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BCBSKS to complete annual gag attestation on behalf of groups Self-funded, level-funded groups need to request completion by November 15

The Consolidated Appropriations Act (CAA) gag clause prohibition requires issuers and plan sponsors to attest that any agreements they enter with health care providers, third-party administrators or other service providers will not contain language restricting access to cost and quality of care information. Compliance requires submission of a Gag Clause Prohibition Compliance Attestation (GCPCA) by December 31, 2023, from the plan and/or issuer.

Blue Cross Blue Shield of Kansas (BCBSKS) has begun to <u>notify plan sponsors</u> of its plans regarding the gag clause attestation.

BCBSKS will complete the annual submission for fully insured groups, requiring no additional action on the part of fully insured plan sponsors.

Self-funded and level-funded groups wanting BCBSKS to complete the attestation need to visit bcbsks.com/gcp and complete the attestation request by November 15. The submission requires an MPN and PIN that are provided in a BCBSKS communication sent to plan sponsors via email or mail.

For additional information and support, contact your Bukaty benefits consultant or support team.

