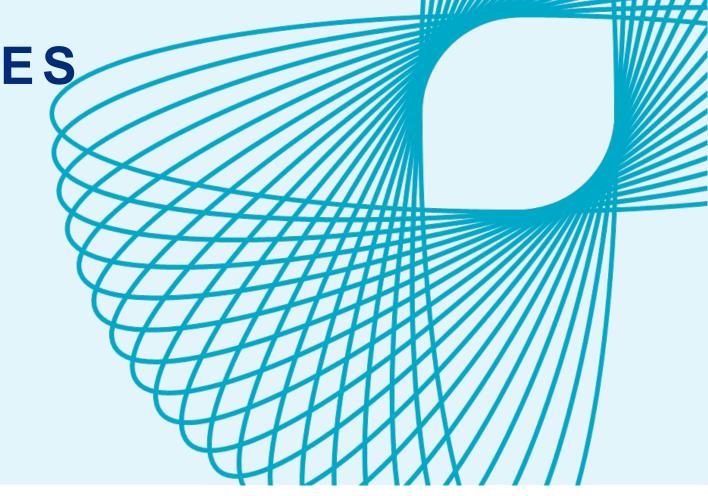
AMBULATORY SURGERY CENTER ASSOCIATION EVOLUTION OF OUTPATIENT SURGERY SUMMIT

# TRENDS AND STRATEGIES IN THE SELF-INSURED MARKETPLACE

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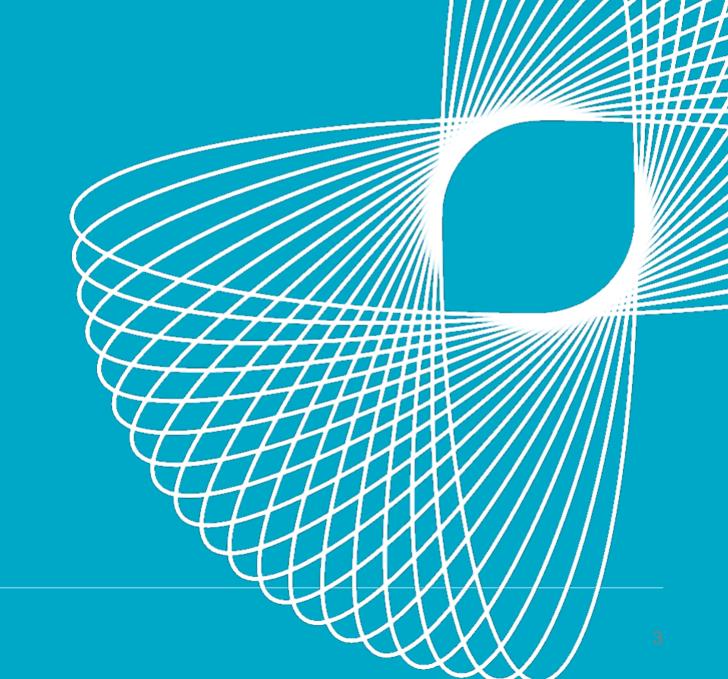
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#### WE HAVE A FEW THINGS TO TALK ABOUT....

- Latest trends in employer sponsored health benefits
- Macro trends impacting employers providing health benefits
- Role of consumers in health care delivery now and in the future

# LATEST TRENDS IN EMPLOYER SPONSORED BENEFITS



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#### CHALLENGING ENVIRONMENT FOR EMPLOYERS



