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Aetna bails on ACA exchanges

National health insurer Aetna said Wednesday that it has exited all the Affordable Care Act’s insurance exchanges for 2018.

More Details

Ransomware Turning Healthcare Cybersecurity Into a Patient Care Issue

Criminals use e-mails and social engineering to infiltrate random employee computers but also release more-targeted attacks known as business e-mail compromise scams.

More Details

Questions or comments? Email Becca Meredith at rmeredith@blueandco.com
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It seems like only yesterday that I first volunteered with HFMA and now I am the outgoing president. I could not have imagined how much the organization would mean to me and how it has shaped my career. My involvement in HFMA has provided me so much more than I ever expected when I first volunteered, including some lifelong friendships formed along the way. I knew this year would be challenging and demanding, yet rewarding and enjoyable at the same time. I have volunteered in a number capacities over the years and had a chance to work with many of the other volunteers. It wasn’t until this year that I was able to get a true appreciation of all of our volunteer contributions. I have been blown away by the commitment and dedication of our Board members and volunteers. It has been a privilege to serve alongside this great team. Collectively there are thousands of hours contributed to the Chapter each year to make sure the membership of our Chapter have a great experience.

Because of the volunteers’ hard work, the Chapter had another great year for our educational offerings (16.2 hours per member this year) and has achieved the bronze award for education. The Chapter also removed the winter institute this year from the educational schedule to improve the quality of our programming and to avoid weather related issues, so the fact that we still achieved an award is all the more impressive. The Chapter also received a bronze award for member certification (9.1% of members certified this year, slightly down from 9.4% in the previous year).

In addition, we experienced some great successes along the way. We introduced the Chapter app that is available on the Apple and Android markets. We kicked off our regional webinar series, be on the lookout in the Chapter updates for future webinars. We hosted our first ever event for early careerists which was a success as we had close to 25 nonmembers attend the event. The summer institute this past year included a bone marrow drive and blood drive with the American Red Cross, which the Chapter support far exceeded our expectations.

Our newly elected leadership team just attended the National Leadership Training Conference in Phoenix, Arizona. They attended sessions let by National HFMA and volunteers from other Chapters who presented best practices and offered other advice and guidance to the leadership team in fulfilling their roles for the upcoming year. I know the Chapter is in excellent hands as I pass the baton to Chris Graff, your 2017-2018 Chapter President.

It has been an honor to serve as your President this year. HFMA has been and will continue to be a place I call home. I look forward to continuing my involvement with the Chapter in the future and seeing you at a future event.

Yours Truly,

Bill Leachman, FHFMA
President 2016-2017 KY HFMA
Past President Spotlight
Catching up with the past presidents of KY HFMA

Chris Woosley

President during chapter year: 2011-2012
Current employer and title: Director - BKD, LLP
Family: Melissa (wife), Rylan (11 year old son), Brynley (7 year old daughter)

Most difficult part about being president of the Ky Chapter of HFMA:
For me, the most difficult part of being HFMA president was balancing work commitments and HFMA leadership duties. Fortunately my employer was very supportive of my involvement with HFMA.

Most rewarding part about being president of the chapter:
For me, the most rewarding part of being part of the HFMA leadership were the relationships with fellow officers and chapter members. I know it sounds cliché, but you get very close to the folks on your leadership team.

Favorite memory from presidential year:
It’s hard to pick just one “favorite memory.” I thoroughly enjoyed my time as President. Some of these memories are probably not for public consumption (what happens at conferences stays at conferences). So, the memory that I will share from my year as president actually came at the end of my term. Fiscal year 2011/2012 was year was very successful for us as a chapter. I had joked with the other members of the leadership team that I would need a wheelbarrow to haul around all the hardware we were going to bring home from ANI (eight in total). Then, at the first institute following the awards ceremony, low and behold, Theresa Scholl (my president elect) presented me with my very own personalized wheelbarrow.

Looking back is there anything you would do differently:
Looking back, I would have done a better job delegating some of the duties of HFMA. I tended to take too much on myself, without asking for help. The leadership teams since my presidency have done an outstanding job building out committees and splitting up duties to make the tasks much more manageable.

Any advice you would have for current/future presidents?
Future chapter leaders should follow HFMA National’s lead regarding strategic initiatives. HFMA as we know it is evolving to meet the needs of the ever-changing health care industry. Local chapter leaders should work hard to bring these initiatives back to Kentucky to continue to provide value to the membership.

What has changed since your presidential year?
Since my year as president, a minor legislation known as Obamacare was passed. The continued consolidation of healthcare providers has made attracting and retaining members more difficult. HFMA, as a national organization, will need to continue to evolve to stay relevant.
Most Recent Event

Leadership Training Conference
Phoenix, AZ
April 24-25th
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