

City of Holyoke

HEALTH INSURANCE MARKET ANALYSIS

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1-a.

City of Holyoke vs. The GIC

Comparison City of Holyoke Plans and GIC Plans



	HOLYOKE			Commonwealth of Massachusetts Group Insurance Commission						
INSURANCE CARRIER	Mea	lth New England	Health New England	fallon health	TUFTS Health Plan	Harvard Pilgrim HealthCare	Health New England	UNICARE		
PLAN NAME	Essential \$ 4000 Essential \$ 5,000		PPO \$ 4,000	Select Care	HEALTH PLAN NAVIGATOR *	INDEPENDENCE PLAN*	нмо	нмо		
IN/OUT NETWORK	IN-NETWORK	IN-NETWORK	IN-NETWORK	IN-NETWORK	IN-NETWORK	IN-NETWORK	IN-NETWORK	IN-NETWORK		
Contribution Strategy	Employer Pays 71% -	S / 67%-F for HMO and 66%	-S / 64%- F for PPO							
EFFECTIVE DATE		7/1/2021				7/1/2021				
DEDUCTIBLE	\$1,000 / \$2,000	\$2,000 / \$4,000	\$1,000 / \$2,000	\$500 / \$1,000 Rx Deductible: \$100 / \$200	\$500 / \$1,000 Rx Deductible: \$100 / \$200	\$500 / \$1,000 Rx Deductible: \$100 / \$200	\$400 / \$800 Rx Deductible: \$100 / \$200	\$500 / \$1,000 Rx Deductible: \$100 / \$200		
HRA ARRANGEMENT	Employee pays first \$ 1,000 - S / \$ 2,000-F	Employee pays first \$ 2,000 - S / \$ 4,000-F	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A		
EMERGENCY ROOM	\$150	\$ 150	\$1 50	\$1 00	\$100	\$100	\$1 00	\$1 00		
OUT OF POCKET MAX	\$7,350 /\$14,700	\$7,350 /\$14,700	\$7,350 /\$14,700	\$5,000 / \$10,000	\$5,000 / \$10,000	\$5,000 / \$10,000	\$5,000 / \$10,000	\$5,000 / \$10,000		
ROUTINE PREVENTIVE CARE	\$0	\$ 0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$ 0	\$0		
OFFICE VISIT PCP	\$20	\$20	\$20	\$20	\$10 / \$20 / \$40	\$10 / \$20 / \$40	\$20	\$ 15 / \$20		
SPECIALITY VISIT	\$25	\$ 25	\$25	\$30 / \$60 / \$75	\$30 / \$60 / \$75	\$30 / \$60 / \$75	\$30 / \$60	\$30 / \$60 / \$75		
INPATIENT HOSPITAL	\$0 After Ded.	\$0 After Ded.	\$0 After Ded.	\$275	\$275 / \$500 / \$1,500	\$275 / \$500 / \$1,500	\$275	\$ 275		
OUTPATIENT HOSPITAL	\$0 After Ded.	\$0 After Ded.	\$0 After Ded.	\$250	\$250	\$250	\$250	\$250		
RX RETAIL (TIERS 1/2/3)	\$10 / \$20 / \$35	\$10 / \$20 / \$35	\$10 / \$20 / \$35	\$10 / \$30 / \$65	\$10 / \$30 / \$65	\$10 / \$30 / \$65	\$10 / \$30 / \$65	\$10 / \$30 / \$65		
RX Mail (TIERS 1/2/3)	\$10 / \$20 / \$35	\$10 / \$20 / \$35	\$10 / \$20 / \$35	\$10 / \$30 / \$65	\$25 / \$75 / \$ 165	\$25 / \$75 / \$ 165	\$25 / \$75 / \$ 165	\$25 / \$75 / \$ 165		

