congress in the post-September 11 environment. He will provide practical suggestions for making the most of meetings with staff, including how to set-up a meeting, who should attend, and how to follow-up after the meeting. He will discuss important do's and don'ts of interacting with Congress and staffers. He will focus on what staffers need from constituent experts, and what the (client association) can do to work effectively with Hill staff to protect their interests.

12:30 Lunch

1:30 Congressional Budgeting Today

Congressional budget expert

This session will introduce the congressional budget process, the major players, procedures, and timing of decisions. Authorizations, appropriations and reconciliation will be reviewed, and participants will see the "big picture" of federal budgeting.

2:45 Break

3:00 The Regulatory Process and the (client association) Health Industry

Attorney/Regulatory expert in client's field

This session will present the core process of regulation: rulemaking. The speaker will point out when and where the (association members) program administrators and (association members) can participate in the rule-making process. He will also discuss how rules are implemented, and briefly review the stages of communication, compliance, and enforcement. He will focus on what is required for the (client association) industry's effective involvement in the regulatory process.

4:30 Complete Conference Evaluations; Conference Concludes

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