

The reporting conversation, *led by you.*

Verq publishes a version of this checklist for self-funded employers. The advisor who brings it up first turns a grading rubric into a stewardship agenda — six items, walked through together, with you leading. On a self-funded plan, your client pays claims directly and funds large claims before stop-loss reimburses; this is the reporting that keeps that exposure in view.

☐ Check each item you can put in front of a client **today**. Anything unchecked isn't a gap to hide — it's your next stewardship deliverable.

START HERE One-time, then at every amendment — needs nothing from the TPA, and only documents you likely already hold.

01 The governing documents

Every claim decision traces back to the plan document. The advisor who has checked the foundation owns every conversation built on it.

- ☐ Current plan document and SPD on file for every self-funded client — the versions actually in force
- ☐ Documents checked against each other, with any conflicts identified
- ☐ Ambiguities documented, with interpretations on the record — before a claim tests them

ONGOING OVERSIGHT Standing monthly reports. What's visible — and when — depends on each TPA's reporting; unchecked boxes become agenda items for the TPA, with you doing the asking.

02 Claims activity visibility

The more your client sees between renewals, the fewer surprises reach your renewal meeting.

- ☐ Claims visible as they're processed — not just monthly totals
- ☐ Visibility into prior authorizations as they're approved
- ☐ Incurred-but-not-reported (IBNR) estimates in standing reporting

04 Independent verification & the record

The TPA adjudicates the claims. An independent check against the plan document is the deliverable no one else in the room has — confirmation, not accusation.

- ☐ Claims verified against the plan document itself
- ☐ Any claim that doesn't line up with the plan — flagged for review
- ☐ Each finding cited to the exact plan section that governs it
- ☐ Findings and resolutions documented — the file that protects your client, and you

03 Stop-loss proximity tracking

Your client funds claims first; stop-loss reimburses after. Tracking matters for cash flow, timely filing — and the renewal you have to defend.

- ☐ Tracking toward individual **and** aggregate attachment points
- ☐ Exposure figures that reflect any lasers on the policy
- ☐ Best- and worst-case scenarios a CFO can actually plan around

05 Financial forecasting & cash exposure

Your client's CFO needs more than a renewal total — especially around large claims, where reimbursement follows their outlay.

- ☐ Claims data granular enough to model cash flow month to month
- ☐ Outlier large-claim modeling, not just year-to-date totals
- ☐ Every number traceable to a specific claim decision

AT PLAN RENEWAL Once a year, ahead of plan design — the read that makes the renewal proposal yours, not the TPA's.

06 Utilization intelligence for plan design

You can't recommend changes to a plan you can't see inside. Next plan year's design needs service-line detail — not a paid-claims summary.

- ☐ Service-code-level utilization
- ☐ Provider and category patterns that point to plan-design changes
- ☐ Reporting you can hand a CFO and actuary without translation

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