HEALTHCARE SYSTEM IS IN FLUX – AND PRESSURE TO MANAGE COST IS GROWING



GROWING COMPETITION FOR TALENT

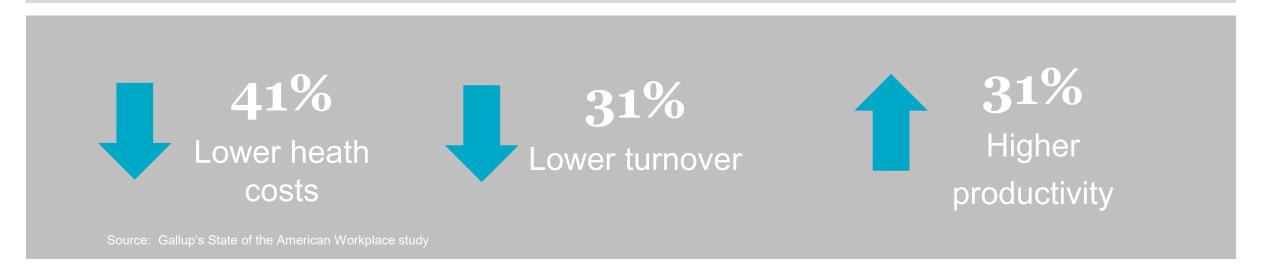


HEALTHCARE EXPENSES CREATE FINANCIAL STRESS FOR MANY WORKERS



# THE GOAL: SUSTAINABLE COST <u>AND</u> A THRIVING WORKFORCE

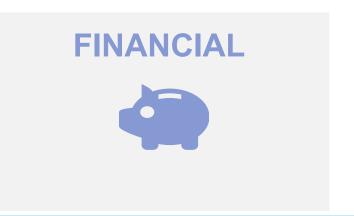
THRIVING EMPLOYEES ARE LESS COSTLY AND MORE PRODUCTIVE



#### TO THRIVE REQUIRES ATTENTION TO ALL FACETS OF WELL-BEING

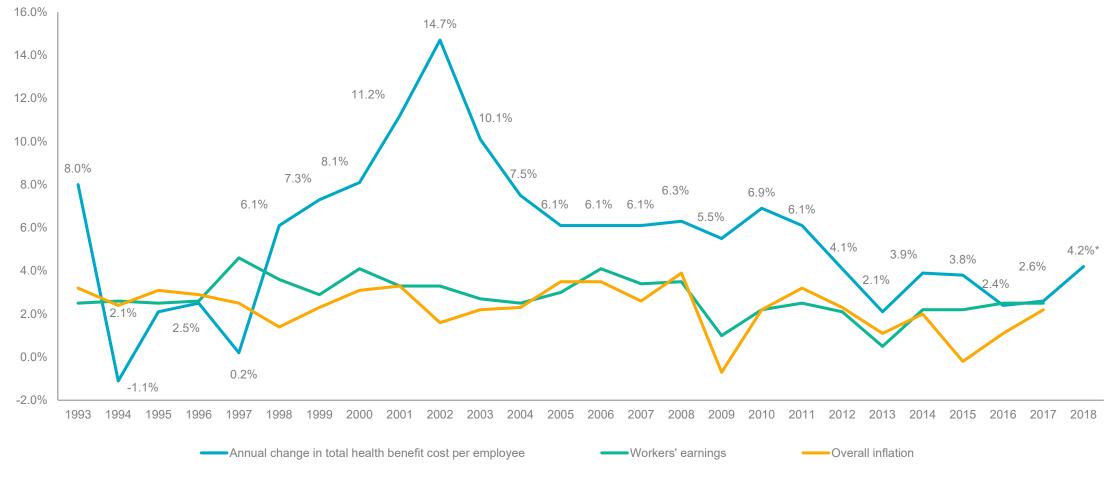






## EMPLOYERS HOLD HEALTH BENEFIT COST GROWTH TO 2.6% IN 2017

CHANGE IN TOTAL HEALTH BENEFIT COST PER EMPLOYEE COMPARED TO CPI, WORKERS' EARNINGS



<sup>\*</sup> Projected
Source: Mercer's National Survey of Employer-Sponsored Health Plans; Bureau of Labor Statistics, Consumer Price Index, U.S. City Average of Annual Inflation (April to April)
1993–2017; Bureau of Labor Statistics, Seasonally Adjusted Weekly Earnings from the Current Employment Statistics Survey (April to April) 1993–2017.

## EMPLOYER INNOVATION HELPING TO SLOW COST GROWTH

RESPONDENTS' COST TRENDS WERE ANALYZED BASED ON THEIR USE OF 24 BEST PRACTICE COST-MANAGEMENT STRATEGIES

#### **BASICS**

- Offer CDHP
- HSA sponsor makes a contribution to employees' accounts
- Offer voluntary supplemental health insurance
- Use/planning to use bundled solution for health benefits (including private benefits exchange)
- Transparency tool provided by specialty vendor
- Mandatory generics or other Rx strategies
- Steer members to specialty pharmacy for specialty drugs
- Collective purchasing of Rx benefits

