

NAHU Washington Update

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TIMED OUTLINE

This course was developed to meet the education training requirements and provide students with 1 hour of continuing education.

Course Overview: The session examines an overview of the current congressional landscape, implications of a 50-50 Senate and budget reconciliation; 2022 Mid-term Election overview; major regulatory actions that have been taken and are expected in the near-term and later, including action on surprise billing; Broker compensation disclosure; NAHU federal priorities; and how NAHU members, the overall agent/broker community, and employers can get involved.

Learning Objectives: Upon completion of the course, the participant will know:

- NAHU's strategies to achieve policy goals;
- Specific policy proposals that have been and are under consideration or are being developed by Congress and the Administration;
- The political background, changes and processes that are leading to particular actions being made and how NAHU works to influence these processes;
- Policy positions of the association in affecting change in health reform at both the legislative and regulatory levels and how those positions are developed;
- Tools and resources for becoming active and engaged in these processes.

PRESENTER:

Janet Trautwein

Executive Vice President & CEO, NAHU

Janet Trautwein is the chief executive officer of NAHU and president of the NAHU Education Foundation in Washington DC. NAHU represents employee benefits professionals involved in the design, implementation and management of health plans all over the United States. Her responsibilities include oversight of all NAHU and NAHU Education Foundation activities, including oversight of 30 staff members in Washington DC and 210 state and local chapters. She is the primary spokesperson for NAHU to the media, government agencies and elected officials at all levels.

A frequent speaker on health-policy issues, Janet's expertise in issues related to health insurance markets, the uninsured, risk and reinsurance pooling, benefits-related tax and tax-preferred account issues, and both national and global health reform has been recognized throughout the industry. Janet has testified before Congress numerous times, has been published in major news outlets, and has appeared on hundreds of radio and television programs around the world.

Janet holds a degree in government and international affairs from George Mason University, where she graduated summa cum laude, and a master's degree in health economics, health policy and health management from the London School of Economics.

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- I. **Congressional Overview** (20 minutes)
 - a. Political Landscape
 - i. House
 - ii. Senate
 - b. Mid-term election overview
 - i. Senate
 - ii. House
 - iii. Mid-term election outlook
 - c. Budget Reconciliation
 - i. Build Back Better Act
 - ii. Healthcare provisions
 - iii. Omnibus package
- II. **Regulatory Overview** (15 minutes)
 - a. Family glitch proposed rule
 - b. Medicare enrollment and eligibility proposed rule
 - c. Medicare marketing final rule
 - d. Surprise Billing protections
 - i. Independent dispute resolution process
 - ii. Surprise Billing Interim Final Rules
- III. **Broker Compensation Disclosure**
 - i. Regulations, good faith compliance standard
 - ii. NAHU resources on broker compensation disclosure
- IV. **NAHU Federal Priorities** (15 minutes)
 - a. NAHU submits testimony
 - b. Employer Issues
 - i. Preserve Employer Tax Exclusion
 - ii. Employer Reporting
 - c. Market Stabilizers
 - d. Single-Payer/Public Option
 - e. Medicare
 - i. COBRA as Creditable Coverage
 - ii. Observation Status
- V. **What you can do** (5 minutes)
 - a. Join us
 - b. Stay Informed and engaged
 - i. Washington Update
 - ii. NAHU Newswire
 - iii. Podcast
 - iv. Operation Shout!
 - v. HUPAC Contribution
- VI. **Q&A** (5 minutes)