



# MAY NEWSLETTER

Association of Benefit Administrators

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## OUR NEXT MEETING

**Tuesday, June 2, 2026**

12:00 PM - 2:00 PM

## LUNCH SPONSOR

**Jack Tew**

RxBenefits

### Dear ABA Members,

We hope you enjoy our May newsletter. It features articles based on the three outstanding presentations from our April lunch meeting. Although you can garner much information from our newsletter, we highly recommend attending our meetings in person.

In June, we will have two important presentations focused on long-term care planning and improving member engagement. The former features as one of the presenters, our very own Director of Events, Lauri LoQuercio, and her colleague, Jonathan Schwartz. The second presentation builds on the discussion we had in conjunction with BPEA at our very well-received breakfast roundtable last October – where we looked at how we can increase member engagement and utilization of the healthcare point solutions we've brought to our participants.

Our June lunch sponsor is Jack Tew of RxBenefits.

We wish to thank our speakers and lunch sponsor from the April meeting for their time and informative presentations. You will find recaps and articles below.

We look forward to seeing you on June 2!

*In Solidarity,*

**The Board of the Association of Benefit Administrators**

## NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, June 2, 2026

RWDSU - 370 7th Ave, 5th Floor Conference Room

(aka 7 Penn Plaza), New York, NY

12:00 PM - 2:00 PM

# HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE APRIL MEETING

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## PRESENTATION RECAP

### Mental Health Treatment Updates

Andy Johnson, Fund Administrator of Teamsters Center Services Fund, discussed important and timely updates in mental health treatments.

[Click here for article](#) | [Click here for presentation](#)

## GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS UPDATE

### Policy Issues Impacting Labor Benefit Plans

At our April meeting, *David Root*, Vice President of Government Affairs at Prime Therapeutics, outlined the policy issues most relevant to labor benefit plans, including *ERISA protections, federal PBM reform, drug pricing under the Inflation Reduction Act, and state versus federal regulatory pressures*. He provided insight into how these changes may affect member access, plan design and long-term affordability and how union leaders can better anticipate and manage policy-driven risk. For the full presentation slides, click on the link below.

[Click here for presentation](#)

## REFERENCE-BASED PRICING

### How to Drive Health and Welfare Fund Affordability

Ben Krambeck, Founder and CEO of ClaimDoc sharing with group about referenced based pricing, what it is, and how it can save funds healthcare dollars. See a sample of his article below. Click button to read full article and view his presentation.

#### **How to Drive Health and Welfare Fund Affordability The Strategic Case for Reference-Based Pricing**

As employers and Taft-Hartley Funds continue to feel the strain of rising healthcare costs, ClaimDOC uses a reference-based pricing (RBP) model — DirectAccess+® — to help clients save an average of 33% in the first year after moving away from traditional network plans.

ClaimDOC pairs RBP with strong member advocacy, provider partnerships and co-fiduciary support.

DirectAccess+ supports two RBP strategies:

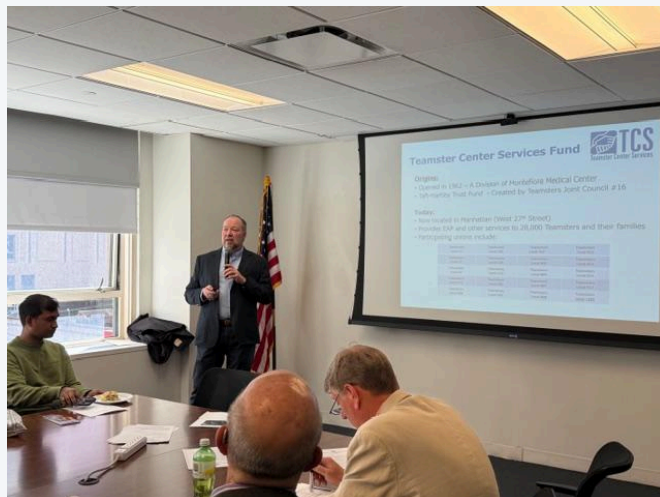
- Network replacement — Full replacement of the traditional provider network with an RBP structure supported by medical claim auditing, member advocacy and legal defense.
- Dual option — Gives members a choice between a lower-cost RBP plan and a traditional network plan.

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# APRIL MEETING PHOTOS



*Andy Johnson, Fund Administrator  
Teamsters Center Services Fund*



*Andy Johnson discusses interesting updates in Mental Health treatments.*



*Ben Krambeck, Founder and CEO of ClaimDoc*



Thank you to our April lunch sponsor, *Connor Riley*  
Rovi Health



April meeting attendees



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## SAVE THE DATES

### Lunch Meetings

June 2, 2026

September 15, 2026

### ABA Brunch

October 25, 2026

The Court of Two Sisters

New Orleans, LA

### ABA Reception

December 3, 2026

St. Regis, NYC

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