

Mark Your Calendar for ANHPEHRA's September Meeting

COST CONTAINMENT STRATEGIES

MANAGING HEALTH INSURANCE EXPENSES

Date: September 22, 2011

Time: 8:30 am – 9:00 am Networking and Refreshments
9:00 am – 10:30 am Program

Location: Primex, 46 Donovan Street, Concord, NH

ABOUT OUR PROGRAM:

Escalating health insurance costs are presenting a significant challenge to public employers' ability to keep compensation design competitive for employee recruitment and retention and at the same time manage budget increases that are acceptable to tax payers. HR professionals must be knowledgeable about cost drivers and mitigating measures to effectively address this benefit cost.

We are very pleased to present an expert panel of industry professionals to discuss factors influencing health care costs in New Hampshire, emerging trends, and strategies to manage health insurance costs.

ABOUT OUR SPEAKERS:

TYLER BRANNEN

Health Policy Analyst, NH Insurance Department

As Health Policy Analyst, Tyler is responsible for researching and providing policy recommendations on issues related to federal and state health insurance reform, transparency initiatives, and projects impacting the health care delivery system in NH. He is the representative for legislative initiatives and efforts related to health care financing, health care data, and analyses of health insurance market issues. Tyler developed the methodology for NH HealthCost website, the first of its kind in the US. Prior to coming to the Department, Tyler worked in strategic planning for the Johns Hopkins Health System, as a medical economics manager at AdvancePCS, and in provider contracting at Blue Cross Blue Shield of New Hampshire. He has his master's degree from the Johns Hopkins School of Public Health and his undergraduate degree from the University of New Hampshire.

MICHAEL GALLAGHER

Vice President Employee Benefits, USI New England

As a Vice President at USI New England, Michael acts as a vital extension to our clients' advisory team. Michael works very closely with his account managers and our clients in all areas of health and welfare. Michael helps his clients control costs, maintain compliance, and communicate their benefits effectively to employees. Michael is licensed by the New Hampshire Division of Insurance for life, accident and health insurance products with other licenses in ME, VT, MA, RI, CT and DE. He has worked in the field of employee benefits for 10 years. Prior to joining USI New England, Michael served as an Account Manager at Tufts Health Plan in their Large Accounts division. Michael is a graduate of Salem State College.

WENDY PARKER

Deputy Director for Risk Pool Operations, NH Local Government Center

As Deputy Director for Risk Pool Operations, Wendy is responsible for the overall management and strategic planning for the non-profit public sector risk management pools for LGC. Coverage provided by the pools includes medical, pharmacy, property liability, workers' compensation, dental, vision, life, long-, and short-term disability, for municipalities, schools and counties representing over 550 entities with more than 100,000 members. Wendy is a graduate of New Hampshire College with degrees in Accounting and Business Management, and holds a graduate certificate in Human Resource Management. She has also received a Master of Science degree in Organizational Leadership from Southern New Hampshire University. In addition, Wendy is a participant in the *NH Purchasers Group*, which is a joint partnership of public sector organizations created to promote overall cost and quality initiatives for healthcare.