#### WELL-BEING

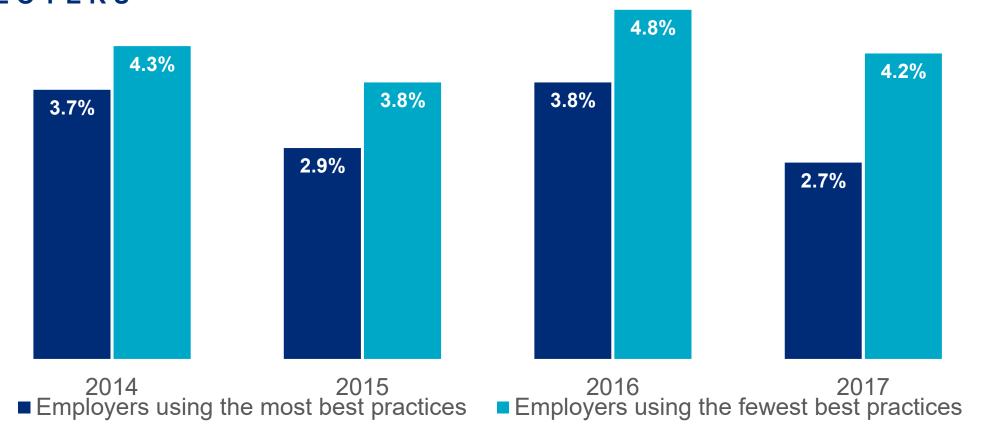
- Offer optional (paid) well-being programs through plan or vendor
- Company vision/mission statement supports a healthy workplace culture
- Offer technology-based well-being resources (apps, devices, web-based)
- Use incentives for well-being programs
- Well-being strategy includes focus on intrinsic motivation to improve health
- Spouses and/or children may participate in programs
- Smoker surcharge
- Have conducted analysis of employee behavioral health issues
- Provide stress management, resiliency, or mindfulness programs

#### **QUALITY AND VALUE**

- Offer health advocacy program
- Offer a Surgical Center of Excellence
- Offer a COE other than for surgical (oncology, orthopedics, cardiology, women's health)
- Primary care on-site clinic
- Telemedicine utilization of 5% or higher
- Employees have incentives to use:
  - Medical homes
  - Accountable care organizations
  - Other narrow network
- Reference-based pricing

# YEAR AFTER YEAR, EMPLOYERS USING MORE BEST PRACTICE STRATEGIES REPORT LOWER TRENDS

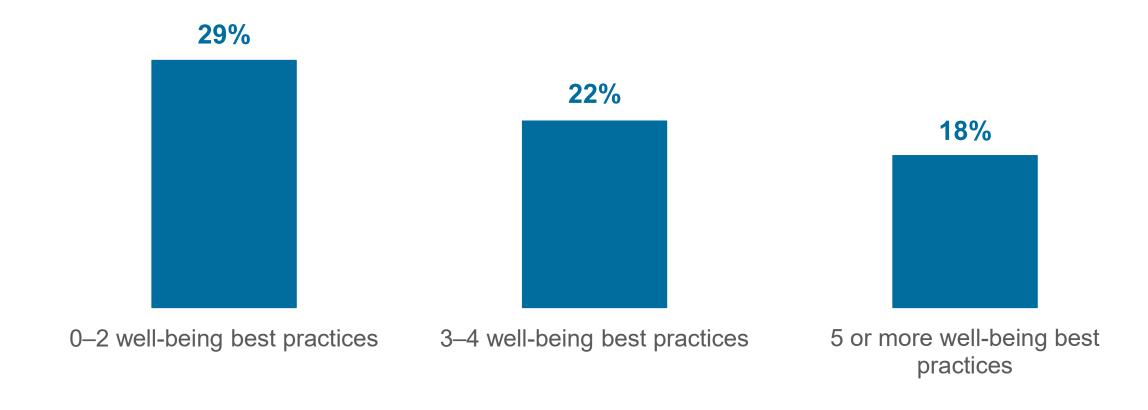
ACTUAL INCREASE IN TOTAL HEALTH PLAN COST, AMONG LARGE EMPLOYERS



Based on unweighted data.

# EMPLOYERS THAT DO THE MOST TO PROMOTE WELL-BEING HAVE LOWER TURNOVER RATES

AVERAGE TURNOVER RATE IN 2016, AMONG LARGE EMPLOYERS



Based on unweighted data.



#### KEY STRATEGIES FOR NEXT FIVE YEARS





Focused action to manage cost for specialty pharmacy

43% 29%

Focused strategy for creating a culture of health



Offering employees more plan/benefit options with decision-support tools

18% 31%

Point solutions-high-tech/high-touch support for physical/mental/financial health \_ % employers

14% 26%

ACO and other high-performance network strategies

14% 19%

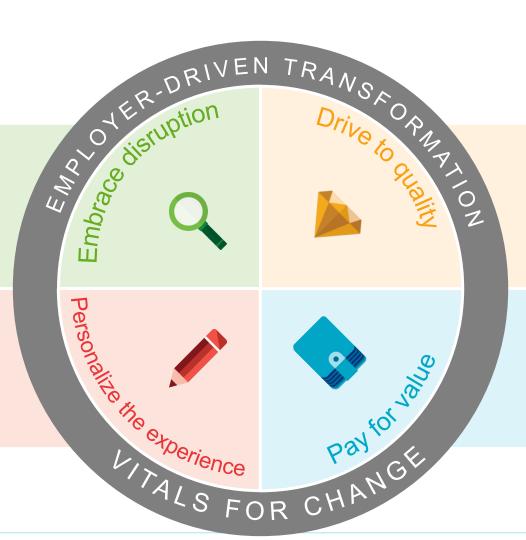
- % employers rating strategy "Very important"
- % employers rating strategy "Important"

