5 Proven Tactics for Reducing Cost of Healthcare

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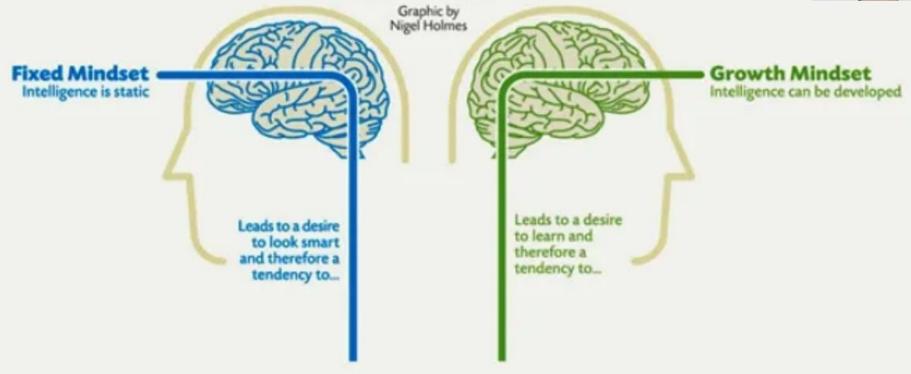






TWO MINDSETS

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What's Really Driving Employer Health Plan Costs?

0.6%of a population drives 350/0 of employers' spend

Health care inflation is driven by price increases, not utilization, think new medical and Rx technologies.



High-cost claims are different

High-cost claimants are made up of cancers, kidney failure, sepsis, complex newborns and hemophilia



Specialty Medicines, especially injectables, are the fastest-growing driver of high-cost claimants

High-Cost Claimant Predictive Analytics can **sometimes** identify these individuals and target early interventions



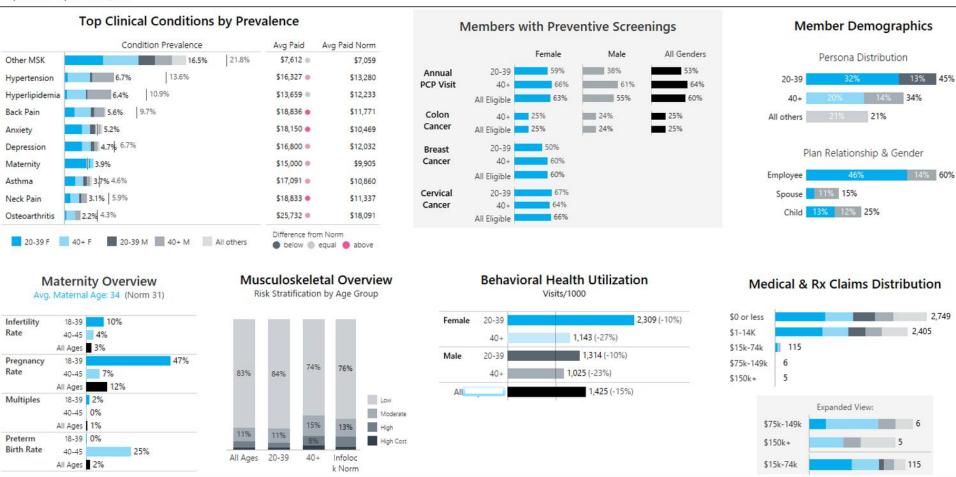


Chronic conditions are the direct cause of less than a quarter of medical and pharmacy claims over \$50,000 (high-cost claims)

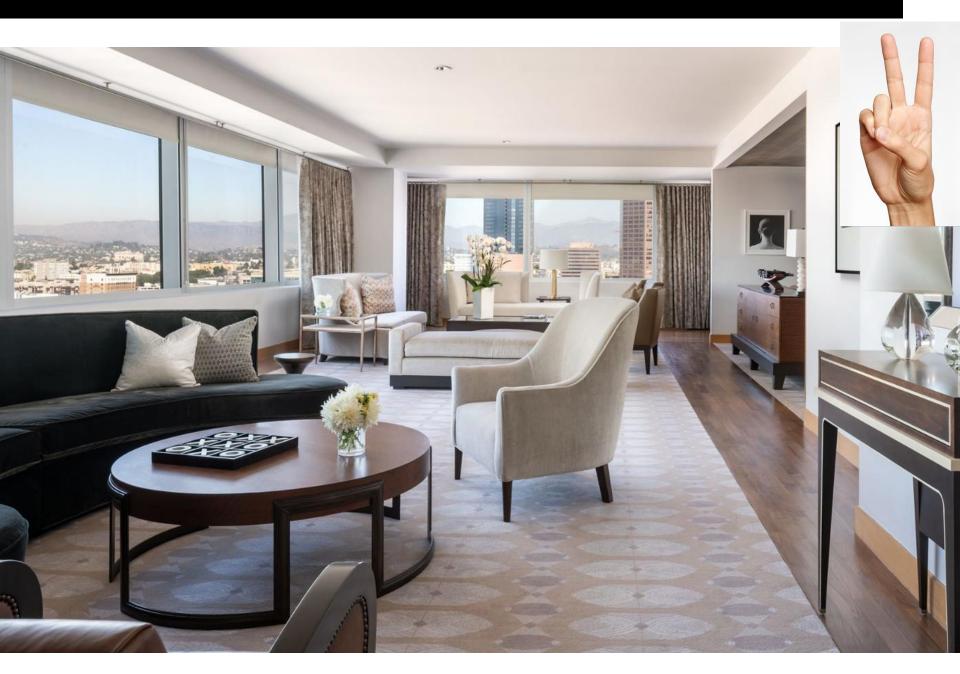
Population Health Overview

Reporting Periods: Infolock Incurred Apr 2021 - Mar 2022;

Report Date: September 21, 2022



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What's "Trending" in Pharmacy?

