

Post-Open Enrollment Checklist

After wrapping up another successful open enrollment period, there are a few benefits-related actions your organization can complete to review your strategy's performance. The post-open enrollment tasks are just as crucial as your strategy leading up to and during open enrollment.

Creating post-open enrollment procedures allows employers an opportunity to gather valuable information and feedback that can be used to improve next year's open enrollment process. Set up your team for success in the future year by completing this checklist:

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Final reminder for FSA balances, deadline to spend

Updated financials with new enrollments

Pre-OE and Post-OE enrollment comparison

1. Were steerage strategies effective?
2. Were new plans adopted? Participation levels?

Carrier Status

1. New carrier implementation
 - + Executed contracts on file
 - + Introduction to service team and resources
 - + Training on administrative procedures, forms, and tools
2. All data delivered to plan participants
 - + ID cards delivered
 - + COBRA packets delivered
 - + EOs delivered/processed
3. All plan documents peer-reviewed, distributed (if applicable), and on file
 - + Summary of Benefits and Coverage
 - + Plan summaries
 - + EOCs requested, begin SPD prep
4. Audit carrier bills
 - + Billed rates match sold agreement
 - + Negotiated credits (premium allowance, credits, etc.) reflected

Open Enrollment Process

1. Reference renewal timeline – successful in meeting target dates (presentation, communications, meetings, etc.)?
2. Education effectiveness
 - + How many people attended meetings?
 - + How many accessed content (Brainshark, FLIMP, website, app, etc.)?
 - + New education strategies successful?
3. Benefit Administration
 - + Mandatory or Passive? Participation percent?
 - + Payroll changes completed
 - + New EDI/API feeds tested and running
4. Enrollment Firm utilization and feedback

Feedback from plan participants (on plans, carriers, enrollment process)?

Review year-end claims data

Prepare for compliance reporting

1. ACA Reporting
2. CMS Disclosure
3. Non-Discrimination Testing

Opportunities for improved efficiency next year?

Implementing a post-open enrollment plan can help employers fine-tune their employee benefits strategies and ensure their employees have a complete understanding of their benefits.