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THIS MONTH

Volunteer with us and Join us for Happy Hour!

Two volunteer opportunities in November and join us for Happy Hour at Blue Mesa Grill in December.

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NABIP-DALLAS

Your quick look at this month's events, education, advocacy and chapter news.



FEATURED THIS MONTH

Volunteer with Feed my Starving Children

November 9th and/ or November 30

9:00 – 10:45

1680 N. Glenville Dr., Suite 300, Richardson, TX 75081

NABIP Dallas has two opportunities for members to come and volunteer. Choose your day and time. Then click the link to register!

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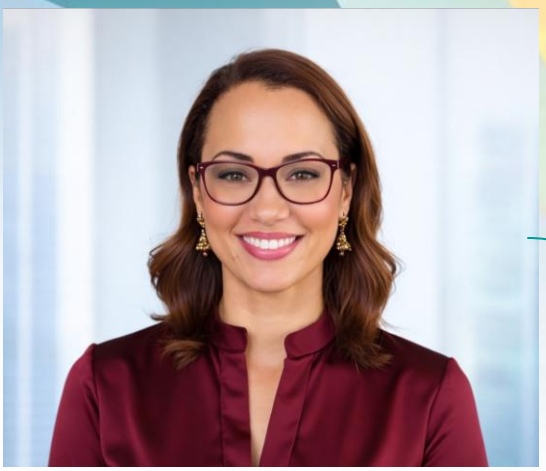

Dear NABIP Dallas Members and Friends,

As we head into the final months of 2026, I want to take a moment to thank each of you for being part of our NABIP Dallas community. Our chapter continues to thrive because of the dedication, involvement, and support of professionals like you who believe in the importance of education, advocacy, connection, and service.

This issue highlights some wonderful opportunities to get involved! On **November 9 and November 30**, NABIP Dallas members will have the opportunity to give back by volunteering with **Feed My Starving Children** in Richardson. I encourage you to consider joining us for one of these rewarding service events. It's a great reminder that our impact extends well beyond our industry.

We're also looking forward to celebrating the season together at our **Holiday Happy Hour on December 16** at Blue Mesa Grill. This will be a fun opportunity to reconnect with colleagues, make new friends, and celebrate another year of accomplishments. I hope to see you there!

On the advocacy front, NABIP continues to work tirelessly on issues that directly affect our profession and the clients we serve. From challenging restrictions on Marketplace agents and brokers to supporting greater transparency in prescription drug benefits, our national association is making sure our voices are heard. These efforts remind us why membership matters.

If you're not already a member, I encourage you to **Join NABIP** Membership provides access to valuable resources, professional development, advocacy, and a network of colleagues committed to strengthening our industry.

I also want to extend a heartfelt thank-you to our incredible sponsors. Your generosity and partnership help make our chapter's programs, events, and initiatives possible. If your organization would like to increase its visibility while supporting our professional community, please consider becoming a NABIP Dallas sponsor.

Finally, let's stay connected! Be sure to follow NABIP Dallas on LinkedIn for chapter news, upcoming events, industry updates, and opportunities to engage with fellow members. Please share our posts and help spread the word about all the great things happening within our chapter.

Thank you again for your continued support. Together, we are building a stronger chapter, a stronger profession, and a stronger community.

Warm regards,

Carmen Freeman
NABIP Dallas Chapter President
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The October Newsroom



NABIP Continues Legal Challenge Against CMS Moratorium Affecting Nearly 19,000 Agents and Brokers

October 22, 2026: With Open Enrollment beginning November 1, the National Association of Benefits and Insurance Professionals (NABIP) continues its legal challenge to a moratorium imposed by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS). The policy prevents approximately 19,000 licensed agents and brokers who were not registered with the federal Marketplace for Plan Year 2026 from registering to assist consumers during the upcoming Open Enrollment period.

Continue Reading: https://nabip.org/media/11439/final-cms-lawsuit-hearing_press-release_261022.pdf

NABIP Applauds New PBM Transparency Rule to Strengthen Accountability and Support Informed Benefits Decisions

October 30, 2026: NABIP applauds the U.S. Department of Labor's final rule strengthening transparency into the fees and compensation received by pharmacy benefit managers (PBMs) and their affiliates. The rule will give employers sponsoring large, self-insured health plans greater visibility into prescription drug benefit arrangements and additional tools to evaluate costs and fulfill their fiduciary responsibilities.

Continue Reading: https://nabip.org/media/11446/pbm-final-rule_261030.pdf

The October Newsroom

NABIP and Agent Review Launch Pilot to Strengthen Consumer Trust and Member Value

October 2, 2026: NABIP and Agent Review are launching a pilot program designed to strengthen professional identity verification, consumer trust and professional visibility. The pilot will provide approximately 250 members of NABIP's Pinnacle Producer Circle with Agent Review Verified profiles free for 12 months. The profiles combine monthly third-party professional verification, video identity verification, consumer reviews and visible NABIP membership affiliation. NABIP is the first association representing health insurance and employee benefits professionals to partner with Agent Review.

Continue Reading: https://nabip.org/media/11376/agent-review-pilot-program-launch_final.pdf

NABIP Urges Congress to Address Underlying Healthcare Costs in Senate Finance Committee RFI Response

October 7, 2026: NABIP recently submitted a comprehensive response to the Senate Finance Committee's Health Coverage That Works for Everyone Request for Information (RFI), outlining recommendations to improve the nation's private health coverage system.

