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Today's Speaker & Topic

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IFEBP's 2020 Healthcare Survey Results

The Results Are In: Health Plan Takeaways From the Employee Benefits Survey

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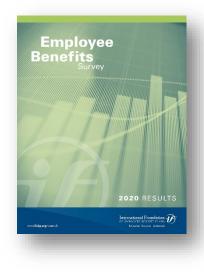
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Survey Background

Employee Benefits Survey: 2020 Survey Results

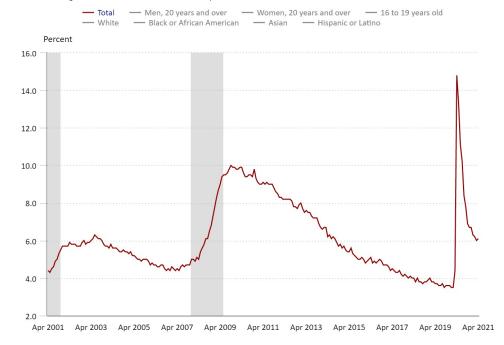
- Deployed in August-September 2020
- 752 completed responses from corporations, multiemployer trust funds, public employers
- 20+ industries
- Employers with <50 to >10,000 employees
- Full report available at: ifebp.org/BenefitsSurvey2020
- Other reports available at: ifebp.org/Research
- NOTE: Impact of COVID-19 on benefit offerings



Workforce Trends—Unemployment

Civilian unemployment rate, seasonally adjusted

Click and drag within the chart to zoom in on time periods



Hover over chart to view data. Note: Shaded area represents recession, as determined by the National Bureau of Economic Research. Persons whose ethnicity is identified as Hispanic or Latino may be of any race. Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Workforce Trends—Tenure

Both sexes Men Women 5 Δ 🧰 3 2 1 0 1983 1987 1991 1996 1998 2000 2002 2004 2006 2008 2010 2012 2014 2016 2018 2020

Median years of tenure with current employer for wage and salary workers, selected years, 1983–2020

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Health Care Plan Offerings

Most Common Plan Types*

Preferred provider organization (PPO)

High-deductible health plan (HDHP) with health savings account (HSA)

52%

Health maintenance organization (HMO)

26%

HDHP with health reimbursement arrangement (HRA)



Point-of-service (POS) plan



Exclusive provider organization (EPO)



HDHP without an account



*Respondents were asked to select all that apply.



75[%]

Types of Covered Dependents

Covered Dependents in Health Plans (n=680)

Adopted children	98%	Domestic partners (opposite sex)	42%
Biological children	99%	Domestic partners (same sex)	43%
Foster children	49%	Parents	1%
Grandchildren	9%	Same-sex partners in a civil union	37%
Nieces/nephews	1%	Siblings	1%
Stepchildren	65%	Spouses (opposite sex)	98%
Wards	19%	Spouses (same sex)	90%
Common-law spouses	35%	Stepsiblings	7%
Disabled adult dependents	57%		770

Health Care Plan Funding



*Percentages may not add up to 100% due to rounding.

'Grandfathered Status' Under the Affordable Care Act – Maintained by 29%, varies by sector

Flexible Benefit Arrangements

Types of Flexible Benefit Arrangements Offered (n=680)

Core-plus plan (minimum benefit level plus additional choices)	2%
Full-flex plan (value of all benefits converted into credits or dollars)	5%
Health care flexible spending account (FSA)	68%
Modular plan (choice of predesigned benefit packages)	1%
Pretax worker premium contributions/premium conversion plan/premium-only plan (POP)	26%
None	20%



Deductibles/Premiums for Single/Family Coverage

Common In-Network Deductibles		Common Premium % Paid by Worker			
	Single Family			Single	Family
	n=667	n=664		n=680	n=680
\$0	10%	9%	0%	24%	17%
\$500	10%	5%	1-10%	16%	8%
\$1,000	6%	6%	11-15%	12%	8%
\$2,000	5%	3%	16-20%	20%	17%
\$3,000	6%	13%	21-25%	10%	14%
			<u>26-30%</u>	9%	12%

*Deductibles and premium levels vary by employment sector

Health Care Cost-Management Techniques

Types of Health Care Management Techniques Used (n=680)