# EMPLOYER-DRIVEN HEALTHCARE TRANSFORMATION VITALS FOR CHANGE

THROUGH COLLECTIVE FOCUS ON THE **VITALS FOR CHANGE** EMPLOYERS CAN MAKE THE SYSTEM MORE RATIONAL AND AFFORDABLE

Embracing positive disruption in the healthcare ecosystem that challenges the status quo

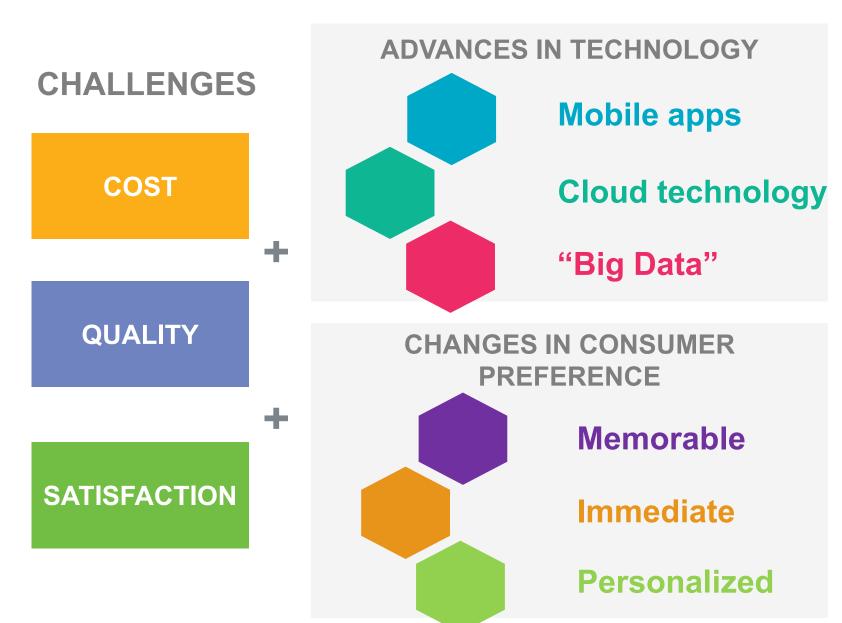
Personalizing benefit experiences through timely, relevant recommendations



Driving members to high-quality care using data, technology and user insights

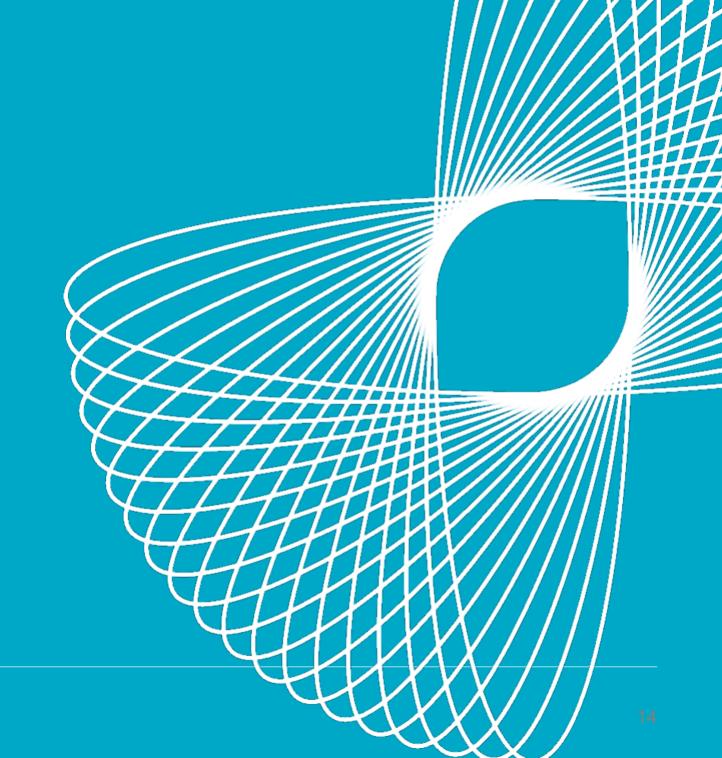
Paying for care based on quality and outcomes, not volume

#### THE PERFECT STORM...





#### MACRO-TRENDS



#### THREE MACRO-TRENDS AT PLAY

1) The market is shifting

2) Quality Matters; Networks will get smaller

3) New Face of High Cost

The big players are getting bigger through M&A amid hundreds of start ups + technology

Quality matters; employers are willing to use smaller networks and incentives to steer care to quality providers.

