



Speaker Session Topics



What Would You Do?

Experience a dynamic, highly interactive session that blends in-depth claim case studies with the engaging style of our popular roundtable format: “What Would You Do?” Participate in thought-provoking scenarios designed to challenge your decision-making and navigate uniquely complex excess claim situations.



Susan Arsenault
Senior Vice President, Audit Solutions, Davies



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Inside the PBM Ecosystem

As demand for greater transparency, accountability, and value grows, the pharmacy benefit management space is rapidly evolving. This session explores the different PBM models—such as traditional and transparent approaches—and the external forces shaping how pharmacy benefits are designed and managed and profit. We'll examine emerging trends influencing the market, including regulatory developments, evolving pricing and reimbursement models, and the growing impact of GLP-1 therapies and biosimilars. This session is designed to provide foundational context and insights to support more informed discussions and decision-making within the pharmacy benefit landscape.



Steven Boyd
Executive Vice President, Liviniti

Mastering Aggregate Claims: Core Concepts, Market Dynamics, and Emerging Cost Trends

This two-part interactive workshop provides a clear and practical deep dive into aggregate stop-loss claims: how they work, how to review them effectively, and the key concepts every stop loss professional should understand. We'll start by breaking down the fundamentals in a way that simplifies the mechanics of aggregate coverage and demystifies the questions people rarely ask aloud. The second half explores the critical trends reshaping today's stop loss environment. We will also examine the evolving financial levers influencing aggregate performance: shifts in Rx rebate structures, the growing impact of administrative and clinical fee models (including case management, percentage-of-savings arrangements, and QPA-based pricing), and how level-funded programs are impacting stop loss policies. Attendees will leave with a comprehensive understanding of both the operational and strategic forces shaping aggregate claims today.



Robyn Bass
Assistant Vice President, Davies

Subrogation Strategies for MGU's and Stop-Loss Carriers: Protecting Recoveries, Reducing Risk, and Driving Optimal Outcomes

This learning session provides stop-loss carriers with a clear, practical, and action-oriented understanding of subrogation, why it matters, and how to maximize recoveries while strengthening partnerships with TPAs, brokers, and employer groups. Participants walk away with knowledge of best practices, common pitfalls, and operational frameworks that improve financial outcomes for self-funded plans and the carrier.



Marie Noble
Vice President, Davies

When One Patient Changes Everything: High-Cost Claim Drivers Reshaping Managed Care Reinsurance

This session examines the treatment categories driving the sharpest increases in claim severity—from \$3.5M gene therapies to expanding skin substitute use and complex NICU stays—and their impact on Provider XOL and HMO Re programs. We'll explore the factors behind this rapid cost escalation and engage the audience to share practical strategies for managing emerging reinsurance risk.



Tammy Burns
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Joy Keener-Borresen
Assistant Vice President, Davies

The Savings Trap: How Out-of-Network Discounts Become a Cost Driver for Employer Plans

In this session, we'll discuss why fees for discounts have become such a costly and persistent part of the claims we see. We'll look at the frequency and impact of these charges, walk through real-world scenarios, examine the structural issues that allow them to thrive, and touch on reforms. Along the way, we'll engage the audience with poll questions to understand how each of us encounters and manages these fees and then we hope to highlight the most effective strategies for handling out-of-network claims



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Dawn Thompson
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President, Advanced Risk Managers

Real-World Evidence, Real-World Savings: Practical Strategies for High-Cost Cancer Therapies, Gene Therapies, and CAR-T

Following the presentation, we believe you will understand the practical, evidence-driven roadmap for unlocking real-world value from high-cost cancer therapies, including gene and cell therapies and transplant. It begins with a compelling premise: real-world evidence (RWE) bridges the gap between trial efficacy and real-world effectiveness, enabling claims teams to design benefits and COE (center of excellence) pathways that preserve access while lowering total cost of care. We set expectations for actionable outcomes: benefit-design language, evaluation thresholds tailored to therapy type and share a Performance Model that steers patients to high-quality centers with shorter wait times, driving lower overall costs. We will progress from foundational concepts—RWE, cost drivers, and stakeholder metrics—to a structured framework. We will attempt to translate trials into real-world criteria, documentation needs for prior authorization, and guiding practical steps for early TPA notifications, PA workflows, and equitable access.

We will equip plan sponsors and employers with concrete tools to drive high-value access to advanced therapies, without compromising patient outcomes.



Kris Atkins
President, Interlink

The Final Word: Industry Q&A Roundtable

Wrap up the conference with an energetic, fully interactive roundtable where your questions take center stage. Throughout the event, attendees submit real-world challenges and pressing issues, which are then featured live on screen for open discussion. This collaborative session brings together diverse experience from across the self-funded employer stop-loss community, offering practical insights, fresh perspectives, and shared solutions. It's the perfect way to close the conference—engaging, thought-provoking, and entirely driven by the voices in the room.



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