Administration/Data Analysis Initiatives		Plan Design/Program Initiatives	
Health care claims audits	43%	Dependent eligibility audits 370	%
Health care claims utilization analysis	60%	Opt-out incentives (participants are	
Predictive modeling	27%	offered cash to waive coverage if they 12	2%
Cost Sharing		have coverage elsewhere)	
Two tiers for cost sharing	34%	Spousal surcharges (spouses with coverage elsewhere pay a fee)	1%
Three tiers for cost sharing	20%		
Four tiers for cost sharing	19%	Spousal carve-outs (spouses with coverage elsewhere are denied 59	5%
Five or more tiers for cost sharing	3%	coverage)	

Health Care Cost-Management Techniques

Types of Health Care Management Techniques Used (n=680)

Utilization Control Initiatives

Case management	67%
Disease management	61%
Health care consumer education/medical self-care guides	36%
Nurse advice lines	56%
On-site/near-site health care clinics	17%
Prior authorization, utilization management	66%
Second opinion services	27%



Health Care Cost-Management Techniques

Types of Health Care Management Techniques Used (n=680)

Purchasing/Provider Initiatives

Centers of excellence	37%
Direct contracting with health care providers	15%
Financial incentives to choose high-value provider	9%
Health care coalitions/purchasing groups	13%
Health care advocates/navigators	25%
Price transparency/ comparison tools	37%

Provider health care quality initiatives	13%
Domestic medical travel/tourism	5%
International medical travel/tourism	5%
Narrow networks	8%
Tiered provider networks	12%
Reference-based pricing	4%
Telemedicine/telehealth	80%

Telemedicine/Telehealth Services

Approximate Utilization (n=434)

0%	1%
1-10%	46%
11-15%	16%
16-20%	13%
21-25%	7%
26-30%	7%
31-40%	4%
41-50%	2%
51-60%	1%
61% or more	3%

Common Co-Pays: *\$0 (36%), \$1-\$10 (11%),* \$11-\$15 (5%), \$16-\$20 (10%), \$21-\$25(9%)

Note: *Impact of COVID-19 Pandemic*

Dental Offerings

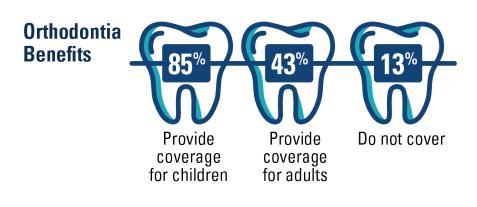
Offered by 94% of responding organizations

Types of Dental Benefits Offered

(n=655)

Dental exclusive provider organization

- -	
(DEPO)	4%
Dental health maintenance	
organization (DHMO)	16%
Dental point-of-service plan (DPOS)	9%
Dental preferred provider organization	
(DPPO)	80%
Direct reimbursement	2%
Traditional indemnity/fee-for-service	
plan	8%



Dental Deductibles/Premiums for Single/Family Coverage

Common In-Network Deductibles		
Single Famil		
	n=629	n=623
No deductible	21%	20%
\$50	57%	5%
\$100	5%	15%
<u>\$150</u>	NA	41%



Common Premium %	Paid by	Worker
	Single	Family
	n=655	n=655
0%	30%	22%
1-10%	9%	7%
11-15%	3%	3%
16-20%	13%	11%
21-25%	6%	6%
26-30%	6%	6%
31-40%	6%	6%
41-50%	7%	10%

Prescription Drug Cost-Management Techniques

Cost-Management Techniques Used for Prescription Drugs (n=676)

Cost Sharing

Three tiers for cost sharing	52%
Four tiers for cost sharing	26%
Five tiers or more for cost sharing	5%



Coverage or Limits by Type of Drug

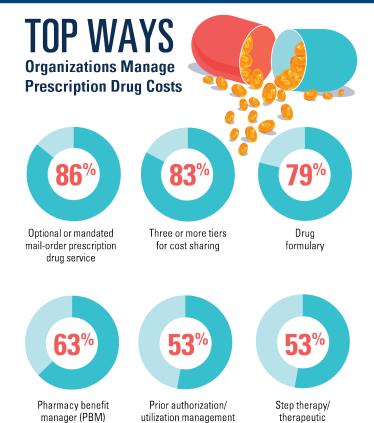
Cover select over-the-counter (OTC) drugs	17%
Discontinue or limit coverage of lifestyle drugs	13%
Drug formulary	79%
Mandate use of generic drugs when available	37%
Promote use of generic drugs via financial incentives	38%
Reference-based pricing	5%
Special limits for specialty and biotech drugs	27%
Step therapy/therapeutic substitution	53%
Preferential pricing agreements	11%