New, unprecedented high cost claims are becoming increasingly prevalent, fueled by genomics, specialty pharmacy and biotech

#### THE MARKET LANDSCAPE IS SHIFTING HEALTH PAYER & CARE DELIVERY MERGERS & ALLIANCES

TODAY **TOMORROW** YESTERDAY aetna +  $\bigcirc$  OPTUM°  $\bigcirc$  Da  $\bigcirc$  ita. aetna + HUMANA. amazon + Anthem Cigna **HUMANA.** + Kindred BERKSHIRE HATHAWAY INC. JPMORGAN CHASE & CO. Cigna. + EXPRESS SCRIPTS

#### LARGE PROVIDER SYSTEM INTEGRATION







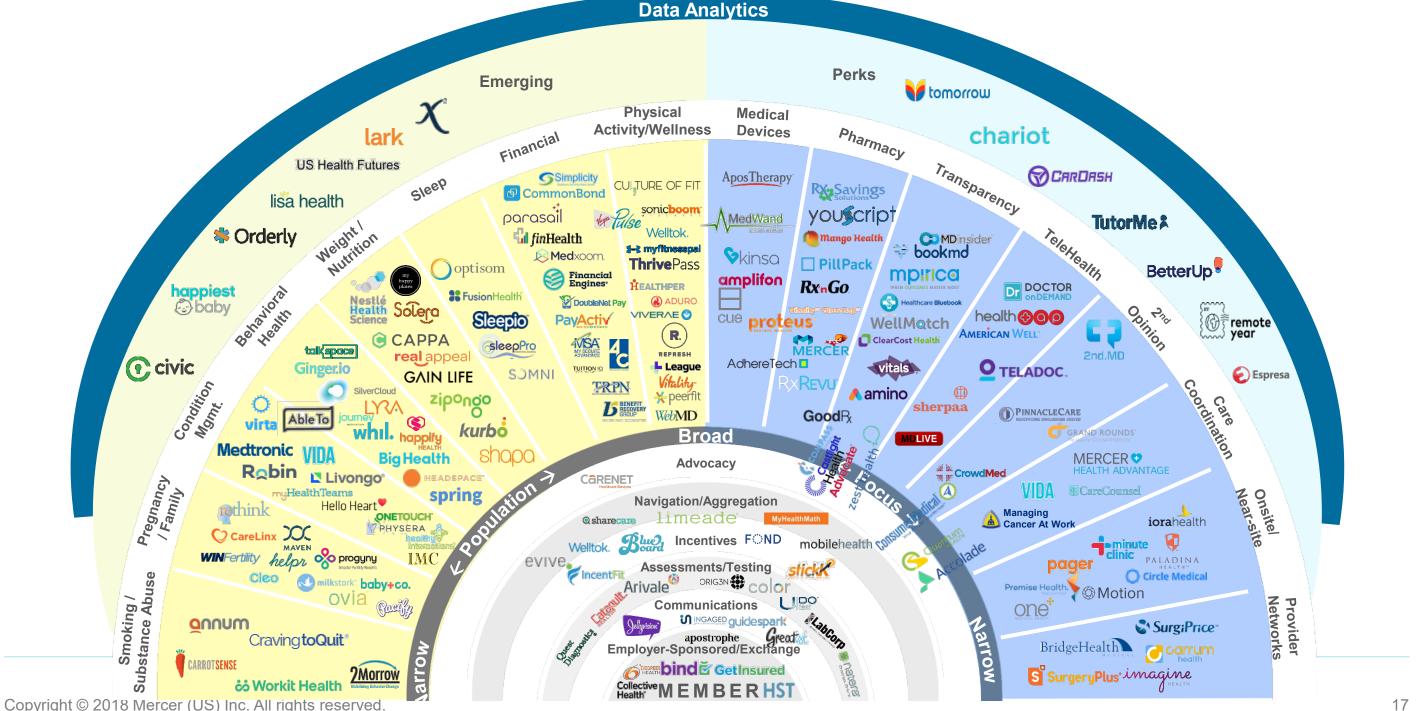
Advocate Health Care



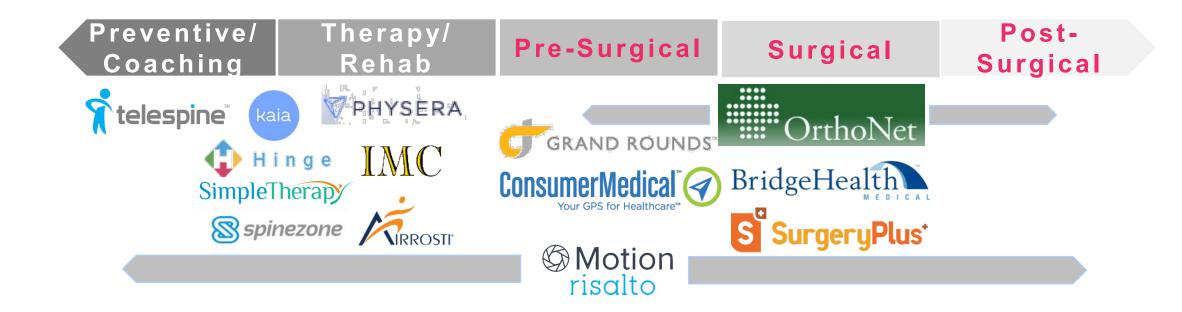




#### START-UPS: EXPLOSION OF TECHNOLOGY AND DATA



#### INNOVATIONS TARGETING MUSCULOSKELETAL



## AI APPLICATIONS THAT COULD CHANGE HEALTHCARE

#### HARVARD BUSINESS REVIEW

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5.	Dosage error reduction	\$16 billion
