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How Does Health Spending In The U.S. Compare To Other Countries?

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Comparing health spending in the U.S. to other countries is complicated, as each country has unique political, economic, and social attributes that contribute to its spending. Because health spending is closely associated with a country's wealth, the remaining charts compare the U.S. to similar OECD countries—those with both above median national incomes and above median income per person (as measured by GDP and median GDP per capita) in at least one of the last ten years. [Read More Here...](#)

Senate Probes The Cost Of Assisted Living And Its Burden On American Families



On January 25, 2024, A U.S. Senate committee launched an examination of assisted living, holding its first hearing in two decades on the industry as leaders of both parties expressed concern about the high cost and mixed quality of the long-term care facilities.

The federal government has minimal oversight of assisted living, which is regulated by states, unlike skilled nursing homes. Both the Democratic and Republican leaders of the Senate Special Committee on Aging said their inquiry aimed to detail the financial practices and quality levels in the industry so that consumers would be better able to choose facilities. Lawmakers expressed little appetite for Congress to take a more direct role in regulating the sector, such as by setting federal standards for staffing levels and how workers are trained.

Prompted by a New York Times-KFF Health News series, Sen. Bob Casey, the Pennsylvania Democrat who chairs the panel, put out a call for residents and their families to submit their bills so the panel could assess the industry's business practices. [Read More Here...](#)



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Will Self-funded Plans Get Caught Up In Carrier And TPA Legal Battles?

On January 12, 2024, the Department of Labor (DOL) filed a complaint against Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota (BCBSM) alleging a series of violations pertaining to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). This legal action hasn't yet drawn much attention, but it is early days and I suspect that will change as the case plays out. Certainly, the legal and employee benefits communities will be watching closely as the case raises fundamental questions about the boundaries of authority and fiduciary responsibilities in the context of third-party administrators (TPAs) of self-funded employee welfare benefit plans. Read More Here...



35 Best Hospitals For Price Transparency

(Two Are Located In Texas; Temple, Wichita Falls)

The top five hospitals for price transparency are located in Maryland, according to a recent ranking from Money.

The report, released Jan. 18, ranked 115 of the nation's top medical facilities on more than 13,500 data points to determine which hospitals are "best." One criteria was price transparency. The publication worked with consulting firm Denniston and the healthcare data team at the nonprofit RAND to determine how accurately a hospital's publicly listed price matches the charge on a patient's bill. Read more about the price transparency measure they developed here.

Hospitals received an "A-" or better on Money's price transparency analysis with two being located in Texas. Read More Here...



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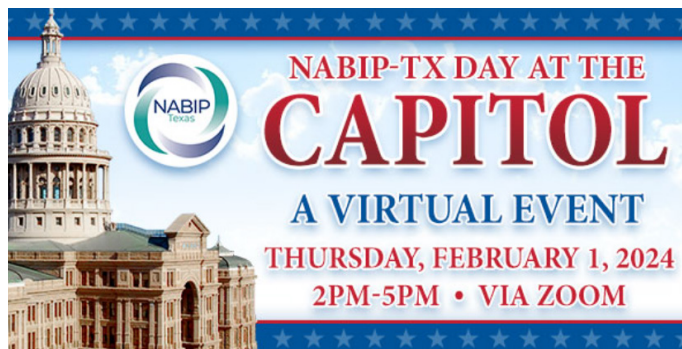
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PROSPECTUS

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April 15-16, 2024

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10,000 Patients Have Filed 'Gastro' Claims Against Ozempic, Mounjaro Drug Makers

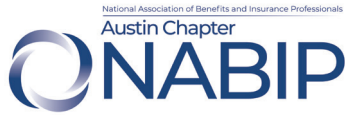
Patients who have experienced severe stomach complications from the new class of GLP-1 weight loss drugs are now suing Novo Nordisk and Eli Lilly alleging that the drug-makers misled doctors on the drugs' potential risks.

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February Chapter Agendas

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Professional Development Day

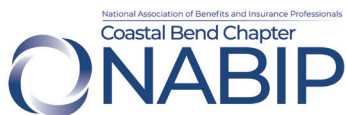
**Eclipse Your Expectations
Invest In Yourself
April 4, 2024
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM**

Marriott South Austin
4415 S. I-35 Frontage Road
Austin, TX 78744

\$75/\$85 Registration - Member/Guest
Starting 2/1/24 - \$85/\$100 Member/Guest

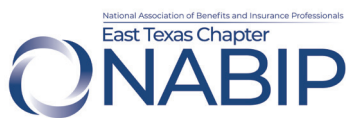
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10:00 AM - 3:00 PM**

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4445 Sigma Rd, Dallas TX

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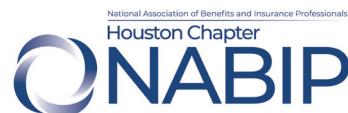
**Legislation -
What's Giving You Heatburn
February 8, 2024**

**Education / Symposium
Come Get a Piece of the Pie
March 14, 2024**

**Derby Down
AI and HIPAA - What's the Affect?
May 9, 2024**

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Ethics vs Morals, You Decide
March 6, 2024 - Brownville, TX**

**Membership Mix - Top Golf
Phar, TX - March 21, 2024**

**Day of Education - 5HR CE
MAY 2, 2014**

TOPICS: GROUP & ETHICS

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Hollis Roberson Award

Nomination Form

2023 Texas Outstanding Health Insurance Industry Award



HOLLIS ROBERSON

1922 - 1989

The Texas Association of Health Underwriters' Hollis Roberson Award is presented each year to the person from Texas who meets the criteria of professionalism set forth by Hollis Roberson.

