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What . . . does TABA do?

The Texas Association of Benefit Administrators was organized in 1983 to:

- Support, maintain and improve the profession.
- Advance public knowledge of the profession.
- Promote high standards of ethical conduct among members of the profession.
- Promote and abide by legislation, regulation and practices which are in the best interest of the profession within prevailing law.
- Provide for civic and community service.
- Foster development of friendships and networking.

LEGISLATION AND REGULATORY RESPONSES

The Texas Association of Benefit Administrators gives members a personal, organized and protective TPA voice to the state and federal regulatory agencies and legislative bodies by:

- Retaining the services of a full-time, year-round lobbyist who represents the association on legislative matters, guides the TABA Board through the legislative process and educates members of the Legislature about the issues facing TPAs and self-funded employee benefit plans.
- Retaining the services of a professional, aggressive legal counsel who continually monitors regulatory and legislative issues.
- Providing members the opportunity to keep informed on pending laws, regulations and rulings being enacted each year and assembling, interpreting, and publishing this information as it happens for members.
- Providing members a means to express industry concerns.

CONTINUING EDUCATION

TABA hosts an annual Spring Legislative Conference which allows attendees to obtain 1 to 2 hours of continuing education and provides a forum for members to help define the TABA legislative agenda and to network with members of the Texas Legislature. TABA hosts an annual Fall Conference. By attending you can:

- Obtain 4 to 6 hours of continuing education at discounted member rates.
- Hear knowledgeable speakers who are practicing members of the TPA profession.
- Have the opportunity to learn innovative marketing ideas and preview new products.
- Be a part of a networking forum to develop new business and professional relationships.

PROFESSIONAL COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLICATIONS

TABA communicates its message in many ways. For the benefit of its members, TABA:

- Publishes a quarterly newsletter, “The Benefit”, and annual membership directory only to members.
- Publishes a regular legislative and industry column for members.
- Actively pursues open communications with related industry officials of SPBA, SIIA and PIMA.
- Actively pursues open communications with state and regulatory officials.

Who . . . should join TABA?

- TPAs
- MGUs (Managing General Underwriters writing stop-loss coverage for self-funded plans)
- Stop-loss Carriers
- PPOs
- PBMs
- UR and Case Management firms
- Firms providing Wellness, Disease Management and Predictive Modeling services
- Computer and Software firms
- Other Specialty companies offering services to the TPA industry or to self-funded plans

Why . . . should I join TABA?

Self-funding and TPAs are faced with a myriad of circumstances that can have a significant effect on the industry. TPAs are constantly bombarded with issues by regulatory bodies, complaints from providers and proposed legislation that can drastically impact our business, and the competition from fully insured carriers has been unrelenting. Without the ability to join forces with other firms who have similar interests, our voice will not be heard.

Membership in SIIA, SPBA, NAHU and other national organizations is important and is encouraged. These organizations have the size, stature and funding to impact legislation, provide important legal and legislative information and even have input to policy and regulatory decisions in Washington. National organizations, however, cannot possibly know the daily business, regulatory and legislative climate in Texas.

If you are administering plans in Texas, or if your company serves the self-funded/TPA industry in Texas, you need to be a member, make that an active member of TABA.

When . . . should I join TABA?

Right NOW!!!

How . . . do I join TABA?

Simply complete the Membership Application on the back panel, or go to www.tpbba.com. You can get more details, get contact information, and download an application.

YOU NEED TO JOIN . . . WE NEED YOUR PARTICIPATION . . . WE NEED EACH OTHER!