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## Allied Introduces Member Connection Our New Interactive Online Portal for Members Can Earn Cash Rewards

Beginning in March, Allied National premieres the new Allied Member Connection for our Funding Advantage groups. Member Connection is our free online, interactive member engagement portal, which functions as a "one-stop-source" for all of a member's needs with their health plan. Powered by Benovate, a health engagement platform provider, Member Connection is unique because it engages members by displaying content and activities based on their interests and health needs. To push engagement, members can earn cash rewards for all of these activities:

- **Register**  
By signing in to Member Connection at [member.alliednational.com](http://member.alliednational.com), members will have access to information about their account and wellness issues.
- **Learn about their benefits**  
The special benefits in our group plans are provided to help members get the most from their health plan and range from free laboratory testing to reduced surgery costs.
- **Complete wellness initiatives**  
Using Biometric and Health Assessment results, Member Connection displays "cards" with activities associated specifically to each member's needs. The more a member participates, the more personalized the wellness initiative experience evolves.
- **Register and access the Allied self-service benefits site**  
The Allied Self Service Site allows members access to detailed information about their health benefit coverage and claims status 24 hours a day. Member Connection is the easy new way to access self-service.

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- **Learn about the new VideoMedicine smartphone app and benefits**  
By using this app, members can consult with a wide variety of board-certified physicians and health professionals.
- **Participate in challenges and activities for health offerings in their own community**  
Communities have so many services available to members who are interested in staying or getting healthy and Member Connection will help them find those resources.

A webinar on Member Connection has been planned for 10 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 24 and you can register at <http://tinyurl.com/zoksvvt>. Mike Reier, founder and CEO of Benovate, will be a special guest.

Over the next four to eight weeks, all of our Funding Advantage member groups will be registered under Member Connection. New ID cards will be sent to our covered members with instructions on how to register and participate.

We feel certain employers will champion Member Connection as a way to encourage their employees to actively participate in their health plan while adopting healthy habits.

## New Training Events Calendar for Agents

We have added a new feature to our website – a Training Events Calendar that allows you to find where Allied Sales events are, what we are discussing and how you can join us!

Our National Sales Director, Dan Meylan, and other Allied National representatives are traveling the country talking to agents about Allied National's Funding Advantage plan and the benefits of self funding in today's health benefits world. We have scheduled workshops that range from the basics of learning about self-funding, our products and our company to advanced workshops that teach how to become profitable in selling self-funded plans and how to be an expert at selling them.

We also are excited that Dan Meylan is a guest speaker at many of your state and local Association of Health Underwriters events. Dan has more than 40 years of experience in the insurance industry as a producer, agency owner and senior executive. With his knowledge and expertise he is an ideal guest speaker at these events. If you are in the area, you don't want to miss the opportunity to see him in action!



Check out our Training Events Calendar on our website at:  
[www.alliednational.com/calendar](http://www.alliednational.com/calendar)

## MyWave Connect Gives Employers Expert Compliance Help

Employers who have group health benefit plans with Allied National will soon have free access to MyWave Connect, a new web portal that will allow them to find the latest information on compliance, human resources, benefits, wellness and other issues.

MyWave Connect can be refined to each employer's needs, including company size and location and allows employers to research issues they encounter in day-to-day situations and find specific help for the issues they might be dealing with in their roles as human resource directors or benefit advisers. The articles are written by experts in the field and reviewed by attorneys.

We think the new site will be the answer your employer clients have been looking for to help them navigate the compliance issues they face because of the Affordable Care Act and their benefit plans. Employers will be sent enrollment invitations and instructions to the new MyWave Connect portal within the next 30 days.

A webinar on MyWave Connect has been planned for 10 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 16. If you get this newsletter in time, you can register for it at <http://tinyurl.com/z4sx8gb>. If you miss that date, then you can view a recorded webinar at:  
[www.alliednational.com/training-webinars](http://www.alliednational.com/training-webinars)

For more information, please check out our MyWave web page at: [www.alliednational.com/mywave](http://www.alliednational.com/mywave)

## Frequently Asked Questions



- Q. Does Allied National accept 1099 employees for coverage under our self funded plans?**
- A.** This is a question that comes up frequently. Although we have accepted 1099 or contract employees for fully insured plans, going forward Allied will **not accept 1099 employees** as they do not qualify as an employee in an ERISA self-funded plan.