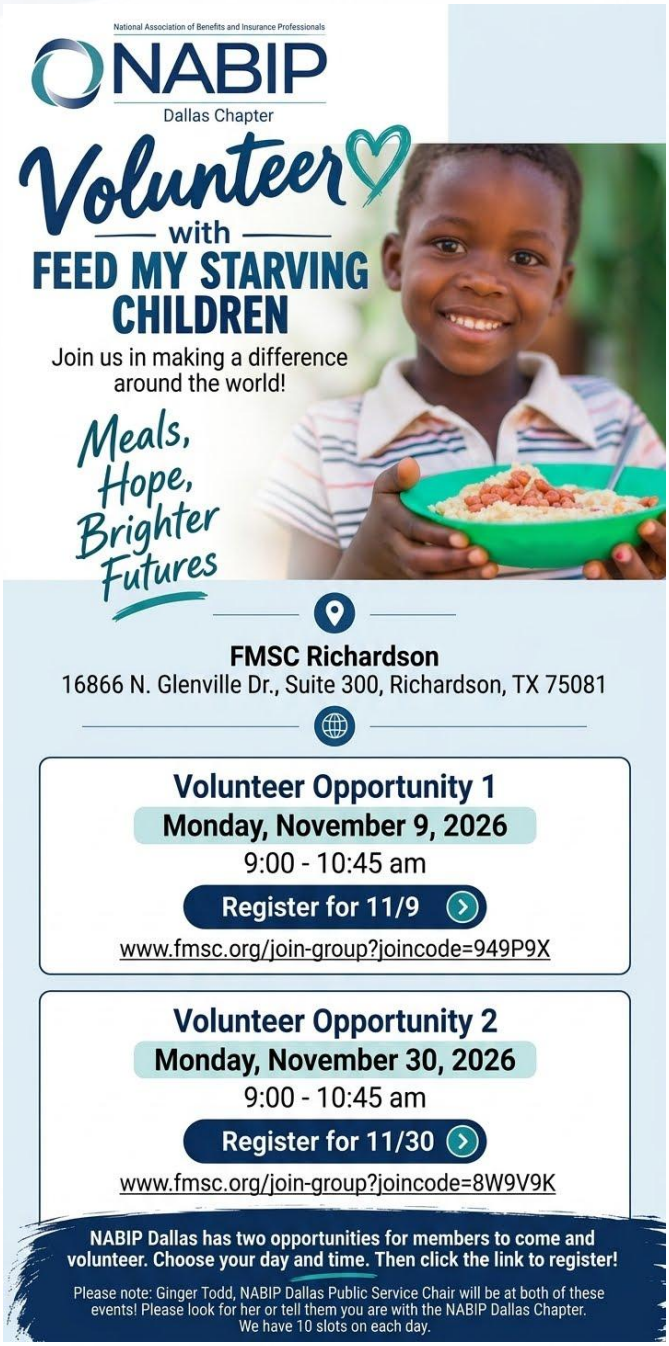
Continue Reading: https://nabip.org/media/11411/rfi_senate-finance_261002_final.pdf

NABIP Seeks Injunctive Relief Against HHS and CMS Over Marketplace Moratorium Affecting Nearly 19,000 Agents and Brokers

October 15, 2026: NABIP today filed suit against the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), challenging a new rule and policy that, together, prevent thousands of health insurance agents and brokers from participating in the federally facilitated Affordable Care Act (ACA) Marketplace during the Open Enrollment period beginning next month.

Continue Reading: https://nabip.org/media/11423/cms-lawsuit_press-release_final_261015.pdf

What's Happening



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Unwrap the holiday season with your fellow NABIP Dallas professionals! Join us for an evening of festive drinks, great conversations, and seasonal cheer. Grab a prop, step into our Holiday Photo Booth, and make some memories before the year wraps up!"

MORE INFO



https://nabip.org/diversity-equity-inclusion-belonging

October is Health Literacy Month

Health literacy is essential for helping people make informed decisions about their health and coverage. When individuals understand their benefits and options, they are better equipped to access the care and resources they need.

From Marketplace enrollment and Medicare guidance to employer-sponsored benefits, health insurance and benefits professionals play a vital role in helping millions of Americans navigate an increasingly complex healthcare system.

At NABIP, that commitment is reflected in initiatives including our Spanish Language Benefits Education (SLBE) Certification and Healthcare Bill of Rights, which emphasize health equity, health education and empowering individuals to better understand their healthcare and coverage.

This month, we recognize the work being done every day to make healthcare and coverage more accessible, understandable and easier to navigate.

SLBE Certification: https://lnkd.in/eVdGAhf9
Healthcare Bill of Rights: https://lnkd.in/gp2uCitV

Upcoming Conferences



NABIP-TX Day at the Capital 2027

This informative day full of perspectives on policies and politics will provide a forum to identify key issues affecting our clients. This is your chance to be on the leading edge of change in our industry. Don't miss this opportunity to have your voice heard.

February 04, 2027
7:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Texas State Capitol Building
1100 Congress Ave
Austin, TX 78701

NABIP 2027 Capital Conference
Your Perspective Makes A Difference.
The 120th Congress will be just weeks into its work. Capitol Conference puts you in the room with lawmakers and staff shaping healthcare policy. Bring your firsthand experience and local perspective to show what those decisions mean for the people you serve.
Date | Time
Sunday, February 21, 2027 - February 24, 2027
Location
Hyatt Regency Capitol Hill
400 New Jersey Ave
Washington, DC





NABIP-TX Annual Conference 2027

April 5 & 6, 2027

Hyatt Regency Frisco-Dallas

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