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## Blue KC self-funded/ASO plan sponsors must complete annual attestation No action required by fully insured plan sponsors

The Consolidated Appropriations Act (CAA) gag clause prohibition requires issuers and plan sponsors to attest each year that certain health care arrangements do not contain language restricting access to cost and quality of care information.

Blue Cross Blue Shield of Kansas City (Blue KC) has stated that self-funded/ASO and level-funded plan sponsors must provide their own attestation given Blue KC may not have all the information for a group needed to complete the attestation. Plan sponsors responsible for attesting on their own behalf must do so by December 31, 2025.

Blue KC issued a <u>confirmation of compliance letter</u> confirming health care agreements comply with the gag clause requirements.

Fully insured plan sponsors, including Cost Plus groups, do not need to take any action, given Blue KC's submission will satisfy the attestation requirement for both entities.

Bukaty Companies has prepared a <u>How-To Guide</u> with screen shots and links to help self-funded, level-funded and ASO clients navigate the attestation process.

For additional information and support, contact your Bukaty benefits consultant or support team.

