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- TPAs Can Maximize Their Success With CDHPs And Consumerism
- Managing Strategic Growth
- Who moved my cheese?

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Jean P. Sukovez
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Implementing Knowledge Shared at the 2007 Executive Forum

BY JEAN P. SUKOVEZ *Executive Vice President, United Administrative Services*

As I write this I am reminded that is the beginning of Spring. Some areas of our country are experiencing non-spring like weather. Snow, sleet, hail and rain are pelting many areas. In California we are not complaining as we can't determine

whether to wear a heavy coat or turn on the air conditioner.

Spring is the time for cleaning and reorganizing. It might be a time to look at your organization and see if you need some "spring cleaning." It is an excellent

time to use some of the tools and ideas that were shared at the Executive Forum. For those of you that attended, you have been back long enough for some of the material to now be a haze. Pull out your binder and review the materials. Each

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of our conferences allows you to learn new ideas, take a fresh approach to a problem which can allow you to incorporate changes you have wanted to implement.

At our Executive Forum held at the Venetian Hotel in Las Vegas, Nevada on February 21st through February 23rd we distributed the results of our first annual TPA Benchmarking results. All TPA respondents received their individual reports either at the Forum or for those who did not attend, they were mailed. The results allowed each participant to view their company's results against the responses of the other respondents. Please let us know if there are specific categories or ideas you would like to see incorporated into the survey. We plan to expand, define and fine tune all categories in each new survey. Please remember the survey is for you, a TPA. This is your survey. The survey results are only available to TPA respondents.

Our next event is the TPA University to be held July 11th through the 13th in Seattle, Washington



at the Fairmont Olympic Hotel. Please watch for the event brochure and agenda so that you can register early to guarantee availability.

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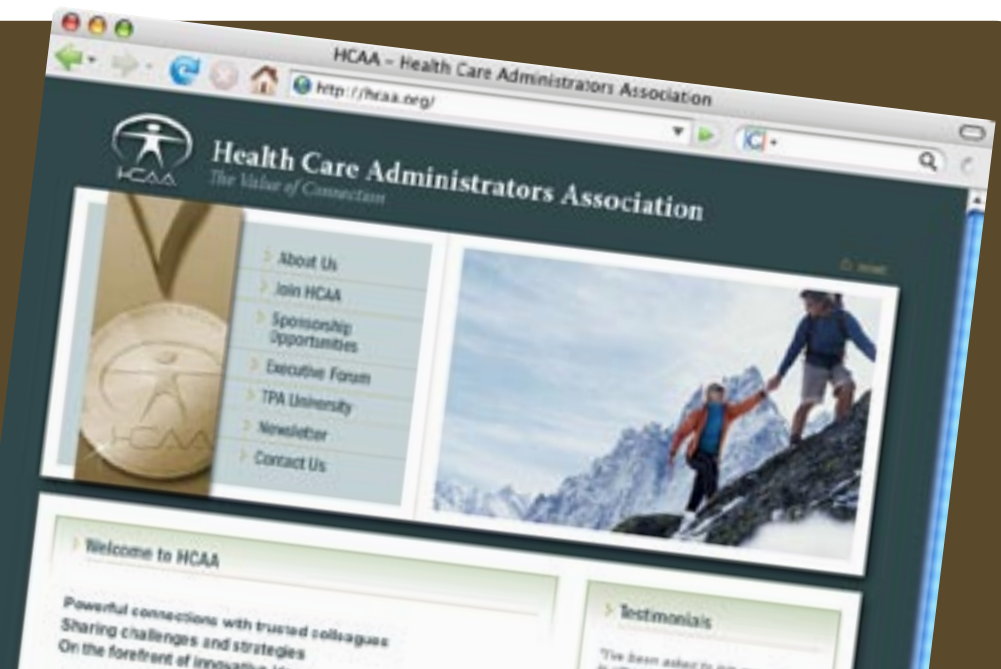
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are intended to help facilitate the sharing of health data information between self-insured entities/TPAs and stop-loss insurers/MGUs for the purpose of medical stop-loss underwriting.

HCAA Reports will begin running a recurring notice in each issue of the Stop Loss Carriers and MGUs that have adopted the Standardized Form. If your company has adopted the form, please contact Jaime Nolan at jnolan@hcaa.org

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