



# CARRIER NOTICE

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## **Blue KC self-funded/ASO plan sponsors must complete annual attestation**

*No action required by fully insured, level-funded plan sponsors*

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 an annual submission of a Gag Clause Prohibition Compliance Attestation (GCPCA) by December 31, 2024, from the plan and/or issuer.

[Blue Cross Blue Shield of Kansas City \(Blue KC\)](#) has stated that self-funded/ASO and level-funded plan sponsors must provide their own attestation given Blue KC may not have all the information for a group needed to complete the attestation. Blue KC released a [letter](#) confirming health care agreements comply with the gag clause requirements.

Fully insured plan sponsors do not need to take any action, given Blue KC's submission will satisfy the attestation requirement for both entities.

Bukaty Companies has prepared a [How-To Guide](#) with screen shots and links to help self-funded/ASO clients navigate the attestation process.

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