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Number Covered by Plan Holyoke										
HMO HMO PPO 4k 5k 4k										
		MON	THLY RATE COM	IPARISON						
EE ONLY 536 122 81	\$714.46	\$694.95	\$733.99	\$862.00	\$836.65	\$960.90	\$630.33	\$781.99		
EE + FAMILY 349 78 59	\$1,840.59	\$1,790.34	\$1,890.91	\$2,100.58	\$2,045.03	\$2,347.91	\$1,504.45	\$1,866.72		
HRA COST/Month Single	\$28.00	\$38.00	\$28.00	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A		
HRA COST/Month Family	\$56.00	\$76.00	\$56.00	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A		
TOTAL COST Single	\$742.46	\$732.95	\$761.99	\$862.00	\$836.65	\$960.90	\$630.33	\$781.99		
Family	\$1,896.59	\$1,866.34	\$1,946.91	\$2,100.58	\$2,045.03	\$2,347.91	\$1,504.45	\$1,866.72		
TOTAL PREMIUM plus HRA COST:		\$17,657,457		\$19,894,799	\$19,346,027	\$22,214,272	\$14,363,719	\$17,821,398		

HRA Expenses: \$608,256.00

*Closed to New Members

NOTE: HRA Expenses (The monies paid by the City of Holyoke to reimburse a portion of the employees' deductibles) are specified in this exhibit for an accurate comparison of the total expenditure for the health plans.

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City of Holyoke Rates vs.
The GIC and Other
Municipalities' Rates

Benchmarking 2020 - 2021 Health Rates for Municipalities

	Chicopee				West S	pringfield			Agawam					
	HNE	BCBS	HNE	BCBS	1	BCBS	BCBS	1	BCBS	BCBS	BCBS			
Single:	\$599.48	\$936.39	\$931.39	\$976.42	Single:	\$633.88	\$894.15	Single:	\$698.94	\$1,433.46	\$1,594.43			
Family:	\$1,607.05	\$2,433.34	\$2,509.91	\$2,547.21	Family:	\$1,666.32	\$2,225.57	Family:	\$1,747.22	\$3,583.75	\$3,986.12			
	Westfield Holyok		Holyok	ke (Premium) 2021 Holyoke (Pr			emium + HRA Claims) 2021				MIIA - Ludlow			
	HNE/BCBS	HNE/BCBS		HNE	HNE	HNE	HNE	HNE	HNE			BCBS	BCBS	
Single:	\$637.61	\$992.96	Single:	\$724.33	\$704.55	\$744.13	\$752.33	\$742.55	\$772.13		Single:	\$729.21	\$892.13	
Family:	\$1,667.64	\$2,651.55	Family:	\$1,866.01	\$1,815.06	\$1,917.02	\$1,922.01	\$1,891.06	\$1,973.02		Double:	\$1,458.42	\$1,784.23	
											Family:	\$1,998.04	\$2,444.41	
	GIC 2021 & (Springfield) 2021					Longmeadow/ Wilbraham/Ham				pden/ E.L				
	Fallon	Tufts	Harvard	HNE	Unicare		BCBS	BCBS	Tufts	HNE		Palmer		
Single:	\$862.00	\$836.65	\$960.90	\$630.33	\$781.99	Single:	\$811.00	\$1,453.00	\$744.00	\$822.00		Fallon	Fallon	
Family:	\$2,100.58	\$2,045.03	\$2,347.91	\$1,504.45	1,866.72	Family:	\$2,009.00	\$3,162.00	\$2,035.00	\$2,052.00	Single:	\$869.28	\$1,395.92	
											Family:	\$2,320.88	\$3,713.52	
	MIIA - Che	elmsford		MIIA -Fox	borough		,	Westford] [Worce		
	BCBS	BCBS		BCBS	BCBS		BCBS	BCBS	BCBS] [BCBS	BCBS	Fallon	BCBS
Single:	\$818.91	\$1,025.08	Single:	\$842.65	\$1,028.32	Single:	\$892.58	\$932.91	\$1,009.52	Single:	\$901.67	\$758.10	\$613.85	\$1,017.73
Family:	\$2,120.25	\$2,654.33	Family:	\$2,178.75	\$2,658.52	Family:	\$2,341.24	\$2,447.01	\$2,647.96	Family:	\$2,331.13	\$1,882.21	\$1,542.05	\$2,631.50
	MIIA -N	orwell		MIIA -Pi	ttsfield		Schools Lowe	ell-Haverhill		Natick]	
	BCBS	BCBS		BCBS	BCBS		BCBS	BCBS		Fallon	Tufts	Harvard	BCBS	
Single:	\$885.51	\$1,258.33	Single:	\$792.74	\$725.37	Single:	\$966.00	\$1,059.00	Single:	\$754.00	\$1,035.00	\$969.00	\$1,029.00	
Family:	\$2,357.12	\$2,981.45	Family:	\$2,079.38	\$1,898.29	Family:	\$2,501.00	\$2,744.00	Family:	\$2,032.00	\$2,709.00	\$2,524.00	\$2,759.00	

