On April 17, 2012, the Internal Revenue Service proposed regulations for new fees to impose upon self-insured plans and health insurance policy issuers. These fees were mandated in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA) and are effective for current plan years ending on or after October 1, 2012 and those ending before October 1, 2019.

Who Pays? Fees are imposed upon the issuer of the policy in cases of insured plans. Self-insured plans require the sponsor (employer) to be responsible for these fees.

What is the cost? Fees are $1 per covered person for the first year and $2 per covered person the second year. Fees will increase each year after based on projected costs defined by the Department of Health and Human Services before each October 1.

When are fees due? Fees are to be paid annually for the preceding year via IRS Form 720.

Want to know more? Comments can be submitted to the IRS and a hearing is scheduled for August 8th to address any comments and requests for changes. For more detailed information visit www.federalregister.gov and search for “fees on health insurance”.

May is Mental Health Awareness Month in the United States. We encourage you to raise your awareness about mental illnesses, such as: depression, schizophrenia, and bipolar disorder. Also, become aware of symptoms that could lead to suicide, which is predominately precipitated by some mental illness. Visit our website to access all the resources available for you via Personal Advantage. Resources include self-tests, articles, videos and more! If you or a loved one is suffering please visit us today at www.americanbehavioral.com or call us at (800) 677-4544. We are here to help, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

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