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Membership Update

NABIP-NJ is pleased to welcome the following new and returning members:

Adriana Audino

Benjamin Dimalanta

Charles Tavormina

We look forward to seeing all of you at future events!

Members - let's not stop here. Join us in our recruiting efforts as often as you can.

Joining NABIP-NJ is simple! Non-members can click [HERE](#) to join online or click [HERE](#) for a membership application to email or fax.

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**Join NABIP-NJ for dinner at Carmine's
Monday, February 23 at 6:30 p.m.**

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Celebrating a New Chapter for New Jersey



NABIP was honored to attend **Governor Mikie Sherrill's** Inaugural Ball—an evening filled with celebration, connection, and excitement for what's ahead for New Jersey. It was wonderful to join leaders from across the state in recognizing this milestone and the start of a new chapter.

NABIP New Jersey is proud to be part of the celebration and looks forward to working together to support policies that promote access to quality,

affordable health care statewide. Congratulations to **Governor Sherrill** as she begins this exciting journey—we're cheering her on!



Where in the World is NABIP-NJ?

NABIP-NJ Vice President **Chris Vanderwolk** recently took part in the unforgettable Rockin'1000 event at Caesars Superdome in New Orleans - a massive musical experience bringing together 1,000 musicians on one stage.

Being selected as one of the thousand was an incredible honor and an experience Chris says he'll happily chase again. Surrounded by amazing people and high-energy performances, the event was a true celebration of music, community, and shared passion.



What an exciting moment to be part of something so unique! 🎵👏

Chapter Reports

Central Chapter



Last month, the Central Chapter hosted an informative educational session at the Holiday Inn in Clark. Led by **Michelle A. Schaap, Esq.**, the class provided attendees with a comprehensive look at artificial intelligence—covering its benefits, challenges, and potential risks. The session sparked engaging discussion and thoughtful conversation throughout.

“Big thanks to Michelle for her expertise,” Central Chapter President **Michele Burke** said. “And to our sponsor, Angle Health, along with everyone who attended.”

On February 12 from 9–11 a.m., the Central and South Chapters will present a virtual 2-credit CE webinar, *Healthcare Trends in the New Millennium: How ICHRA Is Impacting the Employee Benefits Landscape*. The program will feature instructors **Angelica Wilson** and **Colleen Patterson** of Savoy, with expert panelists **Kurian Manavalan** of Zorro and **Michelle Ludwig** of Oscar, and will be moderated by **Sandy Gibson**.

Click [HERE](#) for more information and to register.



South Chapter



The South Chapter kicked off 2026 with its first meeting of the year, featuring a 1-credit CE class, *Intro to Mental Health Parity: NJ Implementation and Impact*.

Thank you to AmeriHealth for delivering an outstanding course and sharing valuable insights into New Jersey's Mental Health Parity requirements and their real-world impact.

We also extend our appreciation to B.KOMplete for sponsoring the meeting and leading a wellness activity that contributed to an energized and positive start to the year.

From meaningful networking to timely education, the meeting highlighted the value NABIP and the South

Chapter continue to provide to the broker community.

"Thank you to everyone who joined us for our first meeting of the year." South Chapter President **Jessica Jones** said. "It was an engaging and informative morning filled with meaningful conversation, connection, and learning."

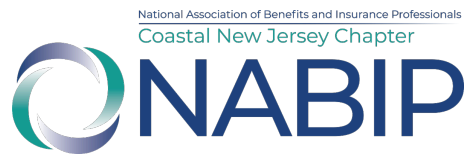
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Attendees will learn how ICHRAs are driving flexibility, cost control, personalization, and equitable access - empowering employees to select coverage that meets their needs while helping employers better manage rising healthcare costs.

Click [HERE](#) for more information and to register.



Coastal Chapter



The Coastal Chapter is hosting a meeting on February 18 from 8:30–11 a.m., featuring a 2-credit CE class, *PEOs – What They Are and What Brokers Need to Know*.

The class will be taught by **Joe Stornini** of FNA and sponsored by UMB Healthcare Services. Don't miss this informative discussion designed to help brokers better understand Professional Employer Organizations (PEOs) and their role in today's marketplace.

The cost is \$25 for members and \$50 for non-members.

Click [HERE](#) for more information and to register.

North Chapter



Last month the North Chapter hosted a virtual class, *What You Need to Know about Employer Reporting in 2026*, taught by **Adam Schechter** of Gente.

"I'd like to thank everyone who participated in the discussion," said Chapter President **Frank Basile**. "We are especially appreciative of Adam for taking the time to share his valuable insights."

Next up for the North Chapter is a 3-credit CE meeting on Tuesday, February 17 at the Cloverleaf Tavern in Caldwell from 8-11:30 a.m. The meeting is broken up into two sections.

The first session, *Intro to Mental Health Parity: NJ Implementation and Impact*, is a 1-credit CE class taught by **Bridget McKeogh**, Assistant Actuary II. This course will explore New Jersey's Mental Health Parity requirements and examine their practical impact.

The second session, *Overview of NJ Health Insurance Before 1992 and Reform Changes Since*, is a 2-credit CE class led by **Steve Milazzo**. Attendees will gain a historical perspective on health insurance in New Jersey and learn how key reform changes have shaped the current market.

The cost is \$20 for members and \$40 for non-members.

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Check out NABIP's Programs

President's Triple Crown Program

NABIP created the [President's Triple Crown Program](#) to recognize members whose individual contributions help advance the association's mission. Like baseball's Triple Crown, it recognizes accomplishments in three key areas. However, while baseball's Triple Crown hasn't been won in years, NABIP's Triple Crown can be won annually by everyone of our members.

Criteria:

To qualify for the Triple Crown, within the calendar year (01/01-12/31), a member must:

- NABIP PAC: Participate in \$12 x 12 draft program or contribute \$150 total for the year
- Membership: Recruit two or more new members
- Advocacy: Use Operation Shout to send three or more messages

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Mentorship Program

The Leadership Mentor Program provides senior leadership support to new and current members professionally and in their leadership role. The mentors participating in this program have been selected for their industry knowledge, thought leadership, and the longevity of senior leadership positions within NABIP. It is the goal of the Leadership Mentor Program to develop the skills, confidence and executional ability of new leaders with the intent of future growth and alignment within the Association.

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