The recipient of the award is selected by the Hollis Roberson Award Committee which carefully reviews all persons nominated. In making its selection, the committee looks for contributions above and beyond the call of duty, without personal gain. Your recommendations must be supported by an accompanying statement that details the accomplishments of your candidate to include present and former positions, connections with health insurance, biographical information and, of utmost importance, the specific accomplishments that entitle your candidate to this prestigious award. ***Please note: only state board members (which includes local chapter presidents) and Hollis Roberson Committee members can submit nominations.***

Please complete this form and return to HRC by 3/01/2024.

2023 Hollis Roberson Award

Nomination Form

(Must be postmarked or received by fax/email on or before 3/01/2024)

I nominate _____

Local Chapter: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Submitted By: _____

Board Position: _____

Phone: _____

Important:

*Nominees **will not** be considered unless support materials are included.*

If you re-submit the same person you nominated last year, you only need to submit this Nomination Form. You may update it if you choose, but the Committee will carry forward the documentation you submitted one year prior.

Send completed form with accompanying documentation to: Lisa Strug, NABIP-TX Executive Director, 312 North Avenue East, Suite 5, Cranford, NJ 07016. Voice 713/645-1490; Fax 908-967-5044; admin@nabip-tx.org

Hollis Roberson Award

Nomination Criteria

1. Significant contribution of time and talent to further the health insurance industry.
2. Currently be, or have been, an active and contributing Member of the National Association of Benefits and Insurance Professionals – Texas Chapter.
3. Display the character traits and skills of leadership.
4. Promote the principles of professionalism and idealism
5. Show significant community support to all aspects of both personal and professional achievement.
6. Nominee must not have served as a NABIP-TX Officer on the NABIP-TX Board for at least two board years prior to the current board year.
7. A previous HRA Recipient may be nominated if at least seven (7) years have passed since receipt.

Previous Recipients

1990	Hollis Roberson, CLU, FLMI, RHU	2006	Stan Foster, RH
1990	Edna Kern, CLU, ChFC, RHU, LUTCF	2007	Dave Prewitt, RHU, LUTCF, REBC, CSA
1991	Donna Carnall, RHU	2008	Janet Trautwein
1992	Robert G. Campbell, Jr.	2009	Linda New, LUTCF
1993	Shirley H. Hutzler	2010	D. Mike McLaughlin, RHU, CLU, CIC, ChFC
1994	Thomas M. Schilling, RHU	2011	C. Briscoe Dunn
1995	Henry Dawson, CLU, RHU	2012	Carolyn Goodwin, CBC, SGS
1996	Phillip Von Stephens, RHU	2013	Ron Buffum, SGS
1997	Andrew M. Wolfson	2014	Mike Rivera, RHU, REBC, CLU, ChFC
1998	Elizabeth Ashmore	2015	Michael D. Smith, SGS, LTCP
1999	W. D. (Bill) Mann, Sr., LUTCF, RHU	2016	Russell Lee Rice, SGS
2000	Ouida Peterson	2017	C. Louanne Trebing, RHU, CLTC, SGS
2001	Ken Martin	2018	Laura Firestone, CPA
2005	Trei Wild	2019	Reid Rasmussen
2003	Caroline Hesseltine	2021	Ed Oleksiak
2004	Jim Smith	2022	*Rick Ott
2005	Trei Wild	2023	Jessica Watts

Bolded names are the 2023-24 Hollis Roberson Committee.

A member of the Hollis Roberson family (currently Trei Wild) and the NABIP-TX President-Elect (currently Stacy Cochran) are also on the Hollis Roberson Committee.

*** Denotes 2023-24 Hollis Roberson Committee Chair**

Award History

Hollis Roberson, CLU, FLMI, RHU, held a BS from the University of North Alabama, an MBA from Auburn University and an MS from Southern Methodist University. Mr. Roberson served the insurance industry in the capacity of life insurance company president, chief actuary and owner of his own agency. He served NAHU (now NABIP-TX) tirelessly first as Membership Chairman in 1986-87 and Region IV Vice President in 1986-87. He was elected First Vice President in 1988. Hollis directed the strategic planning committees for NAHU, Texas AHU, Fort Worth AHU and Dallas AHU. He published many articles and spoke to numerous health and life underwriter organizations. Hollis Roberson was the 1989 recipient of the Norman Medill Award for editorial contribution from NAHU. He was listed in Who's Who in Insurance in the South- Southwest. Hollis was the first recipient of the Hollis Roberson Award in 1989, which was established in his honor. Hollis died of cancer at the age of 67 on December 16, 1989, at his home in Rowlett, Texas. He was president-elect of NAHU at the time of his death.

Award Contributions

The Hollis Roberson Award is open for contributions. Contributors will be acknowledged each year at the annual NABIP-TX symposium during the Hollis Roberson Award ceremonies and acknowledged in the awards program.

- Individual membership contributions: \$100.00
- Corporate membership contributions: \$250.00

Contributions should be made to "Hollis Roberson Award Fund" and mailed to:

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