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It's no secret comorbidity factors have taken a toll on workers' compensation. In the past decade, the percentage of workers' comp claims with a comorbid diagnosis (diabetes, hypertension, depression and obesity) has nearly tripled, according to the National Council on Compensation Insurance (NCCI). The situation is even worse when it comes to addiction, with drug abuse in workers' comp quadrupling during that time.

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