

June 21, 2024



# The Ninety-Three



## Upcoming JPH Postcard and Hearing Prep Webinar

NACO will be hosting a webinar to review the process of preparing for postcards and joint public hearings.

When: July 18, 2024 - 10:00 AM Central Time

[Register for the Webinar Here](#)

## Is Your County Broadband Ready?

NACO is developing a **toolkit** aimed at preparing counties to be "**Broadband Ready**". Over the past month, we've collaborated with stakeholders from across Nebraska to explore strategies for leveraging the county's authority to safeguard our infrastructure and right of ways and building collaborative partnerships with internet providers while ensuring reliable and sustainable internet services for our citizens. In partnership with Universal Broadband Consulting, NACO is in the process of developing a toolkit to aid counties in achieving Broadband Ready status.

If your county is interested in piloting the Broadband Ready program, please reach out to Candace Meredith.



## Nebraska Broadband Office Newsletter

[Click Here to Read](#)

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### Toolkit Now Available: Operation Green Light for Veterans

Operation Green Light for Veterans will take place November 4–11, 2024.

A [toolkit](#) is now available, with press release, resolution, and social media templates, among other resources to support county participation.

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### ARPA SLFRF Obligation Guidance Resource

The NACo ARPA State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund Obligation Updates and Guidance resource provides an in-depth overview of the flexibilities provided by the U.S. Department of Treasury's obligation guidance for the ARPA State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund.

NACo tirelessly advocated for the additional flexibilities and protected them from repeal last month via a Senate Congressional Review Act (CRA) vote. The overview provides additional clarification on some key topics including obligations around personnel expenses, reclassifying funds and subrecipients.

[ARPA State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund Obligation Updates & Guidance | National Association of Counties \(naco.org\)](#)

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### National Center for Public Lands Counties Resource

Open to all county leaders, the hub serves as a clearinghouse for resources that advance the policy and practice study for public lands counties. Engage with resources, connect with county leaders from across the country and share updates on the most pressing issues emerging related public lands management, use and access.

[National Center for Public Lands Counties](#) | [National Association of Counties \(naco.org\)](#)

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## NACo Public Lands Policy Steering Committee

Interested in being a member on the NACo Public Lands Steering Committee?

Please contact Candace Meredith for more information.

<https://www.naco.org/committee/public-lands-policy-steering-committee>

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## NACo High Performance Leadership Academy



The **NACo High Performance Leadership Academy**: An **online, 12-week** program to empower online county government professionals with fundamental, results-oriented **leadership skills**.

Join more than 200 county leaders across Nebraska who have utilized the NACo High Performance Leadership Academy. The 12-week virtual program is not only an opportunity to build and refine leadership capabilities, but it's also a chance to collaborate with local government peers in the region for the sharing of ideas and best practices.

The next program kicks off August 5th -- request more information for your county at [www.naco.org/skills](http://www.naco.org/skills) today!

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# Assessor Workshop / NCRAAO Conference Registration

Monday, August 19, 2024 - Thursday, August 22, 2024

Younes Conference Center North, Kearney

Assessor Workshop / NCRAAO Conference

Agenda

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## NACO West Update

The installation of garage doors at NACO West is complete, and the work on the drywall is still in progress!







# NACO BENEFIT SERVICES



## YOUR PARTNER IN COUNTY EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

As stewards of taxpayer dollars, ensuring the well-being and satisfaction of your dedicated officials and staff is key. That's where NACO Benefit Services steps in, offering tailored solutions designed to meet the unique needs of counties across the state. NACO Benefit Services mission is to align with counties to assist in delivering efficient, cost-effective benefit services that alleviate administrative burdens and optimize resources. We understand the significant role benefits play in attracting and retaining employees, that in turn provides the continued success and growth of your county. NACO Benefit Services is available to assist counties with the ever-growing complexities of benefit management. Together, we are committed to providing quality benefits to all Nebraska counties.

## BENEFITS FOR ALL NACO POOL MEMBERS AT NO COST TO THE GROUP

- \$15,000 life insurance with Double Indemnity for Law Enforcement
- Long-Term Disability up to \$1,500 a month with Buy-Up options
- COBRA administration
- Employee Assistance plan
- Identity Theft Protection plan
- Student Loan Forgiveness program
- Benefits enrollment platform
- Assistance with federal filing requirements
- Medicare Assistance

## CARRIERS WE WORK WITH

UnitedHealthcare  
 Aetna  
 Medica  
 Blue Cross Direct

## PRODUCTS



- Health Reimbursement Arrangements
- Health Savings Accounts
- Cash In Lieu Options
- Section 125 Flexible Spending Accounts
- Supplemental Life Insurance Plans
- Medical Transportation Coverage



- Vision Insurance
- Senior Insurance Options
- Benefits Enrollment Platform
- Wellness Programs

## NEED TO EXPLORE OTHER OPTIONS

In addition to the Pool health and dental plans, NACO provides access to insurance plans outside of the Pool as well. If the Pool plan is not the right fit, we can shop for health plans from UnitedHealthcare, Aetna, Medica and Blue Cross direct. We can also bring you a variety of funding options for your health plan – fully insured, level-funded and self-funded.

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