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7. Clinical trial participation \$13 billi	7.
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8. Preliminary diagnosis \$5 b	oillion
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#### EMPLOYERS, PROVIDER, CONSUMERS COLLABORATE IN PURSUIT OF THE BEST CARE



- Limited quality oversight
- Fee-for-service payment



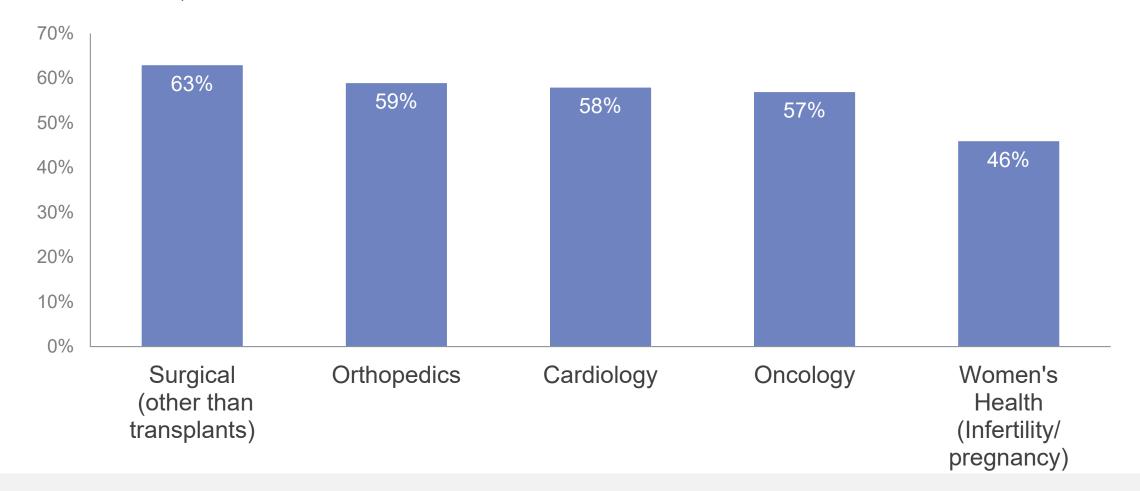
- Narrow networks
- Expert medical opinion
- On-site care
- **Telemedicine**
- Well-being integrations



- Centers of Excellence
- Episode bundles
- High value networks
- Clinically integrated networks
- ACOs
- Value based care
- Hospitals-at-Home

