The American Benefits Council will host a Benefits Law Briefing webinar on Thursday, August 28, at 2 p.m. Eastern Time, to discuss welfare benefit programs.

While much of the focus for the last few years has been on group health plan compliance with the health care reform mandates, employers typically also offer a wide range of other welfare benefit programs to their employees. There are many compliance issues to consider with respect to these welfare benefit programs that are frequently neglected or overlooked by employers. This program will address the primary compliance concerns with welfare benefit programs such as disability programs, dental and vision coverage, employee assistance programs, on-site clinics, wellness programs, and life insurance. These include whether the program qualifies as an ERISA plan, as well as application of the HIPAA excepted benefit rules, COBRA, HIPAA privacy, the age discrimination rules, and the cafeteria plan rules.

Kathryn Wilber, senior counsel, health policy, will moderate the call, joined by Tara Sciscoe and Chris Sears, partners with Ice Miller LLP. The webinar will include a question-and-answer period.

Members are encouraged to submit questions and comments in advance to Kathryn Wilber at kwilber@abcstaff.org.

A recording of this session will be available by request.

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For questions related to registration – or if you have colleagues at your organization who would like to participate in this call, but do not regularly receive Council materials – please contact Deanna Johnson, director, membership, or Sondra Williams, membership services coordinator, at (202) 289-6700.