

**UNITED STATES
CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION**

**ANNUAL REPORT ON CONFERENCE SPENDING
FISCAL YEAR 2017**

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) has a responsibility to act as a careful steward of taxpayer dollars, ensuring that federal funds are used for purposes that are appropriate, cost effective, and important to the core mission of the agency. One area of focus that federal agencies must exercise discretion and judgment is in the planning of conferences. CPSC has policies and controls in place associated with conference-related activities and expenses to mitigate the risk of inappropriate spending. Additionally, the Office of Management and Budget requires agencies to report publicly on all conference expenses in excess of \$100,000.

Below is a summary of information regarding all agency-sponsored conferences from fiscal year 2017 where the net expenses for the CPSC associated with the conference were in excess of \$100,000.

Conference Name: 2017 NEISS All Trauma Coders Conference

Dates: July 26-27, 2017

Location: Bethesda North Marriott Hotel and Conference Center, 5701 Marinelli Road, Rockville, MD 20852

Number of Participants Attending: 85

Purpose: The purpose of the conference is: (1) to improve the knowledge, skills, and abilities of NEISS coders in the technical aspects of NEISS coding that lead to improved quality of data; (2) to increase the understanding of CPSC's mission and the critical role NEISS plays in this mission; and (3) to provide an opportunity for federal staff and contractors to develop strong relationships that support improvements in coding and fiscal stewardship of contractual agreements.

The in-person training provides a unique opportunity for the exchange of information between federal staff and NEISS coders (contractors) and also among the NEISS coders, who all do similar work on behalf of CPSC. This biennial event is the only opportunity that our federal partners (*i.e.*, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's National Center for Injury Prevention and Control, National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health, and National Highway Traffic Safety Administration) have to meet in person with NEISS coders.

Number of individuals whose expenses were paid by CPSC: 59

Total Conference Expenses Incurred by CPSC: \$131,134.57