# August 2024

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## **PIPAC News/Events**

### **Small Group**

9/1/2024 Effective Dates:

Wellmark and United Healthcare (UHC) new group, renewal and plan change paperwork is due to PIPAC by Thursday August 15th. All completed paperwork must be submitted by 3:00 pm to ensure processing.

Please visit www.pipac.com for the complete deadline schedule and other company deadlines.

LIVE FROM **8/9/2024 9:00 am** 8/23/2024 9:00 am

Get the latest news from our PIPAC experts on carrier and industry updates, product highlights, what's hot, system updates and upcoming classes!

Contact Jennifer Wahl at jwahl@pipac.com to sign up for these webinars!

# Wellmark<sub>®</sub>



# **COST SAVER** PROGRAM

Offered by CVS and powered by GoodRx

## Effective July 1, 2024

All members enrolled in an Individual ACA, GF/ GM or Group plan will have access to a Cost Saver Program for all Non-Specialty Generic drugs, when the member is paying 100% cost share (HDHP), whether at a retail pharmacy or through a Mail Order Pharmacy, giving the member the lowest cost option for applicable prescription drugs.

## For questions or more info, contact the Group Department.







# **2024 STAR RATINGS**

We are excited to share that Wellmark Medicare Advantage PPO Plans have been awarded a 4-star rating for 2024!

Additionally, MercyOne MediGold HMO Plans have achieved an impressive 5-star rating! These ratings reflect our commitment to providing exceptional healthcare services and ensuring our members receive the highest quality care.

Thank you for your trust and support as we continue to strive for excellence.

### For questions or more info, contact the **Individual Department**



Individual Health 800.765.1710



individualdept@pipac.com



# 5 SIGNS YOUR CLIENTS MAY NEED MORE LIFE INSURANCE

As life changes, insurance needs change with it. Depending on events that have happened and how your clients' mindsets have evolved since first buying a policy, it may be a good idea to make sure they have enough coverage.

#### 1. Had a child

The cost of raising a child through age 17 is \$233,610, according to 2015 data from the U.S. Department of Agriculture—and that's not even mentioning college costs if you plan to help out.

### 2. Bought a new home

Two of the top five reasons people get life insurance is to cover mortgage debt and to pay for home expenses, according to the 2018 Insurance Barometer Study by Life Happens and LIMRA.

### 3. Income has increased dramatically

If they have recently gotten a significant raise or your income has increased steadily since they last bought insurance, check to make sure the insurance coverage is still enough to replace it.

#### 4. Lifestyle has changed

If they have noticed that they have been spending more per month than they were a year or two ago, their current life insurance policy may leave a gap between its coverage and their loved ones' needs.

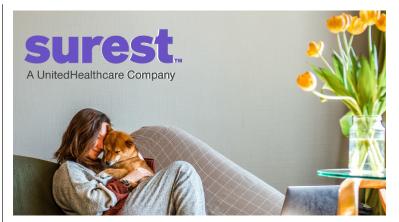
### 5. Thinking about your estate planning

Another top-five reason people get life insurance is to transfer wealth or leave an inheritance. As people get older, many start thinking more about what kind of legacy they want to leave behind.

# Contact the Life Department today if you have any questions!







# SUREST - SEE HOW POWERFUL SIMPLE CAN BE

When it comes to knowing health care prices in advance, consumers are often kept out of the loop. It's different with the Surest plan. Members can check costs and compare care options before making an appointment.

No guessing, and prices for health services that often occur together are bundled into a single copay. Know what's owed in advance and receive a single bill for the services delivered in that one visit.

Prices (copays) are lower for higher-value options, based on quality, efficiency and overall effectiveness of care. With this visibility, members choose differently. *The result?* 

Savings opportunities for employers and employees.

### Features of the Surest plan:

- ACA-compliant health plan for employers with 51+ employees, available nationwide
- Self-funded and fully insured options
- No deductible, no coinsurance
- See prices in advance
- Broad, national UnitedHealthcare network
- Virtual health network

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## **NEW PlanEnroll FEATURES:**

The Integrity MedicareCENTER platform helps agents provide better service, manage clients, build relationships, and grow their sales.

- PlanEnroll Personal Agent Website Customizations professional photo, bio, and office hours, products and languages.
- PlanEnroll Client Sync gather key consumer information, get permission to contact, get a signed SOA, stay synced with clients through their PlanEnroll profile.
- PlanEnroll Consumer Profile Enhancements complete "to-do items". see a more detailed activity stream, view health insurance cards and Legacy Safeguard Membership Card, learn more about their agent and ways to connect.
- PlanEnroll Agent Map Updates consumers can view agent's contact information and bio, consumers who connect with agents through the Agent Map are considered free leads.
- Agent-Triggered Marketing send pre-approved marketing emails and text messages to clients, create automated campaigns or one-time sends, engagement stored within client contact record.

