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## TECHNOLOGIES

### Empowering Self-Insured Public Entities Through the Power of Modern Technology

Self-insured public entities face significant challenges in managing risk, underwriting, and insurance cost management. One of the primary difficulties is the complexity and unpredictability of the risks they must address. Public entities oversee diverse portfolios, including infrastructure, public safety, and health services, each with unique risk factors. Evolving threats such as cyberattacks, climate change, and pandemics add layers of uncertainty, making risk identification and assessment increasingly complex. Additionally, these entities operate within tight budget constraints, complicating the allocation of funds for self-insurance reserves. Unforeseen large claims or catastrophic events can strain financial resources, potentially destabilizing the entity's overall budget.

Further complicating matters are the legal and regulatory requirements that public entities must navigate, which are often intricate and subject to change. Ensuring compliance while efficiently managing claims demands specialized expertise and resources, which can be difficult to secure. Data management is another critical challenge, as public entities may struggle with fragmented systems and limited access to advanced analytical tools, hindering effective risk management. The high costs of reinsurance and the lack of risk pooling options further exacerbate financial risks. Moreover, public entities must maintain transparency and accountability, often under intense public scrutiny, adding pressure to manage risks effectively while ensuring the sustainability of self-insurance funds over the long term.

#### Executive Summary

Self-Insured public entities face significant challenges managing, risk, underwriting and insurance cost due to the complexity and unpredictability of the risks they must address.

Fortunately, recent advancements in claims management, policy administration and other core solutions can significantly enhance the operations of self-insured public entities, helping them manage risks, control costs, and streamline processes.

- Enhanced Data Analytics
- Streamlined Claims Management
- Cost Control
- Regulatory Compliance
- Improved User Experience
- Scalability & Flexibility
- Enhanced Collaboration
- Improved Decision Making

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# TECHNOLOGIES TRANSFORMING SELF-INSURANCE

Fortunately, recent advancements in technology offer solutions that can significantly enhance the operations of self-insured public entities, helping them manage risks, control costs, and streamline processes.

## 1. Enhanced Data Analytics for Risk Management

- **Predictive Analytics:** Modern core technology allows self-insured public entities to leverage predictive analytics to identify potential risks before they materialize. By analyzing historical data, trends, and external factors, these entities can predict and mitigate risks such as natural disasters, workplace injuries, or public liability issues.
- **Risk Profiling:** Advanced analytics tools help create detailed risk profiles for different departments or assets. This enables targeted risk management strategies, optimizing resource allocation and minimizing exposure.

## 2. Streamlined Claims Management

- **Automation:** Core technology platforms can automate many aspects of the claims process, from initial reporting to final settlement. Automation reduces the administrative burden, speeds up claims processing, and ensures consistency in how claims are handled.
- **Integrated Systems:** By integrating claims management with other systems (e.g., HR, finance, legal), self-insured entities can ensure that all relevant data is accessible and actionable, leading to more informed decision-making and efficient operations.

## 3. Cost Control and Financial Management

- **Real-Time Financial Tracking:** Modern systems provide real-time insights into the financial health of self-insurance funds. Entities can monitor claim payouts, administrative costs, and reserve levels, enabling better budget management and cost control.
- **Loss Prevention Strategies:** By analyzing claim data, public entities can identify patterns and implement proactive loss prevention strategies, reducing the frequency and severity of claims and ultimately lowering costs.

## 4. Regulatory Compliance and Reporting

- **Automated Compliance:** Self-insured entities must comply with various regulatory requirements. Modern core technology can automate compliance tasks, such as reporting and documentation, ensuring that the entity meets all legal obligations while reducing the risk of penalties.
- **Transparent Reporting:** The ability to generate detailed reports quickly and accurately enhances transparency with stakeholders, including auditors, regulators, and the public.

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## 5. Improved User Experience and Accessibility

- **User-Friendly Interfaces:** Modern platforms are designed with user experience in mind, making them more accessible to non-technical staff. This ease of use ensures that the technology can be effectively utilized across the organization, from risk managers to finance teams.
- **Self-Service Portals:** These portals allow employees and stakeholders to access information, file claims, and check the status of claims online, improving engagement and satisfaction while reducing the administrative workload.

