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Bond County Health Plan Saves $333,229 in First Nine Months

County board hears report of improved benefits and lower employee premiums



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BOND COUNTY, Ill. Bond County's employee health insurance plan has saved the county $333,229 during its first nine months, according to an update presented to the County Board at Tuesday's meeting.

The Board's Insurance Committee reported that the plan, implemented January 1, generated the savings compared with what the county would have paid under its previous coverage.

Along with reducing county costs, the plan has improved health benefits and lowered employee premiums, leaving more money with taxpayers and employees' families.

The committee identified several contributors to the savings, including lower pharmacy costs, prescription drug rebates returned to the county, and direct contracting for healthcare services.

The county's approach includes direct contracts and service arrangements involving the Bond County Health Department, telemedicine, imaging services and Atlas Medical.

The report highlighted how changes in the way the county purchases healthcare has helped reduce spending while improving benefits for employees.