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Combating Increasing Prices & Market Uncertainty

As the state of healthcare continues to evolve this year, one thing remains true: 2017 will be a year of uncertainty. The unpredictability of ACA regulations makes future insights into healthcare costs difficult to surmise. However, according to Berkley Accident and Health's clinical risk professionals, employers are sure to face yet another year of rising healthcare expenses, thanks largely in part to the below healthcare cost-drivers:



- Behavioral health care will increase in cost and utilization
- Pharmaceutical companies will continue to rapidly increase costs for well-established prescriptions
- Specialty Rx drugs will come to market faster
- Biosimilar drugs will get more attention
- Coverage for transgender surgery will increase
- Medical inflation will stay at 6.5%

So much uncertainty on pricing can be worrying. TPSC is here to reassure you with the stability of self-funded health plans. Contact your TPSC Account Manager to learn more about plan cost and options.

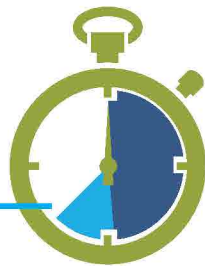
Source: MyHealthGuide, Berkley Accident and Health, Berkley Insights Blog April 2017

Skip the Line with Telemedicine

The length of time it takes to see a doctor in America is growing. According to a recent survey, physician appointment wait times are up by nearly 30% since 2014. Now, the average wait for a new patient to see a physician is 24 days. In mid-sized metropolitan areas, the average wait for a new patient is 32 days, which is 33% longer than in major metro markets.

TPSC proactively combats ever-increasing wait times by offering plan options with Teladoc. Our telemedicine program gives members 24/7 access to board-certified doctors whenever they need it. Skip the wait with TPSC.

Source: Merritt Hawkins Press Release, March 20, 2017



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