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Blue KC to complete annual gag attestation for fully insured groups
Self-funded, level-funded, ASO, National Alliance groups need to complete by December 31

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 City (Blue KC) has begun to <u>notify plan sponsors</u> of its position regarding the gag clause attestation.

Blue KC will complete the annual submission for fully insured groups that have not termed coverage prior to December 31, 2023.

Self-funded, level-funded, administrative services only (ASO), and National Alliance groups must complete their own attestation. Blue KC has <u>confirmed</u> it's agreement comply with the CAA prohibition on gag clauses.

Bukaty Companies has prepared a <u>How-To Guide</u> with screen shots and links to help clients navigate the attestation process.

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