NOTE: PLAN WITH LARGEST ENROLLMENT IN YELLOW



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GIC Rate History

GIC History 2014 - 2021

2014		Fallon		Tufts		Harvard		HNE		Unicare	
	Single	\$619.25		\$623.70		\$689.70		\$486.25		\$660.60	_
_	Family	\$1,477.35		\$1,497.95		\$1,673.85		\$1,196.25		\$1,567.20	
			% increase		% increase		% increase		% increase		% increase
2015		Fallon		Tufts		Harvard		HNE		Unicare	
	Single	\$658.65	6.36%	\$662.90	6.29%	\$752.70	9.13%	\$498.50	2.52%	\$659.35	-0.19%
	Family	\$1,571.95	6.40%	\$1,609.50	7.45%	\$1,872.50	11.87%	\$1,226.55	2.53%	\$1,566.95	-0.02%
			% increase		% increase		% increase		<u>% increase</u>		% increase
2016		Fallon		Tufts		Harvard		HNE		Unicare	
	Single	\$690.66	4.86%	\$686.34	3.54%	\$816.43	8.47%	\$534.87	7.30%	\$659.56	0.03%
	Family	\$1,657.54	5.44%	\$1,674.68	4.05%	\$1,992.07	6.39%	\$1,326.04	8.11%	\$1,567.20	0.02%
			% increase		% increase		% increase		$\underline{\% \ increase}$		% increase
2017		Fallon		Tufts		Harvard		HNE		Unicare	
	Single	\$737.06	6.72 %	\$728.84	6.19%	\$827.85	1.40%	\$552.75	3.34%	\$697.30	5.72 %
	Family	\$1,778.89	6.72 %	\$1,778.41	6.19%	\$2,010.60	1.40%	\$1,360.75	3.34%	\$1,656.85	5.72 %
			% increase		% increase		% increase		% increase		% increase
2018		Fallon		Tufts		Harvard		HNE		Unicare	
	Single Family	\$763.00 \$1,849.10	3.52% 3.52%	\$740.90 \$1,805.60	1.65% 1.65%	\$823.80 \$2,002.40	-0.49% -0.49%	\$549.10 \$1,302.00	-0.66% -0.66%	\$700.15 \$1,655.35	0.41% 0.41%
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			% increase		% increase		% increase		% increase		% increase
2018		Fallon		Tufts		Harvard		HNE		Unicare	
	Single	\$763.00	3.52%	\$740.90	1.65%	\$823.80	-0.49%	\$549.10	-0.66%	\$700.15	0.41%
	Family	\$1,849.10	3.52%	\$1,805.60	1.65%	\$2,002.40	-0.49%	\$1,302.00	-0.66%	\$1,655.35	0.41%
			0/ incress		0/ incress		0/ increase		0/ incress		0/ incress
		- 11	<u>% increase</u>	- 6	<u>% increase</u>		% increase		<u>% increase</u>		<u>% increase</u>
2019		Fallon	6.30%	Tufts	0.030/	Harvard	7.00%	HNE	2.05%	Unicare	0.000/
	Single	\$811.79 \$1,971.50	6.39% 6.39%	\$747.76 \$1,822.20	0.93% 0.93%	\$889.65 \$2,171.49	7.99% 7.99%	\$570.81 \$1,356.54	3.95% 3.95%	\$700.15 \$1,655.35	0.00% 0.00%
	· anning	Ç1,571.50	0.3370	V1,022.20	0.55%	92,171.43	7.5570	Ç1,330.34	3.5570	Ç1,033.33	0.0076
			% increase		% increase		% increase		% increase		% increase
2020		Fallon		Tufts		Harvard		HNE		Unicare	
	Single	\$839.75	3.44%	\$802.75	7.35%	\$920.50	3.47%	\$598.70	4.89%	\$727.70	3.93%
	Family	\$2,032.40	3.44%	\$1,951.15	7.35%	\$2,237.90	3.47%	\$1,416.35	4.89%	\$1,723.00	3.93%
			% increase		% increase		% increase		% increase		% increase
2021		Fallon		Tufts		Harvard		HNE		Unicare	
	Single	862	2.65%	\$836.65	4.22%	\$960.90	4.39%	\$630.33	5.28%	\$781.99	7.46 %
	Family	2100.58	2.65%	\$2,045.03	4.22%	\$2,347.91	4.39%	\$1,504.45	5.28%	\$1,866.72	7.46%
Past 1	7 year A	verage Incre	ease per Yea	r (Not Includ	ing Rates Ef	fective July	1,2021 since	not release	d as of yet.)		
			Fallon		Tufts		Harvard		HNE		Unicare
		Single	5.57%	•	3.72%	•	5.30%	•	3.29%	•	3.47%
		Family	5.70%		4.05%		5.43%		3.46%		1.23%

