# COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGE

BY PARTNERING WITH HEALTHALLIANCE BENEFIT PLAN



WHY HealthAlliance?

Securing health insurance for your employees is cheaper than purchasing it themselves – as a group, you have more control

and can ensure that the money you spend on insurance is well spent. Plus, you need expertise. That is where HEALTHAlliance Benefit Plan (HABP) comes in.

HABP was created by FUELIowa to provide the best healthcare benefits in Iowa at great rates to help its members succeed. By forming a large group, HABP's volume provides better plans with great partners like Wellmark Blue Cross Blue Shield of Iowa at Iower costs than FUELIowa members may obtain on their own in the open market.

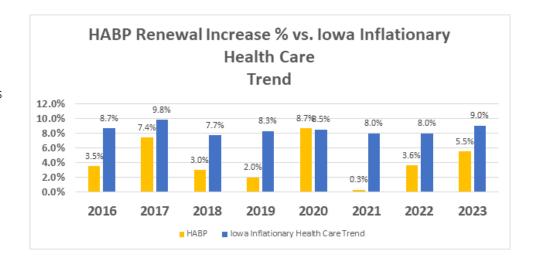
"Strong health
benefit options are
tools for recruiting and
retaining
employees, and HABP
offers solutions that fit
our industry," says
Lori Thielen,
VP of Finance for
Rainbo Oil.

#### **Cost Stability & Containment**

For 2023, the average statewide increase for health coverage is 9%. However, HAPB's overall increase is only 5.5%. HABP has regularly outperformed the industry and provided stability for its members – a significant competitive advantage for participating members.

Take a look at the chart. Over the past eight years, HABP's annual increase has only been 4.2% vs. the Wellmark average of 8.5%. Over eight years, that adds up, in fact,

#### HABP RENEWAL INCREASE % vs. WELLMARK BENCHMARK



that is more than 30% cumulatively higher outside of HABP.

Chad McAllister of Prairie Ag Commodities switched to HABP in January of 2019. "It's definitely taken the volatility out of our pre-miums and allowed us to offer a competitive health care pack-age for our employees."

### Richer Plans – Bigger Network

While HABP's cost stability is a huge advantage, the health plans offered are also much richer. HABP offers nine distinct Wellmark Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Iowa plans allowing employers and employees to customize their health coverage to their needs. Further, HABP is not age-rated, and there are no additional premium charges per dependent.

By partnering with Wellmark Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Iowa, HABP's provider network is the

most extensive in the United States. 100% of all lowa hospitals and 99% of Iowa physicians participate with Wellmark Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Iowa. 96% of all hospitals and 93% of all doctors and specialists across the United States participate in the Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association. Whether in Iowa, Florida or Montana, a member covered through Blue Cross and Blue Shield can rely upon access to the largest nation-wide provider network and be far less concerned about a "surprise" medical bill whether at home or traveling.

A tool HABP is providing covered members is access to Doctors on Demand. This is a telehealth option, for minor illnesses and injuries. It is one way a member can access a provider, receive necessary care, and save money. Information on this benefit plus more can be found at the HABP website: www. HealthAllianceBenefitPlan.com.

# Health Alliance Dental Coverage

Another employee benefit to offer is dental coverage. HABP offers two different plan options through Delta Dental of Iowa with the main difference -coverage for orthodontia. Making dental coverage available offers your employees the opportunity to maintain good oral health, which is key to maintaining overall good health. Delta Dental has the most extensive provider network in Iowa and the United States, and they provide covered members access to receive the dental care needed.



#### What else is NEW?

New in 2022, HABP moved life insurance carriers. Our life insurance products are now underwritten thru Symetra, which will provide a \$15,000 life benefit to participating health insured employees as well as supplemental life at great rates. This change provides a much-needed upgrade in life coverage and the opportunity to layer on additional benefits down the road. Go to our website under Resources for more information.

# Employer Support – Billing, Customer Service, and Compliance

Partnering with HABP is like hav-

ing an expert on staff with essential industry knowledge on compliance, administration, customer service support, as well as consolidated billing and easy enrollment so your team can focus on growing your business.

Four years ago, Paula Spiekermeier, human resources coordinator of Chem Gro of Houghton, Inc, joined HAPB and has since moved all paperwork online and taken advantage of HABP's customer service lifting a significant burden off her staff and allowing her to focus on strategic initiatives. "HealthAlliance offers a great support system. If I have any questions about any aspect of our plan, HABP is just a phone call away."



# Are you interested in taking control of your plans with HealthAlliance?

HABP already has 80 FUELlowa member companies as part of our Alliance, and our Trustees have authorized the addition of more FUELlowa member employers this year. "HealthAlliance is being managed by people who are members of FUELlowa and are committed to caring about fuel & similar types of trades. That is a positive," Bryan Bandstra, Legal and Risk Director at Key Cooperative. "I strongly urge

you to contact HEALTHAlliance's Mary Johnson at 515-237-0121 to learn more about what HABP can do for you. "

Learn more at
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