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Member Spotlight

Gerri Wigert

Group Connections and Operations Manager at Ameritas

This issue's Member Spotlight goes to Gerri Wigert of Ameritas. Read below to learn more about Gerri and the value she has received from her NDEDIC membership. Know someone who should go in the NDEDIC Member Spotlight? Email us at ndedic@ndedic.org.

Q: What is your stakeholder group?

A: Payer

Q: How long have you been a member of NDEDIC?

A: Not sure, at least 10 years.

Q: Why did you become a member of NDEDIC?

A: I was invited by a VP in our department and am interested in increasing functionality of EDI for our business.

Q: Tell me about your business/Company.

A: Founded in 1887, Ameritas Life Insurance Corp. and its affiliated companies offer a wide range of insurance and financial products and services to individuals, families and businesses. These products and services include life insurance; annuities; individual disability income insurance; group dental, vision and hearing care insurance; retirement plans; investments; asset management and public finance. Securities offered through affiliate Ameritas Investment Corp., member FINRA/SIPC.

Q: How can NDEDIC help you? What is your ASK?

A: More participation from all stakeholders. We have made changes in the past that did not result in expected outcome which then limits our ability to gain support for other programming.

Q: What is the best advice you ever got?

A: Go for it! Mistakes can be corrected or an allowance made you won't know unless you try it. You learn more from trying something new.

Q: Fun Facts?

A: I love travelling and am fortunate that I am given that opportunity in my work. I also like reading, scrap-booking and sightseeing locally and when I travel. Some of my favorite trips were Portland Maine, Savannah Georgia and Disney land in Anaheim.

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Exorbitant Dental Bill? Medical Insurance May Cover Some of It

"On a recent Friday morning, more than 30 dentists and dental staffers gathered in a conference room to learn an arcane new skill: how to bill medical insurers.

Pacing back and forth, the Florida dentist leading the two-day course advised the participants to stop thinking of themselves as tooth technicians and reposition themselves as 'physicians of the mouth.'"

[Read more](#)



UIF 2018 is in Less than a Month Away

Gain a competitive edge in the dental industry by joining us at NDEDIC's 2018 *Uniting the Industry Forum (UIF)* taking place November 8-9, 2018 in Dallas, TX. The Forum helps promote the effective collaboration of dental stakeholders, while educating and uniting the industry around usable standards for dental EDI transactions. **Hotel block closes Oct 24th!**

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2019 NDEDIC Summit



Next year's summit is scheduled to take place April 29th-May 1st in Minneapolis, MN. The NDEDIC annual EDI Summit is an educational program designed to provide attendees with both information as well as expert opinion on various issues within the dental EDI industry. **Save the date!**

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