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Market Summary

City of Holyoke's Compared to Other Municipalities



City of Holyoke's plan rates for FY 2022 are the 5th lowest compared to similar sized Municipalities in Western Massachusetts.

City of Chicopee, Town of Agawam, City of Westfield and The Town of West Springfield all had rates (ranging from 4% to 11%) lower than the City of Holyoke.

City of Holyoke's plans are less rich in benefits than all other plans analyzed including, but not limited to; GIC plans, Westfield, Chicopee, Agawam, West Springfield, Pittsfield, Ludlow, Springfield (on the GIC), and all Cities or Towns on MIIA plans.

All other communities had higher rates than the City of Holyoke other than, Agawam, Chicopee, Westfield and West Springfield.

All Plans with MIIA analyzed had higher rates than the City of Holyoke (ranging from 4% - 17% higher).

All GIC plans, with a comparable broad provider network, had higher rates than the City of Holyoke except the Health New England (HNE) offered through the GIC.

HUB

GIC Analysis

The GIC FY 2022 rate increases ranged from 4% to 11%.

If the City of Holyoke made a move to the GIC there could be savings if all employee enrolled in the Health New England (HNE) plan. The total annual savings would be approximately \$ 3,529,179.

With a move to the GIC the City of Holyoke employees would have access to all other plans offered through the GIC. Many of the plans available would cost more than the current plans offered by the City of Holyoke. The total cost increase of those plans would be in the range of \$ 2,001,901 to \$ 4,321,374 above the anticipated FY 2022 expected expenditure with the current plans offered through HNE by the City of Holyoke.

It is difficult to predict how many employees would choose the HNE plan offered by the GIC and how many employee would choose the other available plans (Harvard, Tufts, Fallon and Unicare).

There are potential savings with a move to the GIC, but there is a potential risk it could cost the City of Holyoke more annually.





MIIA Declined to Provide Rates (They could not compete with the Health New England Renewal).

Cigna Declined to Provide Rates (They could not compete with the Health New England Renewal).

Aetna, UnitedHealthcare, Harvard/Tufts and Fallon could not be competitive with Health New England.



