VBA BENEFITS CORPORATION UPDATE: FIVE THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW

2025 PEER GROUP CONFERENCE

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#5: BENEFITS CORP. TEAM UPDATE

VBA BENEFITS CORPORATION TEAM



Cindy Beazley, Benefits Coordinator (2007)

- Responds to HR and employee questions; resolve issues with carriers
- Primary on phones
- H&W



Pam Connelly, Senior Director Benefit Plan Analysis (2012)

- Self-funded medical, Rx and dental plans lead
- Health & welfare renewals
- Monthly minimum premium billing and quarterly IBNR estimates



Lea Bacharach, Client Support Specialist (2025)

- Responds to HR and employee questions; resolve issues with carriers
- Benefits communication and bswift support
- H&W



Laurie Milligan, President & COO (2012)

- Overall operations and governance of Benefits Corp.
- Strategic planning
- Member relations
- Oversight of H&W and retirement programs and initiatives



Claire Pollock, Retirement Plans Manager (2024)

- Project lead for retirement plan administration
- Maintains and updates defined contribution adoption agreements and other legal documents
- Assists with onboarding of new defined contribution plans



John Snead, SVP Member Relations (2012)

- Primary conduit between member banks and Benefits Corp. team
- Strategic planning
- H&W and retirement



Bobbi Weimer, Senior Director of Operations & Compliance (2000)

- Project lead for annual open enrollment and ACA activities
- Manages overall bswift relationship
- Oversees annual compliance projects
- H&W

VBA BENEFITS CORP. BOARD

Chairman:

Michelle Austin

President & CEO Bank of Botetourt

Beth Beale

EVP & CFO

Benchmark Community Bank

John Caldwell

President & CEO

The Farmers Bank of Appomattox

Tom Cherry

President & CEO

C&F Bank

Jeff Culver CFO & COO

Community Bankers Bank

Barry Elswick

President & CEO

TruPoint Bank

Melody Emswiler

EVP & Chief Human Resources Officer F&M Bank

Jay Hendricks

President – South Central Richmond Region

TowneBank

Brandon Lorey President & CEO

Bank of Clarke

Mark Nelson

President & CEO & Director First Bank & Trust Company

Taylor Quicke

President & CEO

Citizens Bank & Trust

Lara Ramsey

President & CEO National Bank

HIGHLIGHTS OF
HEALTH & WELFARE
COVERAGES
PLAN ENROLLMENT
& PREMIUM

* Vision, long-term care, Medicare supplement, shortterm disability, voluntary benefits not shown

Coverage *	June 2025 Enrollment	2025 Estimated Annual Premium
Medical & Rx (self-funded)	4,772	\$54,250,000
Dental (self-funded)	4,653	\$3,143,000
Life Insurance	5,748	\$2,035,000
Disability	6,190	1,510,000

#4. HR ADMINISTRATOR TOOLS AND RESOURCES

New Employee Checklist Terminated Employee Checklist

Welcome letter for new HR Admins

Benefit Resource
Guide (Flipbook)

Updated
Microsites
(H&W, Retirement
& Wellbeing)

Updated Flex Plan Summary Plan Descriptions (SPDs)

#3. BENEFITS MAILBOX: MOST COMMONLY ASKED QUESTIONS

How & When to Reach Us

benefits@vabankers.org 800-643-5599

ID Cards, COBRA Packets, Change in HR Admin, Training Opportunities, Special Enrollments

Compensation Update

When:
New Hires
Special Enrollments
Salary Updates (9/30)

Bswift: Salary field I

Life Event Timing

Enrollment Window: 30 days from Life Event date

Effective: FOM prospective from submission date (except birth / adoption)

Pending Records

Process:

- Fridays: Email Admins for approval of EE-submitted Life Events. EOI approvals updated automatically.
- Mondays: Pending records approved / rejected based on Admin response.

Carrier File Timing:

- •Mon COBRA, Securian
- •Tues M/D/V, FSA, Noom
- •Wed Securian EOI decision
- Fri Disability & FMLA,
 Norton, Wellworks
- Monthly Legal

Special Enrollments

VBA Benefits Corp.

Process:

- •Timing same as Life Events
- Examples:
- Rehires
- •Benefit Class Change

Reminder: the bswift system is down on or around the 23rd of each month for billing.



Coverage	Changes
Medical & Rx: Anthem/ CarelonRx	 Total plan claims have increased significantly over the last 12 months, largely driven by high-cost claimants Plan considerations: Pharmacy network, biosimilars, formulary, mandatory home delivery Maximize HealthKeepers network discounts with additional plan options Increase Plan Aggregate Stop Loss from 115% to 125% Diabetic/chronic condition program review Telemedicine coverage/expanded for primary care
Ancillary	 Dental: No plan design or rate changes Vision: No changes Disability: 2026 Renewal resulting in no rate change with a five-year rate guarantee Life Insurance: Rate guarantee for 2026 Supplemental Health Benefits: Rate guarantee for 2026. Wellness reimbursement continues.

#I: BSWIFT ENHANCEMENTS