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SPBA Chair Kevin Schlotman Testifies at NAIC 2018 Summer Conference Meeting Regarding Self-Funding and Association Health Plans

Society of Professional Benefit Administrators (SPBA) Chair Kevin Schlotman, Benovation, testified on August 4, 2018, before the Health Insurance and Managed Care (B) Committee ERISA (B) Working Group at the National Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC) Summer Meeting held in Boston, Mass. One of the main issues discussed by the NAIC at the summer meeting was Association Health Plans.

“SPBA has worked collaboratively with federal and state government agencies over the years on regulatory issues and we offer our members’ expertise and practical experience in administering benefit plans on issues related to Association Health Plans that impact small employers, many of whom are self-funded,” said SPBA Chair Kevin Schlotman of Benovation, a TPA in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Citing the extensive experience of Third Party Administrators, Schlotman testified that “TPAs have worked with employers of all sizes for decades. TPAs also work with employers who seek innovative ways to provide health coverage for employees, such as Association Health Plans. TPAs have the expertise, knowledge and background to ensure employers maintain compliance with state and federal regulatory requirements while finding creative solutions that work best for their employees,” said Schlotman. “Transparency issues are critical to controlling healthcare cost increases and engaging employees. SPBA TPAs are leading the way toward identifying the real cost of care for our clients and their employees,” he said.

The Society of Professional Benefit Administrators is the leading national trade association of Third Party Administration (TPA) firms hired by employers and employee benefit plans to provide contract-based management of their employee benefit plans. It is estimated that 55% of all US workers and their dependents in non-federal health coverage are in plans administered by SPBA member TPAs. SPBA member TPA firms include every size and form of employment--large and small employers, non-federal governmental plans, union, non-union, collectively bargained multiemployer plans (Taft-Hartley), as well as plans representing religious entities. The majority of these employers sponsor ERISA self-funded plans.

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