Key Feature	Others	PlanEnroll
Client Shares Information with Agent — Personal, Health, Doctor, Pharmacy and Prescription	✓	✓
Client References Information — and Can Update as Needed		<b>~</b>
Agent Updates Information Which is Then Shared Back with Client		<b>~</b>
Automatically Creates Client Record In CRM		<b>~</b>
Client Can Shop / Enroll On Their Own (Agent Gets Credit)		<b>~</b>
Client Can View Plan They Enroll In		<b>~</b>
Captures Permission to Contact (PTC)	<b>✓</b>	✓
Completes Scope of Appointment (SOA)	<b>~</b>	<b>~</b>
Scope of Appointment Tracking		✓
Pre-Approved and Compliant Marketing Material		~

Across the entire platform, Integrity technology works together seamlessly to help agents and the clients they serve. Integrity's mission is to make the process of securing health and well-being simpler, more beneficial, and ultimately more human. This technology helps take the hassle out of running your business, so you can focus your efforts on serving your clients.

If you would like assistance with or have questions contact our Agent **Technology Coordinator, Kenny Bruington.** 

Please email kenny@pipac.com, call 319-268-7104, or scan the QR code to set up a 1:1.

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# MEDICARE CERTIFICATION OVERVIEW

Agents cannot market or receive renewal commission or sell any carriers' products until they are certified. You can begin marketing plans for January 1st effective dates on October 1st of the prior year and you can begin selling plans as of October 15th of the prior year. For this reason, we recommend that you complete your certification before October 1st.

Each carrier has their own certification process and therefore you should be aware of what their requirements are as to not duplicate trainings or spend extra time or money. Because your approach can vary depending on which carrier(s) you plan to certify with, we have listed several scenarios below based on which carrier(s) you plan to sell.

### Selling for one company only:

- Wellmark Medicare Advantage/MedicareBlue Rx Only Only take the Pinpoint Global training. The cost is \$99.95.
- UnitedHealthcare Only take the UnitedHealthcare Medicare training. This training is free.
- Aetna and Silverscript only You must take AHIP to sell these plans. Go to the training site and it will direct you to AHIP and Aetna product specific courses. The cost for AHIP through Aetna is \$125. Face-to-face or online product training is required this year.
- Centene/WellCare AHIP is required. Cost is \$125.

### **Selling for multiple companies:**

 Aetna and any other company - Take Aetna training first as the AHIP will transfer to UnitedHealthcare Medicare, Centene/WellCare, Wellmark Blue Medicare Advantage and MedicareBlue RX, and take care of several of their training and exams.



Wellmark Advantage Health Plan (MAPD) and MedicareBlue Rx (PDP)

Deadline: Prior to 1st sale or by 12/7/24 for renewals

Go to: www.pipac.com/wellmarkcert



UnitedHealthcare MAPD & PDP (including AARO course)

Deadline: Prior to 1st sale or by 12/7/24 for renewals

Go to: www.pipac.com/UHCCert



Aetna MAPD & PDP

Deadline: Prior to 1st sale or by 12/7/24 for renewals

Go to: www.pipac.com/AetnaCert



MercyOne/MediGold

Deadline: Prior to 1st sale or by 12/7/24 for renewals

Go to: www.pipac.com/mercyonecert

Health Plan

Centene/Wellcare PDP

Deadline: Prior to 1st sale or by 12/7/24 for renewals Go to: www.pipac.com/Centene\_PDP\_Certification

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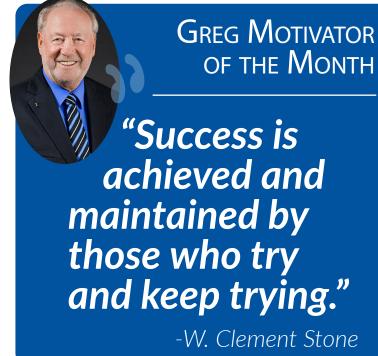
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# **AGENCY SERVICES SPOTLIGHT**



**AMBER** started with PIPAC in June of 2024 as the Director of First Impressions. She is in charge of answering and directing incoming calls. Amber assists with the mailroom and helps

with the creation of supply kits. Outside of work, Amber enjoys hanging out with her husband, gardening, baking, and being outside. Her favorite vacation is when she went to Yellowstone National Park. Amber has a 4-year-old Australian Shepherd that she adopted from the Humane Society.





## **2024 AEP WILL BE A SEASON OF SHOPPERS AND SWITCHES!**

With carriers leaving the market, agents who have a plan on how to move that business will be in a position to grow.

> Do you have a plan? Are you ready to win? PIPAC is here to help!

**Contact Scott or Casey today** today if you have any questions!

1.800.765.1710 or 319.277.8541



### **PUT YOUR LAZY MONEY TO WORK WITH ANNUITIES**

Annuity prices are starting to go down, but you can still take advantage of rates as high as 5.90%. This is a fantastic time to invest your lazy money in an annuity because of the tax deferred growth, protection from market downturns, and withdrawal privileges, among other benefits.

> **Contact the Life Department** today if you have any questions!





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