



Fast Facts from EBRI

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EBRI Publications for the Month of June 2005

WASHINGTON—New publications from the Employee Benefit Research Institute (EBRI) during June 2005:

EBRI Issue Brief—“The Muskegon Access Health ‘Three-Share’ Plan: A Case History.”

Access Health, in Muskegon, MI, is generally regarded as a successful community-based approach to expanding health care coverage to uninsured workers. While the program is located in a fairly typical Midwestern community with a faltering economy and a population with worse-than-average health outcomes, it was the stimulus for proposed legislation to federally fund related programs in all 50 states. Access Health is known as a “three-share plan”: Employers and employees each pay 30 percent of the cost of the program, and the community pays the remainder. www.ebri.org/pdf/briefspdf/06051b.pdf

EBRI Notes—“The Impact of Immigration on Health Coverage in the United States,” which finds that while the uninsured population of the United States is still dominated by native-born Americans, it is becoming increasingly comprised of immigrants, and the trend appears to be accelerating. Also included in this issue is a Fact Sheet on “The Basics of Medicare.” www.ebri.org/pdf/notespdf/EBRI_Notes_06-2005.pdf

EBRI Fact Sheet— “The Basics of the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation.” A four-page Fact Sheet with background information, key data and charts, and information links about the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation (PBGC), the federal agency that insures the traditional pensions of about 44 million Americans. www.ebri.org/pdf/0705fact.pdf

Fast Facts from EBRI—“Will New Grads Have Health Insurance or a 401(k) Plan?” This is the first of a weekly series by EBRI providing quick information on topical benefits issues. Fast Facts No. 1: As tens of thousands of college seniors leave school and look for a job this summer, one question they will face is: If and when they land a job, what are the chances of having health benefits and a retirement plan? www.ebri.org/publications/facts/fastfact062305.pdf

Fast Facts from EBRI—“Workers: Health Insurance Most Important Benefit.” This is the second in a series by EBRI providing quick information on topical benefits issues. Fast Facts No. 2: Employers seeking to recruit college graduates this summer can be very confident of one fact: Health insurance remains, by far, the most popular benefit they can offer prospective workers. www.ebri.org/publications/facts/fastfact062905.pdf

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