Prescription Drug Cost-Management Techniques

Cost-Management Techniques Used for Prescription Drugs (n=676)

Drug Access Controls		Purchasing/Administration	
Drug card program	16%	Collective purchasing group 9%	
Financial incentives for drug adherence	3%	Pharmacy benefit manager 63%	
Optional mail-order prescription drug service	74%	(PBM) 0570	
Mandated mail-order prescription drug service	12%	85% of those that use a PBM receive a share of their reimbursements	
On-site or near-site pharmacy	10%		
Preferred provider networks	41%		
Prior authorization, utilization management	53%		
Split/partial fill strategies	9%		

Prescription Drug Cost-Management Techniques



substitution

Innovative Health Care Benefit Offerings

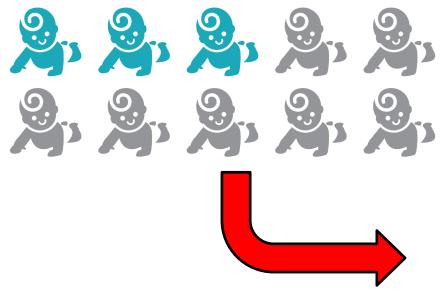
Other Types of Health Care Benefits Offered (n=679)		
Autism treatments	49%	
Bariatric surgery	40%	
Chiropractic coverage	76%	
Critical illness/cancer insurance	19%	
Fertility benefits	<mark>30%</mark>	
Gene therapy treatments	10%	
Genetic testing services	19%	
Hearing benefits	40%	
Long-term care insurance	9%	
Mental health benefits	78%	
Refractive/laser eye surgery	13%	
Pre-65 retiree health care benefits	28%	
Post-65 retiree health care benefits	23%	
Transgender-inclusive benefits	21%	
Vision benefits	64%	

Top Six Other Health Benefits



Fertility Benefits

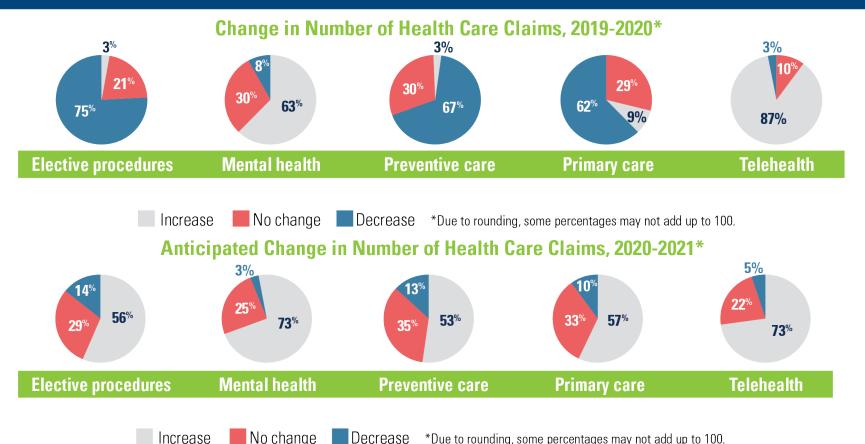
Three in ten organizations offer fertility benefits



Types of Fertility Benefits Offered (n=203)

Egg harvesting/freezing services	31%
Fertility medications	75%
Genetic testing to determine infertility issues	38%
In vitro fertilization (IVF) treatments	74%
Non-IVF fertility treatments	37%
Visits with counselors (e.g., geneticists, surrogacy)	45%

Benefit Highlights—Utilization Considerations



Decrease *Due to rounding, some percentages may not add up to 100.

Key Takeaways

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Foundation Resources

- Coronavirus (COVID-19) Resources: ifebp.org/coronavirus
- Coronavirus-Related InfoQuicks: ifebp.org/infoquick
- Transition Tracker: ifebp.org/transitiontracker
- Foundation Survey Reports: ifebp.org/research
- Word On Benefits Blog: ifebp.org/blog
- Talking Benefits Podcast: ifebp.org/podcast





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