

November 18, 2010 Portland Actuarial Club Luncheon

Title: *Healthcare Reform: Actuarial Aspects and Effects.*
Speaker: *Jessica Gibbs & Michael Sink – The Regence Group*
When: Thursday November 18, 2010 at 12:00 noon Heathman Hotel – Broadway Room
Where: 1001 SW Broadway Portland, OR 97205
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Healthcare Reform: Actuarial Aspects and Effects

The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (aka PPACA, or Healthcare Reform) was passed and signed into law March 23, 2010. In the six months that have followed, the environment for the health insurance market has changed dramatically. Actuaries, once considering themselves to only work behind the scenes in the health insurance market, now find themselves at the center of the healthcare reform spotlight. At this month's PAC meeting, we will discuss the largest changes to health insurance from an actuarial standpoint, and the impact these changes will have on the industry and the profession.

About the Speakers

Jessica Gibbs has worked as a pricing actuary for The Regence Group for over 6 years. Her most recent accomplishment was achieving her ASA designation in March 2010. The last 3 years she has been in Small Group working on both rate filings and rating system implementation. Prior to that she was in the Large Group pricing area working with underwriting and sales on all issues related to group renewals and disease management ROIs. Before her time at Regence, she was a programmer working on quality assurance and testing of ultrasounds.

Jessica earned her degree in Computational Mathematics from the University of Washington in 2001. A true northwesterner, she enjoys nearly all outside activities regardless of rain, sun, wind, or snow as long as her dog is by her side. She is also currently working on her lifelong goal to pet a tiger.

Michael Sink is an ASA, and currently works for The Regence Group pricing individual health insurance. Over the last year, Michael has been actively involved in the preparation and implementation of healthcare reform for individual products. He has been with Regence two-and-a-half years. Michael has been in the actuarial profession for over 11 years and has spent over half of his career pricing Medicare Advantage products.

Michael Sink is also an aspiring novelist.

Once upon a time, Michael graduated from the University of Missouri – Columbia, with a degree in Mathematics. It was in this quiet little college town that Michael first picked up a karaoke microphone and started slaying the crowd. He then travelled from town to town, like a wandering minstrel, filling the alehouses with song, and the insurance houses with actuatings... (to be continued, with a slight increase in "bad actuary joke" utilization due to trend).