The health insurer of the future:

Consumers' advocate, providers' partner



Health insurers recognize they will need to increase collaboration with providers and better engage consumers to succeed moving forward





Source: PwC Health Research Institute health insurer executive survey, 2016-2017



Consumer Advocate

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Bridge Connector

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Analytic Sensor

Uses data analytics to give providers insight into the health of populations and provides solutions to help manage them. Pushes providers to value-based models to encourage keeping patients healthy.



Care Integrator

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Lean Operator

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Provider enablement



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While insurers to date have largely invested in more traditional technology capabilities such as cybersecurity and data analytics, they are considering investments in some emerging technologies in the next five years

What plans does your organization have to implement each of the following over the next five years?

Invest in strengthening cybersecurity 84% 8% Build out data analytics capabilities 1% 73% 22% Invest in a more targeted digital marketing strategy 2% 54% 28% Develop a new web-enabled platform to streamline shopping for health plans 50% 25% 23% 3% Invest in artificial intelligence to improve customer service and care protocols 19% 35% Invest in virtual/augmented reality to use in care delivery 14% 30% Invest in blockchain to streamline financial transactions 32% 39% 18% 12% Yes, currently implementing Not implementing and not considering for implementation in the next five years Not implementing, but considering for implementation Unsure in the next five years

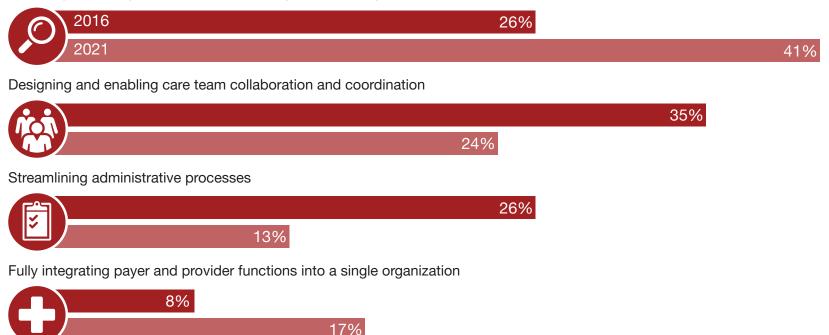


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In the next five years, most health insurers will focus on supplying providers with data insights to manage the health of populations

Which best describes the work your organization is primarily doing with providers today? Which will best describe the work your organization expects to primarily be doing with providers in five years?

Providing data insights to help better manage care for targeted sub-populations





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Comparing consumer groups: What consumer groups want from their health insurer and healthcare

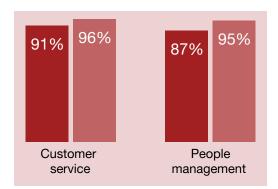
Consumer group		population in category Insurers that appeal to them		Health insurer of the future model that fits best
8	Frail elderly Over the age of 75, living at home, facing health issues related to falls or dementia and suffering generally poor health.	5.9M	Cost managing plans will appeal most. They are likely to switch insurers to save money. They are willing to try new locations for care such as retail clinics.	Bridge Connector Care Integrator
8	Complex chronic Have one or more chronic diseases affecting multiple body systems and often requiring complicated disease management (e.g. CHF, COPD, DM with end-stage renal disease).	24.8M	Plans providing the coverage of services and medications needed will draw these consumers. They are more resistant to change, and seem to be most loyal to their carriers.	Bridge Connector Care Integrator
@	Chronic Have problems affecting a single body system such as hypertension and require uncomplicated disease management.	175.1M	Plans providing the coverage of services and medications needed will draw these consumers. While loyal to their carriers, they seem reluctant to use retail clinics or telemedicine services.	Bridge Connector Care Integrator
8	Mental health Mental illness is primary health issue versus comorbid condition. Face depression and mood disorders, post- traumatic stress disorder, addictions and suicidal ideations.	9.4M	Managing healthcare costs is difficult for them. A high percentage would switch insurers to save money. Coverage of mental health services is most important.	Bridge Connector Care Integrator
6	Healthy families Households with healthy dependent children under the age of 18.	65.4M	Cost conscious but also one of the most adventurous groups. Willing to use retail clinics for their own and their families' care. Generally amenable to alternatives to traditional care, like sending a photo of a rash for diagnosis.	Consumer Advocate Care Integrator Lean Operator
	Healthy enthusiast Value a regular physical, wellness/coaching services, and get recommended screenings.	22,6M	Generally do not find it difficult to manage healthcare costs but are still concerned over the cost of their monthly premium. They are most satisfied with their insurance plans' coverage of services and medications.	Consumer Advocate Analytic Sensor Lean Operator
	Healthy skeptic Generally avoid interacting with the health system and are less likely to have health insurance than other consumer groups.	12.5M	The least likely to say they are satisfied with their insurance. They think they are healthy enough that they don't need health insurance. Plans with first-dollar coverage will appeal most.	Consumer Advocate Analytic Sensor Lean Operator

