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It's no secret comorbidity factors have taken a toll on workersâ€™ compensation. In the past decade, the percentage of workersâ€™ 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 workersâ€™ comp quadrupling during that time.

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