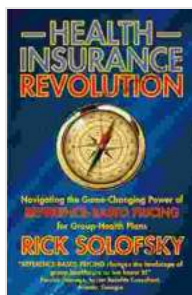


Navigating The Game Changing Power Of Reference Based Pricing For Group Health

Reference Based Pricing (RBP) is a pricing model that has been gaining traction in the group health insurance market. RBP sets the price of a medical service based on a predetermined reference point, such as the Medicare rate or a private sector database. This model has the potential to significantly reduce healthcare costs for employers and employees, but it also comes with some challenges and considerations.



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How Reference Based Pricing Works

Under a RBP model, the price of a medical service is determined by a reference point, such as the Medicare rate or a private sector database. The reference point is typically a lower price than what is currently charged by providers. When a provider agrees to accept the RBP rate, the patient is

responsible for paying the difference between the RBP rate and the provider's usual charge.

For example, if the RBP rate for a particular medical service is \$100 and the provider's usual charge is \$150, the patient would be responsible for paying the \$50 difference.

Benefits of Reference Based Pricing

RBP has the potential to significantly reduce healthcare costs for employers and employees. By setting prices based on a predetermined reference point, RBP can help to eliminate the wide variation in prices that is currently seen for medical services.

In addition to reducing costs, RBP can also improve the quality of care. By providing patients with more information about the cost of their care, RBP can help them to make more informed decisions about their healthcare.

Challenges of Reference Based Pricing

While RBP has the potential to significantly reduce healthcare costs, it also comes with some challenges. One challenge is that providers may be reluctant to accept the lower rates that are set by RBP. This could lead to a decrease in the number of providers who are willing to participate in RBP plans.

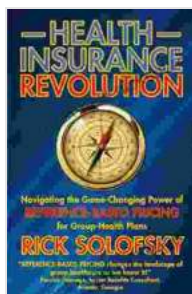
Another challenge is that RBP can be complex to implement. Employers need to carefully consider the reference point that they will use and the way that they will structure their RBP plan.

Considerations for Employers

Employers who are considering implementing a RBP plan should carefully consider the following factors:

- The reference point that will be used.
- The way that the RBP plan will be structured.
- The impact that the RBP plan will have on employees.
- The potential challenges of implementing a RBP plan.

RBP has the potential to significantly reduce healthcare costs for employers and employees. However, it also comes with some challenges and considerations. Employers who are considering implementing a RBP plan should carefully weigh the benefits and challenges before making a decision.



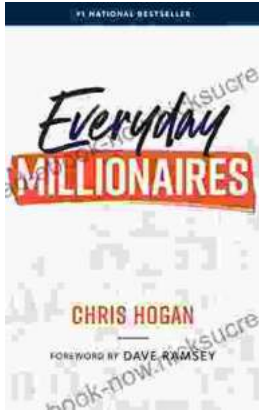
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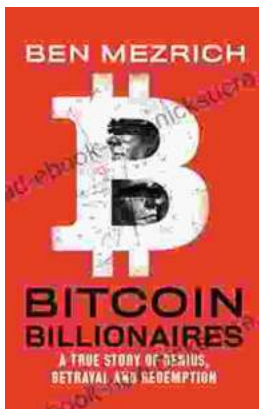
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