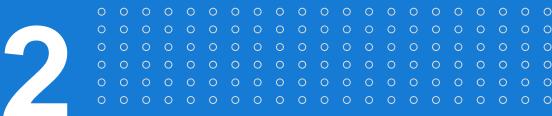
Summary

The City of Holyoke is best served by remaining with Health New England. There is a risk to joining the GIC. Savings could only be attained if the majority of the City's employees enroll in Health New England through The GIC, but if many employees enroll in the other plans offered (Tufts, Harvard, Fallon and Unicare) it could cost The City of Holyoke more money.

- The most recent mature claims/premium loss ratio is 93.3%.
- There was over \$ 2.4 million in claims paid for people no longer on the plan which equates to 16.3% of the claims on the most recent claims report.
- Based on this information the renewal from Health New England should be approximately 2-3%.
- A partially self-insured arrangement would Save the City of Holyoke an average of 3.2% per year over a five year period. This would equate to approximately \$ 2.2 million of savings over a five year period.

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Summary



Opportunities for Savings



2-a.

HealthShare Works

Health\$hare Works Program



Implement the "Health\$hare Works" program from Health New England (HNE).

HNE will return a portion the City of Holyoke's premium if certain targeted Loss Ratio (Premium to Claims) is achieved.

Example: Health\$hare Goal 86% Loss Ratio. If the Loss Ratio is 82% at the end of the plan year HNE would return 50% of the difference.

86% - 82% = 4%. So 50% of the 4% would equate 2% of the premium and would be refunded to the City of Holyoke.

Assuming Annual Premium of \$ 17,242,788 then 2% or \$ 344,855 would be returned to the City of Holyoke.

2-b.

Wellness Strategies / Health & Performance

Develop and Implement a Wellness Strategy



Contract with a company that has dedicated full-time Health & Performance (wellness) consultants who are 100% focused on corporate wellness.

Through a proven and repeatable process, an organization with a wellness division can apply a datadriven approach that identifies challenges and offers health management solutions that reduce risk and support holistic wellbeing.

Utilize an organization that does not just utilize a biometric model that narrowly identifies cardiovascular risk factors and attempts to tie those risks to medical costs., but one who would take a broader view to recognize the root cause of poor health and low levels of wellbeing. With attention to significant factors like the environment, workplace policies and practices, social norms and other lifestyle aspects. Utilize a company whose strategies go beyond impacting just medical costs. A full service wellness initiative will set your program up for success across multiple metrics. The results: increased productivity, improved morale and retention, and a measurable value on investment, often including better control of health insurance trend.

Develop and Implement a Wellness Strategy (continued)



For City of Holyoke, A full service Wellness/Health and Performance (H&P) would managed the development and delivery of a strategic multi-year plan that would build upon existing wellness services and directly address the leading risks and costs that poor health are creating for the organization. In addition to data analysis and recommendations (which is described in greater detail in the next question), key H&P deliverables include the following:

- Design and implementation of custom employee engagement/health culture survey to identify challenges and benchmark engagement.
- Develop/update a City of Holyoke -specific mission statement that builds from the City of Holyoke corporate mission, vision and values that helps integrate wellbeing as a core value.
- Introduce and support an employer wellbeing portal. One similar to "ChooseWell Online"
- Support the creation and operation of a diverse network of Wellness Champions that enhances workplace employee engagement, and empowers individuals to own their individual health improvement.
- Measure Organizational Wellbeing through a nationally benchmarked Scorecard
- Assess gaps in service and opportunities to elevate under-utilized benefits and resources inside and outside the robust benefits offered through City of Holyoke.
- Collaborate with key HR leaders to develop a data-driven wellbeing strategy that reaches across all areas of wellbeing.

HUB's Approach to Helping Clients Develop and Implement a Wellness Strategy (cont.)



- Assess vendor capabilities, as needed manage a vendor-selection process and support the implementation of new/additional services.
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A Wellness/Health & Performance organization's knowledge of behavior change and experience working within the wellbeing industry, the outcome is a results-driven integration of superior benefits and targeted health and care management services.

