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**Upcoming Free Webinar Examines Utilization Management
Regulatory and Industry Trends**
Thought Leaders to Offer Valuable Insights in RegQuest-Sponsored Presentations

Annapolis, MD / PRWeb / March 29 2016 - [RegQuest™](http://RegQuest.com), one of the nation's premier online regulatory compliance resources focusing on medical management and insurance functions, is pleased to announce the first in a series of webinars focusing on the evolution of utilization management (UM) programs and related medical management functions over the past three decades with a detailed overview of how UM programs are regulated and operationalized today.

“UM practices have evolved overtime based upon regulatory requirements, reform initiatives and changes to the market” notes Julie O’Brien, President of [Alicare Medical Management](http://Alicare.com) (AMM) and featured webinar speaker. “Health plans, medical management organizations, and others must stay abreast of these changes. The UM webinar will highlight the evolving UM landscape and provide some perspective as to where UM is heading in the future.” O’Brien oversees one of the most established and well respected care management organizations in the United States. She also serves as President of the National Association of Independent Review Organizations (NAIRO).

The webinar is based in part on information released in the *Utilization Management Regulatory and Market Trends: 2016 Annual Report*. “The *UM Trend Report* is the first update on the topic in over a decade and the research reveals several interesting trends pertaining to utilization management (UM) programs,” notes Garry Carneal, JD, MA co-Founder of [RegQuest](http://RegQuest.com) and a webinar co-speaker. “The new report confirms the valuable role that UM practices play in the delivery of medicine and the allocation of health care resources, but also sets forth a number of challenges for the future.”

The speakers will highlight:

- The impact of recent regulatory reforms on the ways that health plans make “medical necessity” and “scope of coverage” determinations;
- How the appeals process works when a “denial” of care or adverse benefit determination is made;
- Key UM regulatory requirements, including the licensure process, quality requirements, and clinical reviewer qualifications;
- Liability issues associated with the “corporate practice of medicine”; and
- How UM and care management programs are currently deployed to support integration, workflow efficiencies and improved clinical outcomes.

In addition to the UM presentation, RegQuest is offering educational webinars on mental health parity and external review regulations. To find out more about these webinars, visit www.regquest.com or click [here](#) to register. A Q&A session will follow each presentation, so don’t miss this opportunity to hear from national experts on the topics impacting medical management.

For more information regarding the *UM Trend Report*, including a complimentary six-page Executive Summary, click [here](#). Copies of the full-length *UM Trend Report* are available to paid subscribers of RegQuest's Utilization Management Module. Purchasers of the UM Module also have access to RegQuest's comprehensive database of UM state laws and regulations, quick-reference tables and receive email alerts to any updates that impact UM stakeholders. To subscribe, please visit www.RegQuest.com.

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