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Client Case Summaries

B2B. Marketing, Strategy, Content and Results



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The foundation of effective B2B messaging is understanding your audience's needs and priorities, and presenting your message so your audience instantly understands why it matters to them.

Understand and speak to the needs of your audience.

The following case summaries represent brief examples of client buyer enablement projects.



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Alcatel-Lucent Brand Vision and Identity





GOAL: Alcatel-Lucent needed to unify two legacy businesses and a new cloud business and redefine ALE for the digital era.

WHY: Alcatel-Lucent Enterprise has a 100-year-old telco legacy in Europe, and a network infrastructure business unit based in North America. As their new cloud division emerged, they needed to unify the positioning of all BUs and redefine ALE for the digital era.

HOW: ALE is "Where Everything Connects", delivering to clients the technology solutions and experiences customers need.

Variations were crafted to speak to defined target industries, as well as specific decision-maker roles such as IT, CEOs and CFOs, and line-of-business leaders.



Inspiring HEALTH Sales Story & PPT System





GOAL: develop BCBSAZ's Inspiring HEALTH message and design a modular story framework for enterprise products and solutions.

WHY: business development and sales personnel were creating and customizing their own client and RFP finalist presentations, consuming valuable time and often resulting in an ad-hoc collections of products.

HOW: Inspiring HEALTH - a stated part of the BCBSAZ mission became the value message story framework. HEALTH became an acronym for **Healthy Outcomes**, **Experience**, **Access**, **Low Cost**, and **Transform Healthcare**. A modular system and library of solution and product slides enables quick and consistent customization for each client.







Anthem BlueCross Clinical Sales Story





GOAL: Simplify Anthem's clinical approach into an easy to understand and memorable value story.

WHY: Anthem needed a way to communicate how a complex set clinical strategies and administrative operations creates meaningful value for all stakeholders.

HOW: Clinical program strategies work together to lower costs, improve patient outcomes and improve overall member health.

The core message was simplified into 3 pillars - the right providers, the right information, and the right programs. Each was validated by research and recognized priorities of all involved in the care pathway – including providers, payors, clients and patients.



RFP Finalist Presentations





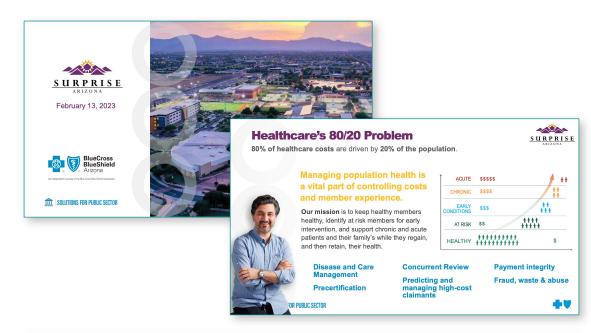


Goal: Clearly and memorably articulate how BCBSAZ understands, meets and exceeds the expectations of clients and members alike.

WHY: Healthcare benefit plans are complex. It is difficult for some decision-makers to look beyond total cost. And the cost of changing providers can be compounded by the impact of change for administrators and members.

HOW: Address client priorities directly, clearly, and with clear advantage demonstrated. Present the solutions in clear context of the client's priorities, issues and concerns.

For key accounts, an Executive Summary was often created in parallel to reinforce the value message and









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