ChooseWell Online





- 24/7 employer access to wellbeing tools & resources
- Program planning resources & guides to help Employers get started
- Turn-key resources to promote wellbeing at the worksite:

- Newsletters
- Challenges

- Awareness Campaigns
- Posters & Tip Sheets

ChooseWell Online





Small Group Wellbeing Toolkit

- Turnkey monthly program
- Low cost incentive ideas
- Low cost national vendors

Activity Resource Guide

- Quarterly themes with monthly challenges and awareness campaigns
- Cherry pick initiative that align with your goals

Employee Communications





2021 CHOOSEWELL ACTIVITY RESOURCE GUIDE





Personal Development
Challenge: New Year, New You*

Campaign: SMART Goals

FEBRUARY

Managing Your Money

Challenge: Common Cents (WELCOA)*
Campaign: National Wear Red Day

MARCH

Building Resilience
Challenge: Bounce Back*

Campaign: Nutrition Month

GOOD FOR THE SOUL

APRIL

Environmental Friendliness Challenge: Go Green Bingo*

Campaign: Financial Wellbeing Guide

MAY

Better Sleep

Challenge: Get Your ZZZs*
Campaign: Get Fit Don't Sit

JUNE

Give to Get

Challenge: Random Acts of Kindness*

Campaign: Volunteer Guide

GOOD FOR

THE BODY

JULY

Physical Fitness

Challenge: <u>Tag! You're Healthy*</u>

Campaign: Parks & Recreation Toolkit

AUGUST

Hydration

Challenge: Better Beverage*

Campaign: Flu Shot Campaign

SEPTEMBER

Reducing Sugar Intake

Challenge: Beat the Sweets
Campaign: Fruits & Veggies More
Matters Guide

GOOD FOR LIFE

OCTOBER

Fall Back into Health

Challenge: Fall Back into Fitness*

Campaign: Breast Cancer Awareness

NOVEMBER

Being Thankful

Challenge: 21 Days of Gratitude*

Campaign: Great American Smokeout

DECEMBER

Work/Life Balance

Challenge: <u>Find Your Balance*</u>
Campaign: <u>Giving Tuesday</u>

Notes: When viewed electronically, access each package by clicking on the title.

Campaigns are a combination of National Health Observances and additional ChooseWell Resources to help promote health awareness.

*New challenge.



2020 CHOOSEWELL



CHOOSEWELL CHALLENGES

- 21 Days of Gratitude*
- 5 A Day Challenge
- 7-Minute Workout
- 30 Miles in 30 Days
- Be Resilient
- Beat the Sweets
- Better Beverage*
- Bounce Back*
- Chew on This
- Common Cents by WELCOA*
- Couch to 5K
- Fall Back into Fitness*
- Financial Football
- Find Your Balance*
- FINGO Financial Wellness
- Get Your ZZZs
- Go Green Bingo*
- Healthy Holiday Habits
- Heart to Heart
- Hello H2O!

- In-Tune (WELCOA)
- Mindful Munching
- New Year, New You*
- Random Acts of Kindness*
- Ready, Set, Goal!
- Recess Team Challenge
- Restful Night's Sleep
- Revive and Thrive
- Stepping it Up
- Stress Less
- <u>Tag! You're Healthy*</u>
- The Amazing Race
- Weight Loss Winner
- WELGO
- Wellbeing Sudoku

CHOOSEWELL CAMPAIGNS

- Adopt a Family Guide
- AHA Cholesterol Education
- Because I said I would.®
- Brain Power
- Breast Cancer Awareness*
- Certified Healthy
- Deskercise
- Earth Day
- Employee Health & Fitness Month
- Financial Literacy Month
- Financial Wellbeing
 - Resource Guide*
- Flu Shot Campaign*
- Fruit & Veggies More
 Matters Guide*

