



NEWS RELEASE

Benefit Commerce Group Clients Receive 24 Awards from Wellness Council of Arizona

Benefit Commerce Group Receives Gold Seal Award and President Chris Hogan Awarded 'Ambassador of Worksite Health Promotion'

Scottsdale, AZ September 22, 2016 – **Benefit Commerce Group**, a Scottsdale-based innovative employee benefits consulting firm, is pleased to announce that its clients received 24 awards presented today by the Wellness Council of Arizona at its 31st Annual Meeting & Awards event in Phoenix.

In addition, **Benefit Commerce Group** itself received a **Gold Seal of Good Health Keeping** award, and Chris Hogan, President of Benefit Commerce Group, received the first **Ambassador of Worksite Health Promotion** award.

The **Ambassador award**, new this year, recognizes individuals that have gone above and beyond the call of duty to advance worksite health promotion. Chris Hogan received this honor for his creativity, determination and all-round energy focused on promoting employee wellness and well-being. He is an innovative developer of employee benefit and wellness programs. His clients would say that he is best known for listening, really listening to their needs, concerns and challenges—and then developing employee benefit programs that include innovative tactics to implement best practices for employee wellness and health improvement.

The Wellness Council annually recognizes organizations and individuals statewide who have promoted worksite wellness and have achieved notable results and progress through their programs. The Wellness Council of Arizona is the leading health promotion organization in Arizona, coordinating wellness programs for employees across the state.

Client Recognition Includes 17 Organization Awards and 7 Individual Awards

“We are very excited to have such a strong showing among Benefit Commerce Group’s clients in this year’s award program,” said Scott Wood, Principal and CEO of Benefit Commerce Group. “Our clients’ awards include many new entrants to worksite wellness, as well as a number of clients that also have received past awards for their employee benefit and wellness programs. The Wellness Council of Arizona has been instrumental in helping to implement and manage a number of the programs for these clients.”

“This recognition from the Wellness Council of Arizona is only part of the rewards and returns that our clients receive in establishing and promoting effective wellness programs,” said Johnny Angelone, Principal of Benefit Commerce Group. “Engaging employees in these programs instills the employer’s concern for the health and well-being of its employees and their families. That is an additional advantage to these organizations in attracting and retaining quality employees.”

Chris Hogan, President of Benefit Commerce Group, added, “With 17 of our clients receiving a total of 24 awards, we continue to establish Benefit Commerce Group as a thought leader and results-oriented benefit consulting group. Our programs bring real impact for employees and their families and excitement and bottom line results for our client employers.”

Organization & Individual Awards

Benefit Commerce Group clients were recognized in all six categories of the awards program of the Wellness Council of Arizona for organizations and individuals:

Organization: Process & Leadership in Worksite Wellness Promotion

- 6 Benefit Commerce Group clients

Organization: Process, Progress & Leadership in Worksite Wellness Promotion

- 5 Benefit Commerce Group clients

Organization: Official Gold Seal of Good Health Keeping

- Benefit Commerce Group plus 6 clients

Individual: Senior Management Recognition

- 2 client awards

Individual: Wellness Committee Member Recognition

- 1 client award

Individual: Personal Achievement Recognition

- 4 client awards

Ambassador of Worksite Health Promotion

- Chris Hogan, Benefit Commerce Group

ABOUT Benefit Commerce Group

Benefit Commerce Group is an innovative and award-winning employee benefits consulting firm that is changing the health care cost paradigm, one company at a time. We provide employers with sustainable strategies to lower health care costs first-year and long-term and enhance productivity. Benefit Commerce is a “game-changer” for companies striving to control one of their highest expense items: employee benefits costs. We are not your typical benefits firm, and we are not offering typical cost-shifting techniques. Our strategies yield real savings for both employer and employee and also integrate meaningful consumer-focused employee health and wellness programs. Our technology enhancements also set us apart, as we offer methods to streamline HR functions from enrollment through ongoing employee communication and administration. Through our proven programs, Benefit Commerce Group has helped our clients receive recognition from the Phoenix Business Journal’s “Healthiest Employers” program, the Wellness Council of Arizona and The Institute for HealthCare Consumerism, a national organization. The company conducts an annual Arizona Employee Benefits Benchmarking survey for mid-size employers across the state. The success of our strategies is illustrated by our Inc. 5000 listing for two years in a row among the fastest-growing private companies in America. Principals of the firm include Scott Wood, Johnny Angelone and Chris Hogan. For more information on Benefit Commerce Group, call us at 480-515-5010 or visit our website www.benefitcommerce.com.

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