

Rhode Island Business Group on Health (RIBGH) What's New in Health Care for Employers

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- ★ Founded in 1994
- ★ Over 220,000 members
- ★ Medicaid, Commercial and Duals Plans







What is an ICHRA?

Individual <u>Coverage Health Reimbursement Arrangement</u> A type of health reimbursement account for employers



Employers contribute
a fixed amount in
account for
employees



Employees choose their own health plans from individual market



Budget-friendly, hassle-free quality health insurance



Employer Advantages of an ICHRA

More financial control and predictability





Fixed financial contributions so employers can budget for and define increase Simple administration for employers





Employers do not have to choose a single plan for all employees for diverse health care needs.

No maximum contribution per employee class





Employers can contribute different amounts to different employee types with no cap.



Employee Advantages of an ICHRA

Employees choose their own health plan





Employees select an individual market plan that is best for them and their family.

Tax advantages to employers & employees





Contributions do not count toward employees' taxable wages.

Health benefits for part-time & hourly employees





Flexible contributions for parttime, seasonal and hourly employees.



The ICHRA Difference

What Differentiates ICHRA from a group health plan?

	ICHRA	Traditional Group Plan
Participant Requirement	None	60% or more
Tax Benefits	Pre-Tax	Pre-Tax
Plan Choice	Employee Selects Plan	Employer Selects Plan
Average # of Plan Options	50 to 100	1 to 3
Cost	Determined by Employer	Subject to annual premium increases and claims experience
Ownership	Fully portable if Employee exits	Coverage ends when employee terminates
Risk Pool	Individual Market enrollees	Employees and Dependents
Classing Options	11	N/A



ICHRA Industry Experience

Growth – ICHRA adoption surged over 1000% since 2020

ICHRA & QSEHRA Adoption by Small & Large Employers (2020-2025)





