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Dear Administrator,

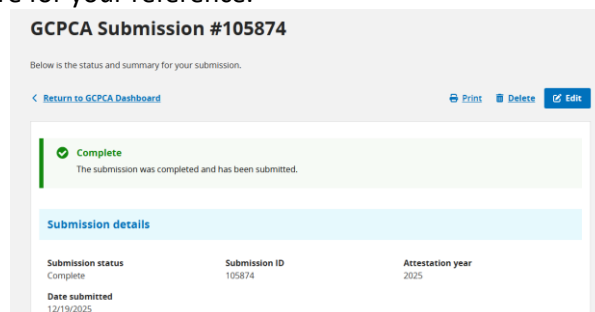
As the responsible entity for your benefit administration, BCI would like to announce that it has successfully completed and submitted to CMS the 2025 reference year Gag Clause Prohibition Compliance Attestation (GCPA) on your behalf. Group health plans and health insurance issuers offering group or individual health insurance coverage must annually submit a GCPA to the Departments of Labor, Health & Human Services, and the Treasury (collectively, the “Departments”). These statutory provisions became effective December 27, 2020.

These statutory provisions generally prohibit plans and issuers from entering into an agreement that directly or indirectly restricts the plan or issuer from making certain data and information (including cost or quality of care data and claims information) available to certain other parties (i.e., gag clauses). Specifically, plans and issuers may not enter into an agreement that:

- prevents the plan or issuer from disclosing cost or quality of care information or data, and certain other information, to:
 - active or eligible participants, beneficiaries, and enrollees of the plan or coverage
 - the plan sponsor
 - referring providers
- electronically accessing de-identified claims and encounter information or data for each participant or beneficiary in the plan or coverage, upon request and consistent with the relevant privacy regulations, or
- restricts the plan or issuer from sharing such information with a business associate, consistent with applicable privacy regulations.

By submitting a GCPA to the Departments, a plan or issuer is attesting that, for the period of the attestation, it has not entered into any agreement that violates Code that violates Code section 9824, ERISA section 724, and PHS Act section 2799A-9.

We have included a screenshot here for your reference.



Please contact your account manager if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Blue Cross of Idaho