What Does It Mean To Be Self-Funded? Owens Community College



HOW IT WORKS

Fully Insured

- A monthly premium is paid to the insurance company based on the number of employees covered under the plan.
- The **insurance carrier holds the risk** and liability in paying the claims.

Self Funded – (Owens Community College is self-funded)

- <u>Fixed fees</u> (administration costs) are paid to the insurance company (UHC) on a monthly basis based on the number of employees covered under the medical plan.
- <u>Claims</u> are paid on a weekly basis.
- Owens Community College "pays their own way" so Owens Community
 College holds the risk and liability in paying the claims, not the insurance
 company (UHC).
- Self-funded insurance is a lower cost for employees than a fully insured plan would be for a company the size of Owens Community College.

Area of Greatest Opportunity

FIXED FEES (Admin)

13¢ UHC Administration Cost





VARIABLE COSTS (Claims)

Physician Costs
Prescriptions
Hospitalizations
Other Medical Services

Fixed Fees / Administration

Managed thru negotiation efforts with carrier

Variable Costs / Claims

Managed thru appropriate use of the medical plan and focus on health/wellbeing initiatives

WHY WELLNESS MATTERS?

Employees have the ability to impact direct costs to the plan.

If managing the 13¢ is the only approach to controlling health care costs, then results will be limited – even in a "best-case" scenario.

WHY IS THE CLINICAL COMPONENT IMPORTANT?

Employees monitoring their health and lifestyle...over 50% of all health care costs are due to lifestyle.

Identifying chronic conditions early allows for the **ability to manage chronic illnesses resulting in lower out of pocket costs, better overall health and improved prognosis.** The Owens Community College medical plan is designed to encourage members to seek age/gender appropriate preventive care services at no cost.

Healthcare trend is about 7%. In addition to trend, other factors such as plan design and utilization impact the overall cost of the plan. Many employers have implemented cost containment strategies such as mandatory wellness programs, smoking surcharges and spousal rules as a means to control rising healthcare costs. Owens Community College does not have any mandated rules or surcharges that apply to benefit elections.

Thank you!









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