



Monthly Newsletter

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The Alliance Events



AUGUST

18

Thursday
August 18
9:00 - 10:30am CST

Better Healthcare Data for Better Benefit Decisions

Employers will learn how to use the power of data to drive benefit plan design and fulfill their fiduciary responsibilities. The event will also include a broker and employer panel Q&A, where experts in healthcare benefits will give real-world examples of data in action. Register for the August 18 webinar below!

CE Credits have been applied for.

[Register Now](#)



The Obesity Epidemic and Its Impact on the Workplace

Thanks to those who attended our webinar earlier this month! If you want to re-watch the webinar or refresh yourself with the event materials, visit our Events page.

Please email us at events@the-alliance.org if you need to apply for CE credits.

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Our Blog



New Transparency Trends: 3 Healthcare Problems (*And Their Solutions*)

There's growing price transparency concerns among employers whose health care costs – which amounted to \$1.2 trillion in 2018 – continue to outpace wages and inflation. More than half of those costs can be attributed to hospitals and physicians...



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5 Key Takeaways from RAND Corp's Hospital Price Transparency Study

The importance of hospital price transparency has come to the forefront for payers once again. Employer-sponsored health plans cover roughly half of all Americans, account for \$480 billion in hospital costs, and their cost has outpaced wages and inflation ...



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Five Strategies for a Smarter Self Funded Health Plan

Employers are switching to self funded health plans quite rapidly, but the swing from fully insured to self funded health plans did not happen overnight. Health care costs have grown steadily for decades, but they have especially ballooned in recent years. 2022...



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The Alliance Updates



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**Smarter
Care Advisor**SM

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Network Expansion: We Added Four More Hospitals

We recently added four more hospitals to our [Smarter NetworksSM](#) which now encompass more than 34,000 providers!

This network expansion improves health care access to our employers in Wisconsin and Illinois.

Smarter Care AdvisorSM

We're pleased to announce the launch of our new search tool for employers and their employees and family members: [Smarter Care Advisor](#).

You can now compare health care procedures by provider network, location, and cost-range estimate!

News & Resources



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Transparency Files

The Alliance acknowledges its role in supporting our employer-members' compliance with the federal transparency regulations. Visit our website for your machine-readable files and accompanying companion guide.

Provider Updates

Behavioral Health

Bilingual Psychotherapy - Janesville, WI

Pathways Counseling Center - West Allis, WI

Transitions Behavioral Health - Portage, WI

Whiteside County Community Health Clinic - Rock Falls, IL

Clinic

Findley Medical Clinic - Milwaukee, WI
Optimal Health and Wellness - Baraboo, WI
Scoliosis Rehab - Stevens Point, WI
Spooner Physical Therapy and Wellness - Spooner, WI

Home Health / DME

IMS Experts - Mansfield, TX

Vision

Rock River Optical - Fort Atkinson, 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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