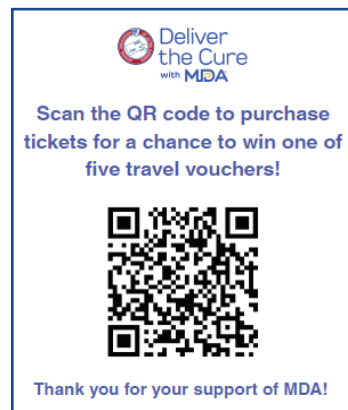
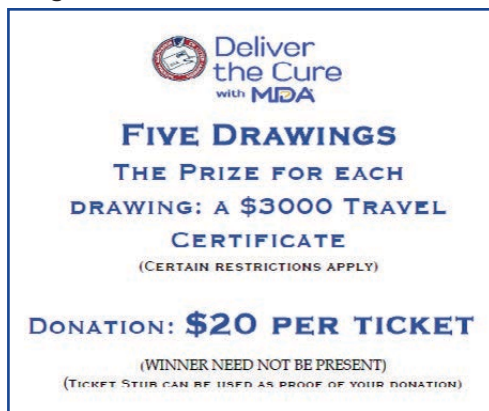


NALC Convention MDA raffle tickets

As NALC members know, the national convention is next month. NALC will sell raffle tickets for MDA at the national convention, but you can get them beforehand. The tickets are \$20 each and there will be five drawings.



Each winner will win a \$3,000 travel voucher. Here is the link for electronic sales: mda.donordrive.com/NALCConvention26, and the QR code is above right.

In addition, if you spend at least \$100 on raffle tickets, you will receive a clear stadium bag. Thank you in advance! See you at the convention.

Also, if there are any events you want NALC to promote or for MDA Coordinator Christina Vela Davidson to attend, send a letter or an email. Have questions or need assistance? Contact the MDA service team member at nalc@mdausa.org or 719-640-8625.

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til after the 60-day period has ended to issue a decision. Because of this, it is prudent for claimants, once they have submitted all requested evidence, to reach out to their claims examiners to advise them that they have completed their response to the initial development letter and request prompt adjudication of their claim. They can do this both by calling their claims examiner and also by uploading a brief note into the Employees' Compensation Operations and Management Portal (better known as ECOMP).

Finally, claimants should be aware that the expanded 60-day time frame applies only to the initial adjudication of a claim. In established claims that have been accepted, a 30-day time frame still applies to development letters issued for any number of adjudicatory

issues for which OWCP may issue a formal decision: denials of requested wage-loss compensation, denials of schedule awards, denials of reimbursement, denials of requested medical procedures or durable medical equipment, etc. A 30-day time frame also still applies for claimants to respond to notices of proposed action in accepted claims, such as termination or reduction of benefits. And it applies for claimants to respond to proposed sanctions for such actions as failing to attend OWCP-directed medical exams, refusing suitable work, failing to cooperate with vocational rehabilitation efforts, or failing to complete required forms, such as the OWCP 1032.

Next month's column will continue the discussion of the changes to the FECA Procedure Manual that FECA Transmittal 26-2 has created.