# Personal Health Record Implementation at Blue Cross & Blue Shield of RI



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## Mission and Vision:

- **Mission:** Non-profit, charitable organization that embraces its corporate social responsibility.
- Vision: To improve the quality of life of Rhode Islanders by improving their health.

## **Core Values:**

- Service
- Stability
- Healthy Community

## Membership:

- 680,000 members
- 68% of Rhode Island market share

## Staff Annually:

- Answer 1.1 million telephone calls from members and providers
- Respond to more than 9,500 written inquires

### In 2003:

• Processed over \$1.7 billion in claims





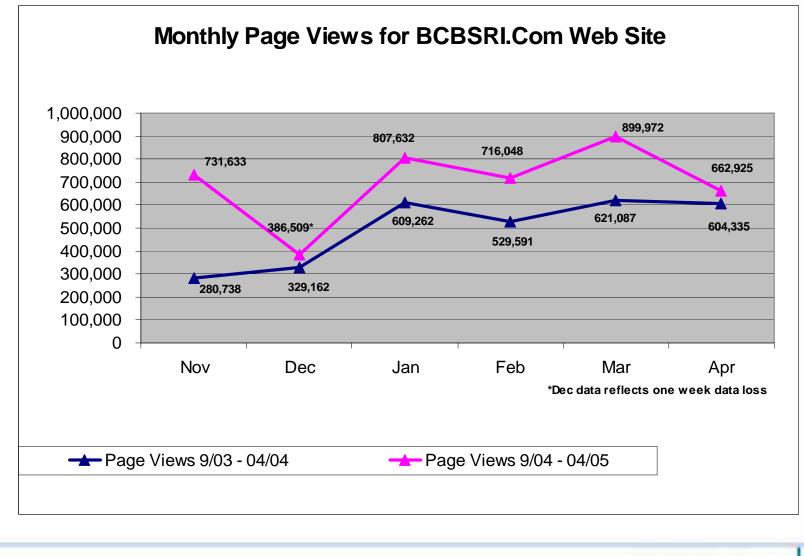
- Re-engineered Site Launched on October 15, 2002
- Focus:
  - Health & Wellness
  - Customer Self Service
  - State of the Art Technological Infrastructure
- Member Centric
  - Customer Self Service Features
  - Provider Search Capabilities
  - Google® Search Engine
  - Mayo Clinic Content
  - Personal Health Record







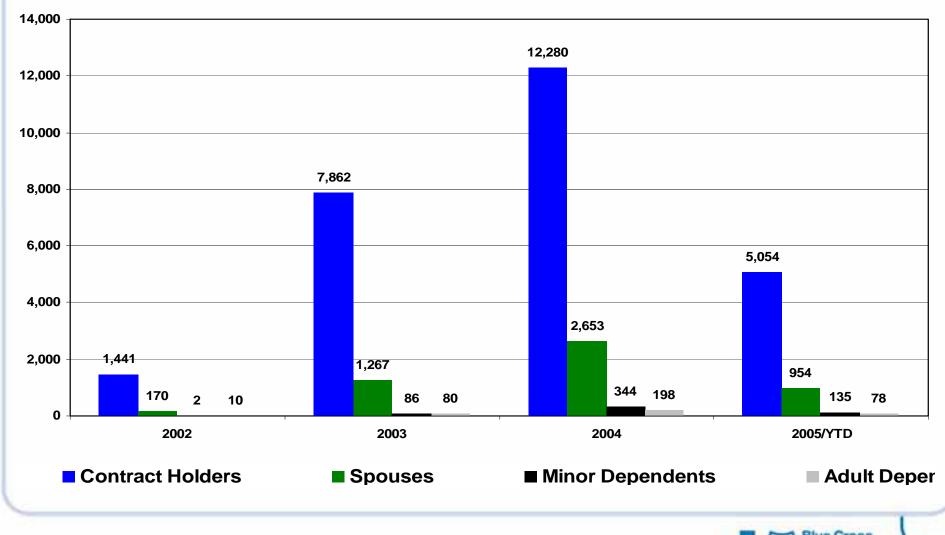
## • Site Traffic:





# • Member Registration:

New Registered Users from BCBSRI.Com 2002 - 2005





- Personal Health Record
  - Goals
    - Provide a secure environment for members and their families to store personal health information
    - Easy access in a emergency situation
    - Strengthen relationship between providers, members and BCBSRI
  - Selection
    - Comprehensive analysis and recommendation of PHRs completed by IBM in 2002
    - Vendor selected: HealthAtoZ





- Evaluation Criteria
  - Features and functionality
  - Hosting/branding flexibility
  - Market sophistication and experience
  - Financial stability and solvency
  - Technical architecture compatibility
  - Security and Privacy
  - Business (vision) compatibility
  - Price competitiveness
  - Navigation and Usability
  - Scalability



- Personal Health Record
  - Part of initial implementation
  - Currently utilized by 1,012 members
  - Double layer of encryption
  - Enhanced / customized by HealthAtoZ for BCBSRI
  - Supports Corporate Vision
  - Engages member

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- Benefit to Members/Consumers
  - "electronic shoebox"
    - Personal information (including emergency contact information)
    - Family medical history
    - Immunization history and planner
    - Allergies to food and drugs
    - History of personal illnesses, past procedures, or hospitalizations
    - Medications and or supplements
    - Contact information for other healthcare practitioners/clinics, etc.
    - Insurance Information
    - Advance directives
  - Drug Intervention database
  - Share with provider
  - Integration with Disease/Condition Trackers



- Disease/Condition
  Trackers
  - Create / Maintain Health Improvement Plan
    - Fitness
    - Diabetes
    - Cardiac Care
    - Pregnancy
    - Asthma





- Benefit to Providers
  - Reduces paperwork
  - Comprehensive, secure source of self-disclosed patient data
    - Family medical history
    - Allergies
    - Contact information
    - Insurance information
  - Emergency Department

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- Enhancement/Customization
  - Provider access to PHR
    - Member consent
    - View only





• Enhancement/Customization

Integration with Drug Claim History





- Enhancement/Customization
  - Integration with Drug Claim History (continued)

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- Evolution Into A Personal Health Management System
  - PHR as a Health Care Coordination Interface
    - Collects data from across the health care continuum
    - Presents a comprehensive history and detailed "snapshot" of current health activities
    - Facilitates decision support for Consumer Directed Health Care
  - Communication Tool between Provider & Patient
    - Secure Messaging
    - Integration with Physician EMRs
  - Interface For Chronic Condition Management
    - Connects multiple stakeholders such as Disease Management, Labs and Claims Data



