

What You Missed in July 2024

Welcome to our NEW Board for 2024-2025!



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A big, heartfelt thank you to our past Board and all that they have done and achieved! You've been a huge part of our success and we couldn't have done it without you.



Huge CONGRATULATIONS to our very own Stacy Cochran, the 26th Annual Donna Carnall Career Achievement Award Recipient!!



NABIP Fort Worth-Public Service Update



NABIP FW presented a check to Gill Children's Services of Fort Worth from the proceeds of our Annual Golf Tournament -Gill Children's Services provides last resort funding for Tarrant County

children whose medical, dental, physical, social, psychological, or educational needs have not been met by other community

NABIP FW Members joined the Feed the City event on Saturday, July 13 at Boomer Jacks, Fort Worth!





Feed The City is a monthly volunteer opportunity where individuals come together at a local venue to

make lunches for people in need. The lunches consist of sandwiches, chips, and fruit. Feed The City events are open to all.

Jennifer Jones, Founder/Executive Director - Hagar's Heart presented at the July meeting.

Hagar's Heart works in partnership with domestic violence organizations in North Texas to provide self-care support and well-being to survivors of domestic violence.









On August 27th 12 -2 Pm - NABIP FW Members will be joining the Packing Party! Come join us! Helping pack "I SEE YOU" boxes. Each box is carefully curated to provide personal care items and tokens to boost self-esteem and mental wellness. These boxes symbolize love, hope, and support, and they make a meaningful impact on the lives of survivors. Register to help

Upcoming NABIP - Fort Worth Chapter Events

August 8th - Insurance Trivia Night: Show Off Your Skills and More!

Sentember 12th - Chicken N Pickle: Avoid a 4th Quarter Pickle!

October 10th - Bloodies, Benefits, and Brunch: GA's Meeting

November 1st - Grip and Give - Coat and Blanket Collection

Click her for more information and to see all of our upcoming events

Legislative Updates from NABIP - Texas



Questions? Contact your NABIP - Texas Lobbyists at: Mike Meroney Shannon Meroney 512-499-8880 (office) 512-731-6615 (Shannon's mobile) 512-589-2531 (Mike's mobile) Shannon@MeroneyPublicAffairs.com Mike@MeroneyPublicAffairs.com

Brown's Bulletin on Hurricane Beryl

Re: Hurricane Beryl - life, accident, and health guidance

Acting Governor Dan Patrick issued a disaster declaration in response to Hurricane Beryl. Damage and evacuations caused by the disaster might mean people were displaced from their homes and jobs. The acting governor authorized the use of all available state and local government resources necessary to cope with the disaster. (Government Code Section 418.017).

TDI expects carriers to work with their policyholders as they recover from the storm. This bulletin doesn't create specific requirements. Cooperation by every carrier will help ensure the fair treatment of consumers and provide for fair competition.

Medical services

TDI expects carriers do the following:

Cover necessary medical equipment, supplies, and services, regardless of when or where the service is provided.

Waive penalties, restrictions, and claims denials for necessary out-of-

Waive requirements for preauthorization, referrals, notification of hospital admissions, or medical necessity reviews for medical or dental services Authorize payment to pharmacies for up to a 90-day supply of any prescription medication, regardless of when the prescription was last filled. Allow extra time for health care providers and facilities to file claims. Prompt payment

Health care providers and carriers affected by Hurricane Beryl might need more time to make claims submissions and payments. Providers and carriers can tell TDI they need more time by emailing PromptPay@TDI.texas.gov or sending written notice to:

MC: LH-MCQA, Prompt Pay Texas Department of Insurance P.O. Box 12030 Austin, Texas 78711-2030

For questions about medical services and prompt pay, call Managed Care Quality Assurance at 512-676-6400 (select option 4) or email MCQA@tdi.texas.gov.

Grace period for premium payments

TDI expects carriers to work with policyholders affected by Hurricane Beryl who need more time to pay premiums to continue coverage. This might include minimizing penalties or charges for late payments or temporarily suspending payment or repayment plans.

TDI will work with carriers to minimize the effects of any suspension of premium payments, specifically regarding financial review requirements.

This grace period doesn't mean the forgiveness of premium

For questions about grace periods, call the Financial Regulation Division at

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NABIP - Texas recognized more than a decade ago the need to become more involved in "politics" and formed TAHUPAC to support candidates and members of the Texas Legislature who have philosophies that reflect common sense and an overall understanding of the dynamics of health insurance along with recognizing how NABIP - Texas is working to bring more Texans more affordable health insurance plans.

NABIP - Texas and its political arm pride themselves in adhering strictly to a legislative program that focuses solely on getting the greatest number of Texans insured with comprehensive health insurance at the lowest possible cost. Accordingly, NABIP - Texas and its political activity unit have maintained a strict policy of non partisanship, understanding that no one political party or person has all the magic answers and that the interest of every citizen of Texas needs to be at the top of the priority list by the Legislature.

TAHUPAC is pleased to support members of the Legislature and candidates who have common sense and an understanding of the many complex, moving parts that exist in the way health care is provided and how it is paid for.

Join the PAC



In the insurance business as in many other industries, some individuals seem to consistently be top producers. Not only are they top producers, they strive for excellence in their field and provide impecable service to their clients. The top-notch way they do business means that their clients are happy, and that there are fewer service problems for you.

A top producer in the insurance industry is like a center of excellence in the medical arena. Their expertise in their field results in their ability to produce a significantly greater amount of business yet do so in a cost-effective manner. Their outcomes are better than those of other producers because of their dedication to excellence and the volume of business they produce.

At NABIP, we have a program designed to reward our members who are outstanding producers. That program is the Leading Producers Roundtable. LPRT qualifiers receive a number of free or discounted educational offerings and other services from us – after all they are the best of the best and we depend on their knowledge and dedication to their industry to help our own organization be the best.

LPRT - Learn more



Earning the Registered Employee Benefits Consultant® (REBC®) designation elevates your credibility as a professional. The field of employee benefits continues to evolve rapidly. A year does not go by without new government regulations, new or modified coverages, and new techniques for controlling benefit costs. To best serve their clients, professionals need to have a current understanding of the provisions, advantages, and limitations associated with each type of benefit or program as a method for meeting economic security. The designation program analyzes group benefits with respect to the ACA environment, contract provisions, marketing, underwriting, rate making, plan design, cost containment, and alternative funding methods. The largest portion of this program is devoted to group medical expense plans that are a major concern to employers, as well as to employees. The remainder of course requirements include electives on topics serving various markets based on a broker's client needs.

Learn more here!

Don't miss out on an sweet opportunity to qualify for NABIP's Triple Crown:

To qualify, you will need to:

Recruit TWO members

Send THREE Operation Shout messages

Contribute to HUPAC at the \$12 x 12 level or higher, or contribute \$150.

We hope you are having a wonderful and successful year so far! We're so excited to see what amazing things we'll achieve together.

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