# QUALITY MATTERS: EMPLOYERS EMBRACE CENTERS OF EXCELLENCE FOR A RANGE OF TREATMENTS

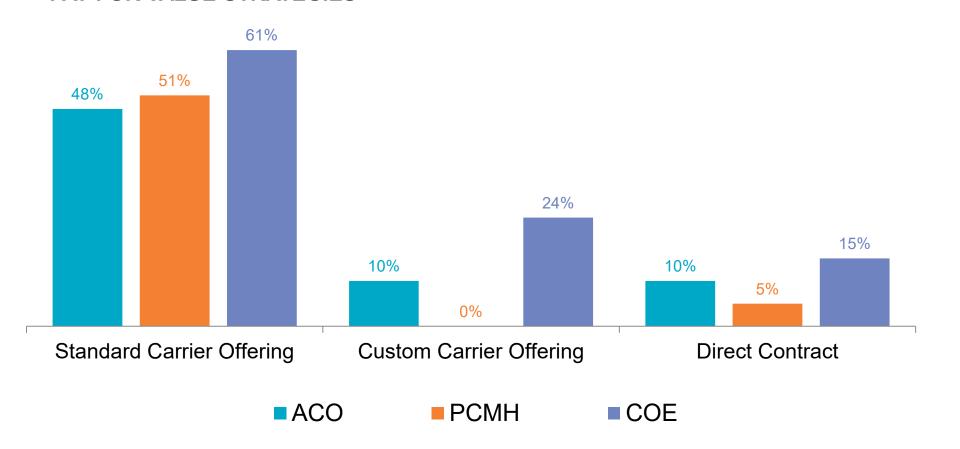
#### EMPLOYERS WITH 20,000 OR MORE EMPLOYEES



HOW EMPLOYERS STEER EMPLOYEES TO A COE: PAID TRAVEL. LOWER COST-SHARING. CASH BONUS. MAKING IT MANDATORY FOR COVERAGE.

# CHANGING THE WAY PROVIDERS ARE PAID TO ACHIEVE LOWER COST, BETTER VALUE

#### **PAY FOR VALUE STRATEGIES**





pushed their health plan partners to improve or expand their pay-for-value strategies

National Average Score: 38/100

# VENDOR/POINT SOLUTIONS: AFFORDABLE ACCESS TO SERVICES



- Directs planned surgical procedures to high quality providers with bundled case rates
- Can result in savings of 30-50% per procedure
- Any employer size



- Narrow network available in 6 large geographic markets and contracted with over 22,000 providers
- Willing to build out market in location if employer has 5,000+ EEs

#### **NEW FACE OF HIGH COST**

# From 2014 to 2017, the frequency of \$1M+ claimants increased 87%

Source: SunLife

#### **NEW FACE OF HIGH COST - DRIVERS**

#### ACA

- Lifetime maximums have been eliminated
- Coverage for dependents up to age 26
- Removal of pre-existing condition restrictions

#### **Specialty Drugs**

- Specialty drugs represented more than 1/3 of total drug costs in 2016
- Trend of 20-30% per year through 2019
- 40-50 new specialty drugs available annually over next 4 years

#### Technology/R&D

 End-of-life prolonged due to advances in treating disease with technology and pharmaceuticals

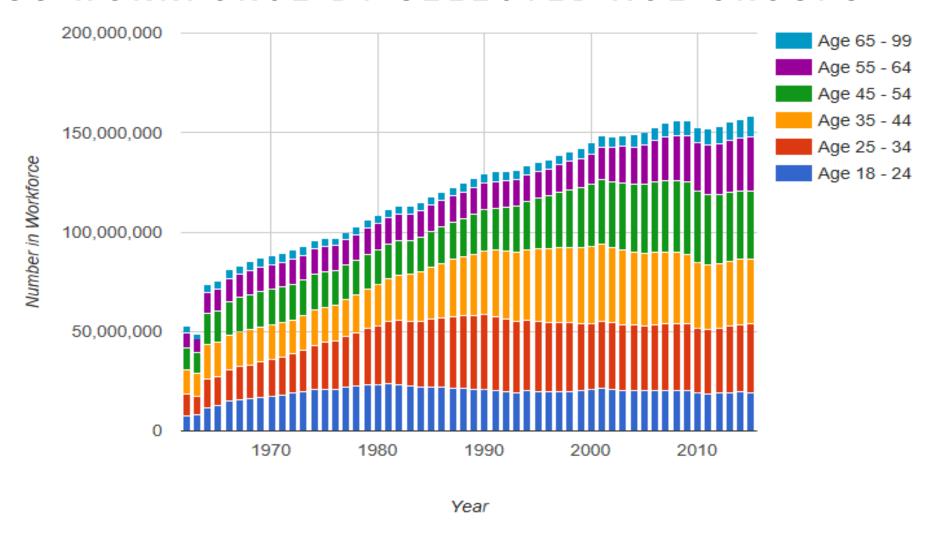
#### **NEW FACE OF HIGH COST**

Medical advancements are rapidly creating cures for conditions that previously didn't exist at a very high price

THE ROLE OF CONSUMERS
IN HEALTHCARE DELIVERY—
NOW AND IN THE FUTURE

# WORKFORCE DEMOGRAPHICS CHANGING EXPECTATIONS

#### US WORKFORCE BY SELECTED AGE GROUPS

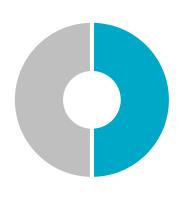




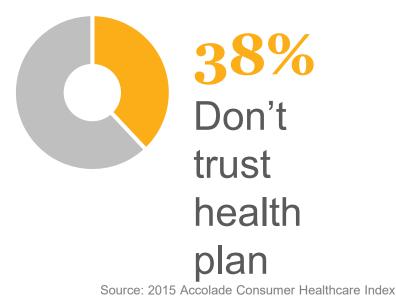
#### THE "EMPOWERED" HEALTHCARE CONSUMER...



