



## Monthly Newsletter

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## The Alliance Events



### Webinar:

## An Employer's Guide to Avoiding Out-of-Network Charges

**Thursday, March 24 | 10:00am-11:00am**

Out-of-network provider charges can cost your health plan hundreds of thousands of dollars in extra medical fees. Join us for a jam-packed hour where we'll talk about how to protect yourself and your employees from this all-to-common issue and learn:

- What to look for in your contracts to help your patients avoid surprise bills
- How to effectively educate your employees on this issue
- Who (and when) to contact if you experience an out-of-network claim

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## **Spring Symposium 2022**

**May 23, 8:00am-12:30pm | The Monona Terrace**

In continuing our initiative towards greater transparency in health care, The Alliance is hosting Chris Whaley, policy researcher for RAND Corporation, to discuss the results of the latest-and-greatest RAND Hospital Price Transparency Study – scheduled to be released on May 5th.

During this in-person (virtual option available) event, you will learn how to use the study's results – as well as your own data – to make prices more transparent and ultimately, lower your total cost of health care.

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## Our Blog



### **How Employers Are Supporting Their Employees in Unprecedented Ways in 2022**

Although the pandemic's future is uncertain, employers are looking at new trends in employee benefits to get the most out of their health plans and support their employees like never before. Here's this year's new trends in employee benefits and what it means for...



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### **An Employer's Guide to Fully Insured vs. Self Insured Health Plans**

The debate between fully insured vs. self insured health plans for employers is becoming clear. As enrollment numbers for traditional commercial plans steadily decline, self insured (or self-funded) plans continue to grow. What once was only for multinational...



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### **How The Alliance Moves Employer Health Care Forward**

The mission of The Alliance is to move employer health care forward by controlling costs, improving quality, and engaging individuals in their health. Despite the challenges posed by a (seemingly never-ending) pandemic, our cooperative has made considerable strides...



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## The Alliance Updates



Don't forget to submit your nominations! We want to recognize individuals or organizations that are transforming health care within their organization or community.

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## News and Resources



## White-Bagging Bill

Cheryl DeMars, CEO of The Alliance, testified in front of state Senators on 1/20 to demonstrate the effects of AB-718/SB-753 on self-funded employers.

“Passing AB718/SB 753 will limit market competition, making important drugs even less affordable,” she said. “This is not a step that Wisconsin lawmakers should take with more and more life changing and life-saving medications coming to the market. We need to find ways to help employers afford these medications.”

Click to read the full hearing and testimony.

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## NEW: The Alliance Newsroom!

Your one-stop destination for everything you need to know about The Alliance, including the latest news releases, cooperative updates, blogs, case studies, awards, and so much more!

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## Members in the News

**Infosec Institute** announces \$225,000 in cybersecurity education scholarship opportunities to help veterans, students, and underrepresented groups in security launch and advance their careers.

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**Faith Technologies** received a gold-level 2021 Projects of Distinction Award from the Associated Builders and Contractors (ABC) of Wisconsin.

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**John Deere** was recently presented with eight 2022 AE50 Awards for outstanding innovations that improve production agriculture.

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**West Bend Mutual Insurance and Promega**  
announced as 2022 Top Workplaces in the USA.

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## Provider Updates

### **Ambulatory Surgery Center**

Eye Surgery Center of Wisconsin - Oak Creek, WI

### **Behavioral Health**

Home Body Counseling - Sauk City, WI

Innovative Services Wellness Center - Multiple Locations, WI

Foundations Therapy - Multiple Locations, WI

Guiding Space Counseling - Eau Claire, WI

Johnston, Beth, LCSW, PLLC - Rockford, IL

Tristate Counseling & Consulting - Peosta, IA

### **Clinic**

Monarch Addiction Recovery Clinics - Madison, WI

Northern Illinois Vein Clinic - Multiple Locations, IL

Mayo Clinic Laboratories - Multiple Locations, MN

### **Home Health / DME**

Option Care - Urbandale, IA

Option Care - Itasca, IL

### **Vision**

Stewart Optical - Wausau, WI

Kivlin Eye Clinic - Multiple Locations, WI

## How Are We Doing?

*Answer one question to let us know!*

**How likely is it that you would recommend The Alliance to a friend or colleague?**

Highly Unlikely

Highly Likely

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