EAP BENEFITS & MENTAL HEALTH:

A Broker Toolkit for Promoting Employee Wellness



Mental Health in the Workplace

Unlike in the past, mental health has become an important factor in the workplace in recent years. The effects of the pandemic, coupled with economic stress, have created a workforce with a growing need for mental health services.^{1,2}



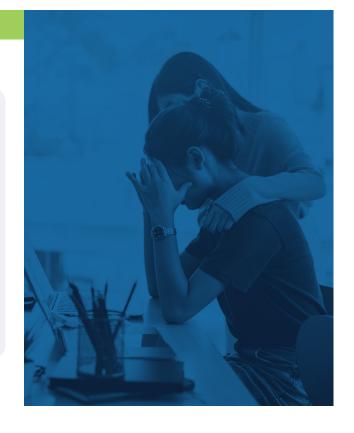
For many employees, common mental illnesses and disorders

like depression and anxiety can have a major impact on their performance on the job and happiness. These conditions manifest themselves in a display of persistent sadness, a lack of interest or pleasure, sleep disturbance, change in appetite, tiredness and poor concentration. Depression is a leading cause of disability worldwide.³ And one in five American adults experiences a mental health condition each year.⁴

In many cases, these conditions go untreated due to a lack of support. In a recent study, 28% of all adults with a mental illness reported they were not able to receive the treatment they needed.⁵ Most indicated they could not receive necessary treatment because they could not afford it.⁵

This is where opportunities arise for employers and HR decision-makers to help make a difference. A recent survey found that 87% of employees think actions from their employers would help their mental health, and 81% of workers agree that how employers support mental health will be an important consideration for them when they look for future work.⁶⁷ Prioritizing employee mental health is not just a good practice, it's a crucial component that should be included in every employer's benefit strategy.

As a benefits broker and advisor, you have an opportunity to provide robust, high-quality voluntary benefit solutions that can make a world of difference for clients in need of support.





From the President & CEO

With a background in mental health counseling, I have seen firsthand the impact mental health programs can have on employees and their wellbeing. In today's fast-paced environment, it's imperative for employees to have access to resources and services to support their mental health.

At Renaissance, we understand this and are committed to helping employers promote a stronger work/life balance for their employees. From offering group voluntary benefits such as disability and life insurance that help foster financial well-being, to adding innovative non-insurance benefits like our robust EAP that enhance group life products, we are continually looking for ways to help.

As the brokers who play an important role in helping clients create strong benefits packages, we encourage you to consider the importance of mental health support in the workplace. Together, we can help create a healthier workforce.

Diana Steinhoff, LMHC

President and CEO, Renaissance Benefits

A Healthy Workplace Can Increase Productivity



- (e) Healthier employees are less likely to call in sick or use vacation time due to illness.8
- Workers with fair or poor mental health are estimated to have nearly 12 days of unplanned absences annually compared with 2.5 days for all other workers. This missed work is estimated to cost the economy \$47.6 billion annually in lost productivity.9
- © Companies that support workplace health have a greater percentage of employees at work every day than those that do not.8

Supporting Employees Means **Providing the Right Benefits**

Employers can help address the need for mental health support in the workplace by offering the right mix of voluntary benefits. While dental and vision insurance help support oral and vision health, as well as overall health, disability and life insurance help support employees' financial health and wellbeing. Group life and disability insurance can play important roles in alleviating stress when an unexpected event, such as illness, injury or death, disrupts financial security.



Group Life Insurance Added Value Offerings

Renaissance offers its Employee Assistance Program, NexGen EAP, along with all group life insurance packages. NexGen EAP goes beyond traditional programs by presenting a holistic approach to wellbeing for employees. In addition, Renaissance Life Assist includes even more services that are bundled with all group life insurance plans from Renaissance.

Renaissance NexGen EAP

From access to counseling services to legal and financial consultations, Renaissance NexGen EAP is a comprehensive employee health and wellness program. The employee assistance program approaches wellness holistically with solutions and resources that offer relief mentally and emotionally alongside group life insurance.

- **Behavioral Health Counseling** Confidential mental health counseling and support in-person or over the phone. Counselors provide short-term sessions or referral for long-term counseling or specialized care.
- Health Advocacy Support services for benefits information and assistance in navigating health plans. Licensed Benefit Specialists are available to assist with healthcare claims, billing, provider research and more.
- **Work/Life Concierge** Concierge service available 24/7 to provide research, referrals or information on balancing work and life.
- Legal and Financial Consultations Half-hour legal consultations can be offered in-person or over the phone. Discounted legal fees are available for longer, more expansive consultations.
- Child/Elder Care Resources Services dedicated to helping employees access childcare such as a pediatrician or a babysitter or elder care resources like information about assisted living facilities.
- Online Training and Resources Employees get access to personal and professional development courses through a personalized web portal. This also includes access to live chat and a discount program.
- Integrated Mobile App Renaissance NexGen EAP mobile app offers an easy-to-use way to access employee wellbeing program benefits at any time.



Renaissance Life Assist Services

Because Renaissance Life Assist is included with all group life insurance packages, employer groups have a built-in enhancement to their life insurance offering. These resources create added value for employees and their families and provide support when they need it for things like:

- Travel Assistance Provides employees with travel assistance services in case of an emergency while traveling.
- Identity Theft Resolution Assistance
 - Support and resources for employees who find themselves victims of identity theft.
- Beneficiary Companion Assistance
 At a time of loss, counseling, guidance and administrative assistance are

available to survivors and family members.



Resources to **Promote** and Help Educate

Renaissance is committed to promoting the well-being of employees. We understand that mental health is as important as physical health. We've outlined the details of Renaissance NexGen EAP and our Life Assist Services with a variety of sell sheets. Please take a look to discover more about these benefits and how they can add more value to your offerings.



Renaissance NexGen EAP **Sell Sheet**

A one-sheet overview of Renaissance NexGen EAP, which provides a holistic approach to wellbeing with a plethora of employee resources and support services.







Renaissance NexGen EAP Health Advocacy Sell Sheet

An introduction to Renaissance NexGen EAP and its included Health Advocacy Services, a comprehensive benefit to help employees maximize their healthcare coverage.



Renaissance NexGen EAP **Poster**

A poster designed to provide easy-to-access Renaissance NexGen EAP program information for a client's workplace.



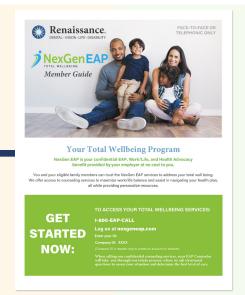




Renaissance NexGen EAP Member Guide Face-to-Face or Telephonic

An informational tool for face-to-face or telephonic options to get employees started on accessing their wellbeing program and benefits.







Renaissance NexGen EAP Member Guide **Telephonic**

An informational tool for telephonic option only to get employees started on accessing their wellbeing program and benefits.



Renaissance Life Assist **Sell Sheet**

A one-pager detailing the numerous perks included in Renaissance Life Assist Services for use by employers and employees.







Take Care of ClientsWith Renaissance Benefits

Prioritizing employee mental health is crucial for creating a healthy and productive workplace. Offering a robust employee assistance program benefits employees by providing resources and tools they can use and should be considered an essential component of a comprehensive employee voluntary benefits package.

Renaissance can help provide the voluntary benefits your clients are looking for to better support their workforce.

Visit RenaissanceForBrokers.com for more brokerfocused resources and employee benefit strategies.



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