

## Course Outline

### **Self-Funded Health Plan Basics**

*One-Credit Course*

#### **Introduction to Self-Funding**

- I. Why Self-Fund?
- II. Plan Sponsors and Employers
- III. Fully Insured and Self-Funded Plans
- IV. Government Regulation of Employer-Sponsored Group Health Plans

Estimated Time to Complete: 15 minutes

#### **Similarities and Costs of Self-Funded and Insured Plans**

- I. Similarities of Insured and Self-Funded Plans
- II. Costs of Self-Funding and Insurance

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#### **How Self-Funding Works**

- I. Administering Self-Funded Plans
- II. Service Providers for Self-Funded Plans
- III. Choosing to Fund With a Trust or on an Ongoing Basis
- IV. Two Types of Trusts
- V. Using Stop-Loss Insurance

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#### **Compliance with ERISA and Other Federal Laws**

- I. ERISA
- II. Other Federal Laws

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#### **Pros and Cons of Self-Funding**

- I. Advantages of Self-Funding
- II. Disadvantages of Self-Funding

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#### **Pros and Cons of Fully Insuring**

- I. Advantages of Fully Insured Plans
- II. Disadvantages of Fully Insured Plans

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#### **Plan Design Options and Tools for Mitigating Risk and Managing Costs**

- I. Provider Networks
- II. Tools for Lowering Risk Exposure and Managing Costs

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**Types of Organizations Sponsoring Self-Funded Plans**

- I. Types of Employer-Sponsored Health Plans
- II. Prevalence of Self-Funding by Firm Size

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