Midwest Business Group on Health is one of the nation’s leading and largest nonprofit employer coalitions with over 125 mid, large and jumbo self-funded public and private companies who provide health benefits to more than 4 million lives and spend over $4.5 billion annually on health care. Members are represented by human resources and health benefits professionals with activities focused on education, networking, benchmarking, health benefits research and purchasing, and community-based initiatives.

By working together, we use our collective voice to serve as catalysts for change to ensure people receive high quality, efficient and cost-effective care.

Why Employers Join

MBGH membership is at the organization level which means you pay a single fee for multiple people within your company to have access to all MBGH programs and resources.

Members consistently share that the value of membership goes well beyond the cost of dues, saving them time, training, consulting and staff resources. Recent employer member feedback:

MBGH has provided us with meaningful information and resources that have helped our organization better manage costs. We really enjoy the networking and learning from and with our peers throughout the year. We are getting REAL VALUE for our investment!

Let MBGH be Your Source for Leading Health Benefit Professionals to:

Network with fellow HR/health benefits professionals
Benchmark with employers on critical benefits issues
Engage in evaluating new benefit design approaches, products and services
Gain access to no-cost resources to support your programs and strategies

Improve the cost, quality and safety of health care delivered to your covered population
Obtain assistance and recommendations on the design, management and evaluation of health benefits and wellness programs
Determine the value of getting more for your health benefit dollars
Employer Member Benefits

- Employer-only Health Benefit Roundtables – Offers employers a confidential and robust exchange of ideas, challenges, solutions and best practices on the latest issues and trends
- Employer Toolkits – Diabetes, Diabetes & Cardiovascular Disease, Eye Care, Hemophilia, Migraine, Osteoarthritis, Pain Management & Opioid Use/Abuse, Migraine, Specialty Drugs
- Health Benefit Benchmarking Surveys – Provides a quick and easy way to measure what other employers are doing in managing health benefits – members may request a survey on a topic of their choice at no cost
- Health Plan User Groups – Enables employers to confidentially discuss issues and challenges with a portion of each meeting to include key health plan executives address topics such as contracting, quality, data management and service-related issues
- Business members receive one complimentary membership to WELCOA (Wellness Council of America) including resources, training and certification courses
- Employer Advisory Boards on key industry topics
- Online Member Library – Includes all educational program (summaries, PPTs, recordings), benchmarking surveys results and partner resources

Educational Programs

MBGH programs are designed for health benefit professionals and open to all health care stakeholders – at no cost to members – with our 2-day Annual Conference offered at a low registration fee. Most events are conducted in downtown Chicago and offered simultaneously via webinar, offering outreach to a national audience.

2019 Year-to-Date Programs
- January – Employer-Only Forum on Wellness, Wellbeing & Engagement
- February – Healthy & Productive Aging: Employer Strategies that Support the Older Workforce & Covered Retirees
- March – Benefits, Best Practices & Integrative Pain Management Strategies for Musculoskeletal
- May – MBGH 39th Annual Conference: Building Trust & Accountability in Health Care & Benefits
- April – Employer-Only Data Analytics Roundtable
- June – Employer Forum on Pharmacy Benefits & Specialty Drugs: Oncology & Genomic Medicine
- July – Employer-Only Roundtable on Specialty Drugs
- September – Annual Member Meeting, Luncheon & Social Event

Upcoming 2020 Programs
- January 23, 2020 – Employer-Only Forum on Wellness, Wellbeing & Engagement
- February 19, 2020 – Mental Health in the Workplace
- March 25, 2020 – Effective Benefit Communications
- May 7-8, 2020 – MBGH 40th Annual Conference: Health Benefits Transformation: Employers Unite to Reduce Waste and Improve Outcomes

Health Benefits Purchasing

- New pharmacy benefit solution to help employers clarify and clearly define PBM contract language to achieve transparency, increase flexibility and focus on outcomes at the lowest unit cost, including direct contracting with retail pharmacies and ability to carve-out specialty, mail and clinical review. Supports employer plan sponsor fiduciary obligations to act in best interest of beneficiaries.
- Support for employers to do wellness program vendor searches and market checks including ability to get unbiased feedback from other employers to evaluate vendors and issue RFPs, improve current research and RFP process and better manage existing vendor relationships.

Partnerships

- MBGH partnerships enhance member benefits by offering an exchange of educational programs and resources with the following organizations: American Benefits Council, Catalyst for Payment Reform, Employer Benefit Research Institute, Integrated Benefits Institute, Institute of Medicine Chicago, The Leapfrog Group, National Alliance of Healthcare Purchaser Coalitions and Pharmacy Benefit Management Institute.

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