## 6. Scalability and Flexibility

- **Adaptability to Change:** Modern core technology is highly scalable, allowing self-insured entities to adapt to changes in size, scope, or risk profile without significant disruptions. Whether expanding coverage areas, adding new types of risks, or adjusting to legislative changes, these systems provide the flexibility needed to manage growth effectively.
- **Customizable Solutions:** Low-code and no-code platforms enable public entities to customize their systems without extensive IT support, ensuring that the technology meets their specific needs and evolves with them over time.

## 7. Enhanced Collaboration and Communication

- **Integrated Communication Tools:** Core technology platforms often include communication tools that facilitate collaboration between departments and external partners (e.g., legal teams, consultants). This integrated approach ensures that everyone involved in risk management and claims handling is on the same page, leading to more coordinated and effective responses.
- **Centralized Data Repositories:** By centralizing data, these platforms ensure that all stakeholders have access to the same information, reducing errors, improving decision-making, and enhancing overall efficiency.

## 8. Improved Decision-Making through AI and Machine Learning

- **AI-Powered Insights:** Artificial intelligence and machine learning can analyze vast amounts of data to provide insights that human analysts might miss. For example, AI can help identify emerging risks, suggest optimal reserve levels, or recommend policy changes based on historical patterns and predictive modeling.
- **Decision Support Tools:** These tools provide risk managers with actionable insights and recommendations, helping them make informed decisions quickly and confidently.

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Recent advancements in technology offer numerous ways to improve insurance operations for government agencies. At the same time, no two organizations are structured exactly the same way. Cutting-edge technology provides significant benefits tailored to the unique needs of different self-insured and self-administered public entities. Below are the specific benefits for two of the most common scenarios:

### Self-Insured and Self-Administered

- **Comprehensive Data Integration:** Modern core technology allows the municipality to integrate data from multiple departments (e.g., HR, finance, legal) into a unified platform. This integration ensures that all relevant information is easily accessible, leading to better coordination and faster decision-making in managing workers' compensation claims.
- **Advanced Risk Analytics:** Risk management teams can utilize predictive analytics to assess potential workplace hazards, identify trends in employee injuries, and implement proactive safety measures. This reduces the frequency and severity of claims, directly impacting the city's financial stability.
- **Automation of Routine Tasks:** Automation tools streamline the claims process by handling routine tasks such as data entry, document management, and communication with claimants. This reduces administrative burden, allowing the municipality's risk management team to focus on more complex tasks and strategic initiatives.
- **Real-Time Monitoring and Reporting:** With real-time dashboards and reporting features, officials can continuously monitor claims activity, reserve levels, and overall financial performance. This real-time insight helps in making timely adjustments to risk management strategies and ensuring adequate fund allocation for workers' compensation.

### Self-Insured but Not Self-Administered

- **Seamless Integration with TPA Systems:** Modern core technology enables seamless integration between the organization's internal systems and the TPA's platforms. This integration ensures that data flows smoothly between the two entities, minimizing delays and errors in claims processing.
- **Enhanced Oversight and Control:** Even though the claims process is outsourced, the organization retains full oversight through modern technology. They can access real-time data on claim statuses, costs, and outcomes, ensuring that the TPA is managing claims according to the district's policies and standards.
- **Risk Management Analytics:** Teams can leverage analytics tools to assess the effectiveness of the TPA's work, identify trends in property damage, and implement targeted loss prevention strategies. This not only helps in reducing future claims but also in negotiating better terms with the TPA.

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- **Cost Transparency:** The organization can use financial management tools within the core technology to track all expenses related to property damage claims. This transparency helps in budgeting and in assessing the overall cost-effectiveness of the self-insurance model versus traditional insurance.

In each scenario, modern core technology provides specific, tailored benefits that enhance the effectiveness of risk management, claims handling, and financial control. Whether the entity is self-insured and self-administered, self-insured with outsourced administration, or not self-insured but self-administered, leveraging advanced technology enables better outcomes, more efficient processes, and greater financial stability.

### Conclusion

Modern core technology equips self-insured public entities with the tools they need to manage their risks and finances more effectively. By harnessing data analytics, automation, and AI, these entities can optimize their operations, reduce costs, and enhance their ability to serve their communities. As risks become more complex and resources more constrained, leveraging technology will be essential for self-insured public entities to maintain financial stability and achieve their objectives.

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