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Cigna self-funded/ASO plan sponsors must complete annual attestation Cigna will complete requirement on behalf of fully insured, level-funded-type 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.

<u>Cigna</u> has stated that self-funded/ASO plan sponsors must provide their own attestation given Cigna may not have all the information for a group needed to complete the attestation. Cigna released a <u>letter</u> confirming the insurer's health care agreements comply with the gag clause requirements.

Fully insured plan sponsors, as well as level-funded, graded-funded, preferred-funded and standard-funded clients, do not need to take any action, given Cigna's submission will satisfy the attestation requirement for both entities.

Bukaty Companies has prepared a <u>How-To Guide</u> 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.

