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 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 and Plan Design Options
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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