32%
Lack
knowledge of options



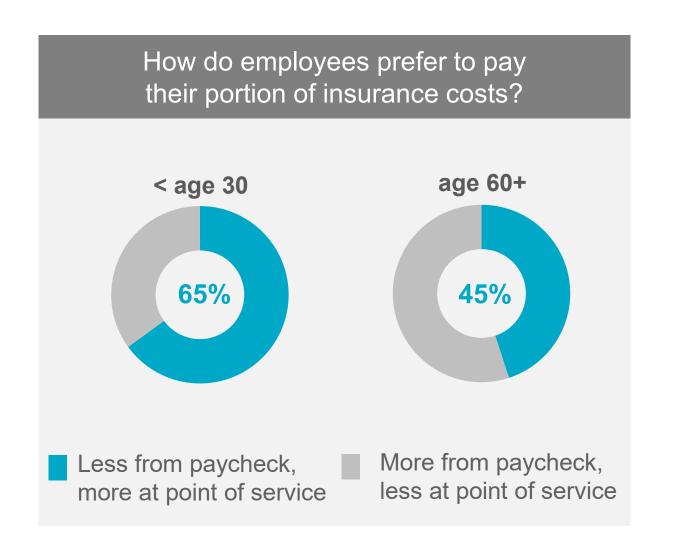
50%
Are health illiterate

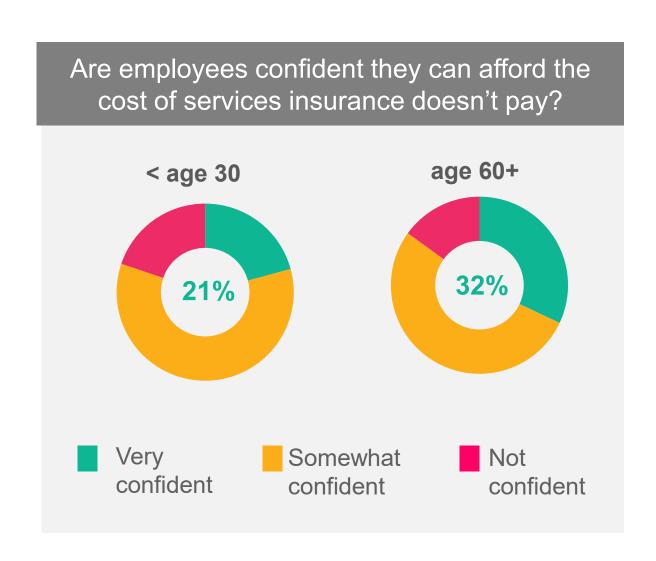






#### CURRENT CONSUMER ENVIRONMENT ONE SIZE DOES NOT FIT ALL





#### CONSUMER PREFERENCES ARE CHANGING

Younger employees overwhelmingly looking for more benefits flexibility

70%
MILLENNIALS

**59%**GEN X

48%
BOOMERS



Same-day appointments with family doctor

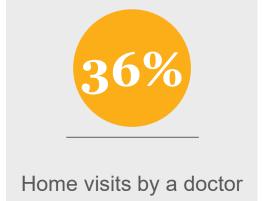


**32**%

of people enrolled in a high-deductible plan across all employer health plan sponsors

35%

consumers are willing to pay more for services centered around convenience







# MEET ZOEY THE HEALTHCARE CONSUMER OF THE FUTURE

### Putting Zoey's healthcare at her fingertips:

Because Zoey is accustomed to instant access in may areas of her life – transportation, food, hospitality, travel, etc. – she expects the same from all things healthcare.

#### On-demand



convenience – so she expects the same from her healthcare experience!



Artificial intelligence and machine learning augment Zoey's reality and bring real-time information to her fingertips, making her smarter and more informed.



Virtual

#### PARTING THOUGHTS...

Be nimble. Create open architecture. Stay focused.

Disciplined innovation is not a contradiction.

Take on one of the big issues – affordability, quality, waste. Personalization matters – make sure you know what your customers want.

