



# NEWS RELEASE

## **Benefit Commerce Group Clients Receive 29 Awards from Wellness Council of Arizona**

### ***Benefit Commerce Group Receives Gold Seal Annual Renewal and Senior Client Manager Michelle Carol Awarded 'Ambassador of Worksite Health Promotion'***

Scottsdale, AZ September 15, 2017 – **Benefit Commerce Group**, a Scottsdale-based innovative employee benefits consulting firm, is pleased to announce that its clients received 29 awards presented today by the Wellness Council of Arizona at its 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting & Awards event in Chandler.

In addition, **Benefit Commerce Group** itself received a **Gold Seal of Good Health Keeping** annual renewal, and Michelle Carol, Senior Client Manager at Benefit Commerce Group, received an **Ambassador of Worksite Health Promotion** award.

The **Ambassador award** was initiated in 2016, and Benefit Commerce Group employees have received this recognition in both years. The award recognizes individuals that have gone above and beyond the call of duty to advance worksite health promotion. Michelle Carol received this honor for her commitment to promote wellness among her firm's employer clients and in her own personal life among her friends and family. Wellness is an important part of her life: she works it and she lives it. Although Michelle has a very busy work schedule, she volunteers to create and implement new ideas and new programs related to wellness for her fellow employees. She also helps the HR/benefits staffs of the employee benefit clients she serves to develop, implement and promote their own wellness programs, designed around the needs and structure of their workforce.

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 23 Organization Awards and 6 Individual Awards**

“Benefit Commerce Group’s clients again this year take a leading role in the Wellness Council’s award program,” said Scott Wood, Principal and CEO of Benefit Commerce Group. “This year, 23 of our clients received organization awards, compared to 17 last year. Our client award winners include 7 new entrants to this worksite wellness recognition program, as well as many clients that have received past awards for their employee benefit and wellness programs.”

“The Wellness Council of Arizona has played an important role in helping to implement and manage a number of the wellness programs for our clients,” said Johnny Angelone, Principal of Benefit Commerce Group. “These wellness programs at work create and promote real engagement of employees in their own health and well-being and, in turn, their own productivity for their employer.”

Chris Hogan, President of Benefit Commerce Group, added, “The fact that 23 of our clients received a total of 29 awards through this Wellness Council recognition program is a testament to the importance that our firm places on the lives and health of our clients’ employees. The organization award recognition among our clients increased 35 percent over last year’s number.

“We continue to establish Benefit Commerce Group as a thought leader and results-oriented benefit consulting group,” Hogan added. “Our programs bring real impact and real results for employees and their families, and excitement and bottom line results for our client employers. That is an additional advantage to these organizations in attracting and retaining quality employees.”

### **Organization & Individual Awards**

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

#### ***Organization: Process & Leadership in Worksite Wellness Promotion***

- 7 Benefit Commerce Group clients

#### ***Organization: Process, Progress & Leadership in Worksite Wellness Promotion***

- 7 Benefit Commerce Group clients

#### ***Organization: Official Gold Seal of Good Health Keeping***

- Benefit Commerce Group plus 7 clients received annual renewal of the Gold Seal
- 2 Benefit Commerce Group clients received first-time Gold Seal awards

***Individual: Wellness Committee Member Recognition***

- 3 client awards

***Individual: Personal Achievement Recognition***

- 3 client awards

***Ambassador of Worksite Health Promotion***

- Michelle Carol, 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 plan costs first-year and long-term. 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. Clients have received over 100 awards in the past three years. 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 since 2015, a three-time honoree 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 <https://benefitcommerce.com/>.

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