

Consumer-Driven Health Care Strategies

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"Never mistake a clear view for a short distance." May 3, 2001

Potential Paths

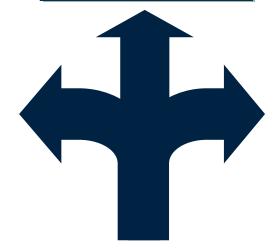


Single Payer System

- Design/subsidy mandates
- Price controls
- Less choice
- Distance from employer brand

Current System (Short-Term Cost Control)

- More consolidation
- More self-insurance
- •Less choice
- Employer branding

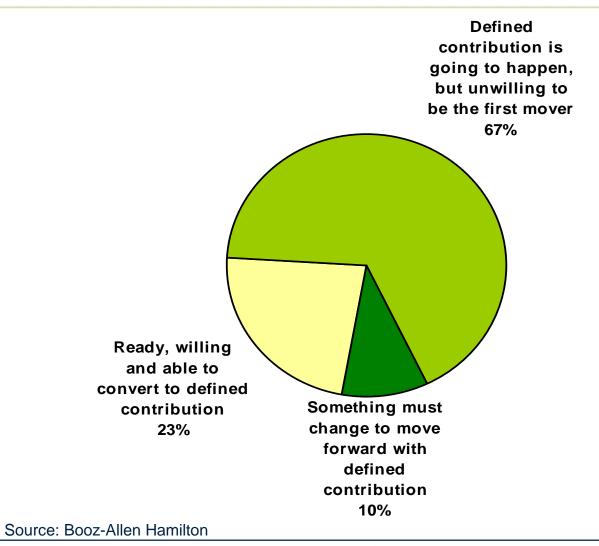


Consumer-Driven System

- •Less consolidation
- More insurance
- More choice
- Distance from employer brand

Defined Contribution?



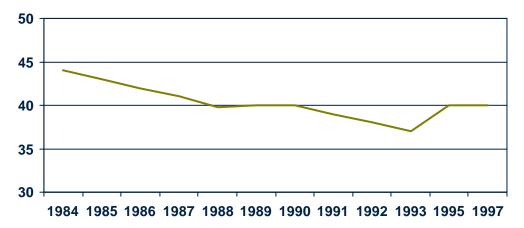


Defined Contribution?



- Small employers move to a pure defined contribution model and this trend accelerates in an economic downturn
 - Putting more cost pressure on large employers (uncompensated care) and increasing political pressure for a single payer solution

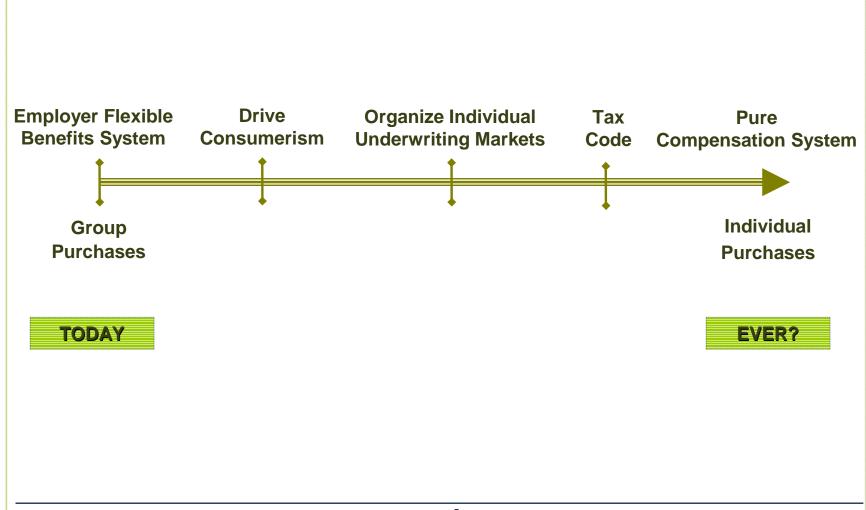
Percentage of Employees at Firms of <100 Receiving Health Benefits From Their Employer Over Time



Source: Employee Benefits Research Institute, Small Business Administration

Potential Defined Contribution Evolution





Employer Strategy Barriers



Driving Consumerism

Driving Market Efficiencies

- Investments in required tools, content, and advocacy services
- Current administrative capabilities
- Employee privacy concerns
- Employee/Retiree internet access
- Enrollment volume
- Technology interfaces with plans and providers

Sageo Support



Create an efficient market between employers and plans

- Drive administrative efficiencies with standardization, on-line transactions, and Sageo customer care
 - Standard administrative rules
 - On-line eligibility management and data transfers
- Offer employer savings in benefits administration through a sharedservice outsourcing platform
- Drive health plan administrative expenses down by aggregating enrollment volume

Sageo Support



Drive Health Care Consumerism

- Provide administrative platform for plan choice (group and individual products)
- Provide plan and provider selection tools at open enrollment
- Provide detailed consumer data on coverage and plan rules
- Provide health plan advocacy services
- Provide health care content through partnerships
- Enable integrated choice between traditional and consumer-driven health plans
 - Cost modeling
 - Coverage comparisons
 - Access to provider exchanges

Sageo Overview