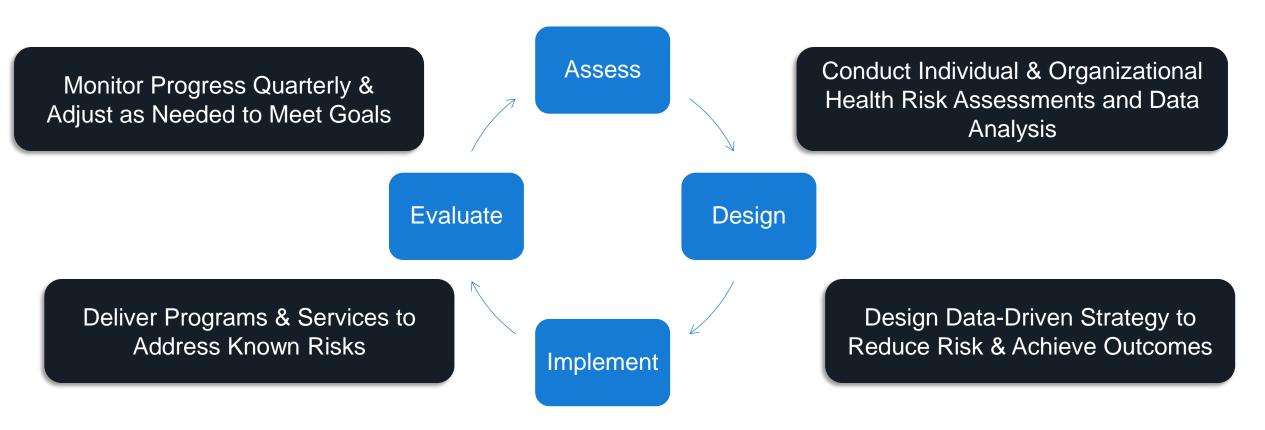
- Get Fit, Don't Sit
- Giving Tuesday*
- Great American Smokeout
- I Will to Be Well
- National Fun At Work Day*
- National Wear Red Day
- Nutrition Month
- Parks & Recreation
 Month Toolkit*
- Portion Control
- SMART Goals
- Volunteer Guide

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Approach to Health and Performance



Four Phase Approach for Delivering Meaningful Outcomes.



2-c.

Dependent Audit

Dependent Audit



Many large employers are challenged with verification of employees' eligible dependents.

- Every year many organizations lose thousands, if not millions of dollars by covering dependents that are not eligible for their company-sponsored health plans. A Dependent Verification Service can prevent this loss, ensure that only eligible dependents are covered, and stay compliant.
- Most plan participants who enroll an ineligible dependent are unaware of what they are doing and don't know or understand their plan's dependent eligibility rules. It's rare for plan participants to intentionally enroll an ineligible dependent.
- Health Insurance carriers do not routinely verify dependents for employers.
- An average of 4% to 8% of dependents are determined to be ineligible in initial audits.
- The annual savings will range from \$ 4,800 \$7,200 per dependent per year.

Dependent Audit Process



- 1. During the planning phase the City of Holyoke will meet with the Dependent Audit Firm to set Audit parameters. We establish:
 - Timeline
 - Audit requirements
 - Communication strategy
 - Drafts of documents are provided, edited, and approved.
- 2. During the Determination and Verification phase
 - City of Holyoke will issue initial communications according to plan. Provide employees with announcement, verification forms, Q & A, Audit Firm's contact information and any other materials agreed on in planning phase.
 - The Audit Firm can provides updates every 2 weeks on the status of the replies. Works with HR team to send follow up messages.
 - The Audit Firm contacts employees who provide incomplete information as needed.
 - At the end of the verification phase, formal letters of verification or denial are issued, and options for appeal or other coverage are given.

Dependent Audit Process continued:



4. Appeal phase

- Appeals are held and reviewed by City of Holyoke and The Audit Firm.
- Appeal results are communicated to employees by The Audit Firm.
- Counsel and provide assistance in locating other coverages.

5. Implementation

Process any terminations of dependents that need to be handled.

6. Final Accounting

 The Audit Firm provides final accounting of premium reduction due to ineligible dependents removed from plans.

Thank you.

We appreciate this opportunity to present the capabilities and services that HUB has to offer The City of Holyoke. Our goal is to provide you with superior services, as well as the planning and management of all your insurance needs.

If you have any questions in regards to this presentation or our services, please feel free to contact us.