COST & **UTILIZATION**



- <u>Diabetes</u> new branded products replacing older cheaper drugs as standard of care
- Weight Management continued increase in utilization of Wegovy/Saxenda for weight loss
- Migraine new branded products replacing older cheaper drugs, increased chronic utilization
- Inflammatory increased utilization and price inflation. Highest direct-to-consumer advertising spend category
- Hemophilia two new gene therapies, expected \$2.5M-\$3.5M cost. Ultra low member use (~30K in US)

PURCHASE OPTIMIZATION



- Multiple innovative, transparent/pass-through PBMs continue to grow market share
- Mark Cuban Cost Plus Pharmacy and Amazon Pharmacy entering networks with PBMs/Carriers
- Specialty Carve Out multiple types
 - Leverage Specialty PBM to manage Specialty drugs
 - Patient Assistant Programs variety of vendors in the market and requires removing specialty drugs from coverage so members can obtain funding through Pharma programs (member income limit considerations)

DISRUPTORS



- Biosimilars
 - Launch of Humira biosimilars throughout 2023 PBMs deploying various strategies
 - Potential Stelara biosimilar in 2023 (pending litigation maybe)
- Gene Therapies healthy pipeline of gene therapy agents to treat/cure ultra-rare conditions (Hemophilia, Sickle Cell Anemia, Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy, etc.)

"Nobody ever stole my Execution"

- Who is overseeing your pharmacy management?
- Goal is to identify best-in-market vendors and strategies
 - **Employer-based coalitions**
 - Carve-in with carrier
 - Carve-out through PBM
 - Specialty carve-out
- Your advisor's team should include Pharmacists & Pharmacy finance experts
- RFPs and contracts: Clear definitions and requirements
- Negotiate Audit Rights of Coalition / Carrier / PBM as to performance to your contract
 - Discount Guarantees
 - Rebates
- Quarterly utilization reviews





Only 56% of employees think their company's executives care about their well-being, while 91% of the C-suite think their employees believe they care about it

SOURCE: DELOITTE ANALYTICS

Employee Experience

4 in 5

Employees feel emotionally drained from their work, an early sign of burnout.

9 in 10

Employees report that their workplace stress affects their mental well-being and work performance.

3 in 5

Employees report that they are not receiving adequate support from supervisors to help manage stress.

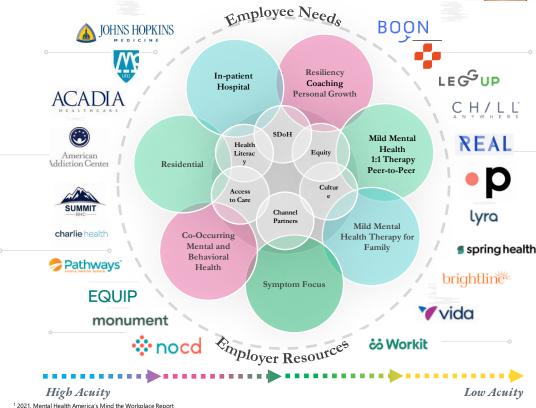
Everyone

Talking to a supervisor to change stressful things about work was most strongly correlated with the healthiest overall workplace scores.

Mental Health: Evolution of Employee Needs & Market Solutions

2 2022, Infolock Incurred Claims Sept 21 - Aug 22







How do you manage absence / leave?

Over the years, **absence management** has become a primary focus of clients' benefit teams supporting US employees

- Increase in leaves volume and complexities
- Reliance on manual processes and reporting
- **Limited expertise** in medical document reviews
- **Maintaining compliance** across multiple (and growing) jurisdictions
- Applying consistency in decisions and employee experience

A co-sourced / outsourced model could allow for **economies of scale** and deliver a **cost-effective** solutions providing

- **Dedicated** resources with **supportive and consistent** employee experiences
- Compliance and clinical expertise filling in gaps of current knowledge and skillsets
- Automated administration, reporting and data integration to ensure a single source of truth and effective information sharing with stakeholders
- Additional privacy, objectivity and consistency in absence claim determinations



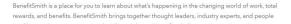
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- What's Your Mindset? Growth or Fixed
- Get / Know / Use Your Data Work both Macro & Micro
- 3. **Audit Your PBM** With Experts in Rx
- Invest in Mental Health 4. Break the Stigma
- 5. Optimize Absence / Leave Take Back Your Day / Time



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