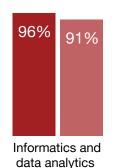


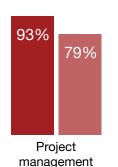
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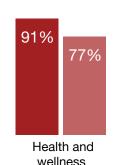
Today, health insurers are more focused on finding new hires with people management and customer services skills than they were in 2012

Over the next 5 years, how important will it be for your new hires to be skilled in the following areas?

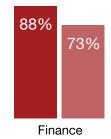


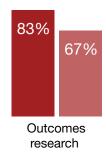


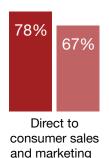


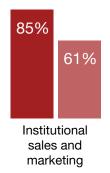


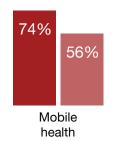
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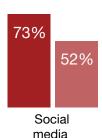














Source: PwC Health Research Institute human resources survey, 2012 and health insurer executive survey, 2016-2017

Comparison of HRI's five health insurer of the future models

		Why should you pursue this model?	What health insurer today should consider these models in the future?	What are potential investments to be made?	Which markets could be targeted?	
	Consumer Advocate Empowers consumers through easy-to-understand, simplified plans and increased access to information. Often digitally enabled.	Addresses the consumer's increasing role in healthcare.	Focus in the individual market.	Simplified plan design.	Tech-capable consumers to include healthy adults, seniors and families.	
			New entrants in the market (i.e. health	Price transparency tools.		
			insurance start ups).	Artificial intelligence technology.		
			Strong technology capabilities.	Self-service solutions and other		
			Locally or regionally focused.	consumer-facing technologies.		
	Bridge Connector Facilitates the relationship between patients and care providers. Plays an active role in getting consumers the right care. Uses technology to enhance the provider and patient experience.	Reduces medical costs for potentially expensive populations through increased communication	Focus on Medicare and Medicaid.	Data analytics.	Consumers with complex	
			Strong presence in communities with	Non-clinician health professionals.	chronic conditions or a desire for high-touch care, such as the frail elderly.	
		between providers and patients. Meets providers' demand for	access to community resources and strong provider relationships.	Retail storefronts to create consumer touchpoint.		
		deeper connection with patients.	Locally or regionally focused.	Telehealth to connect consumer and provider.		
	Lean Operator Prioritizes gaining efficiencies with core health insurer functions (claims adjudication and payment, utilization review, etc.). May partner with company specializing in consumer engagement or provider enablement tools.	Reduces costs by eliminating inefficiencies within core insurance and administrative functions.	Focus on providing administrative services to self-insured.	Blockchain to streamline claims processing.	Self-insured employers looking to access core	
			Strong leadership to reach administrative targets.	Identifying points of inefficiency.	insurance functions and use other vendors to access additional services such as consumer engagement tools.	
				Partnering with companies that		
			Broad geographical reach with large market share.	specialize in provider or consumer relations.		
(3)	Analytic Sensor Uses data analytics to give providers insight into the health of populations and provides solutions to help manage them. Pushes providers to value-based models to encourage keeping patients healthy.	Addresses demands for data	Strong relationships with providers.	Data integration and analytics.	Employers and providers	
		analysis and increased focus on population health management.	Strong technology platform and analytics, or capital to invest in them.	Relationships with community resources.	looking to deploy population health strategies and individuals looking to reap benefits from leading a healthy life.	
		Provides opportunities for diversification into non-regulated lines of business.	Broad geographical reach with large market share.			
	Care Integrator Integrates vertically to align incentives, improve care coordination, tackle utilization and keep medical costs low.	Reduces medical costs due to lack of provider-payer alignment.	Robust financial reserves and revenue sources.	Acquisition of providers (hospitals, clinics, physicians) to integrate along	Consumers with complex care needs or families where continuous care and convenience are highly valued.	
		Addresses providers' interest in provider-sponsored health plans and vertical integration.	Strong leadership.	care continuum.		
			Locally or regionally focused.	Data integration.		
		and vertical integration.	Densely populated market with strong market share or a provider with strong brand.	Technology focused on enhancing continuity of care.		



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An in-depth comparison of health consumer markets

Medical, social, behavioral, lifestyle and consumer preference characteristics.

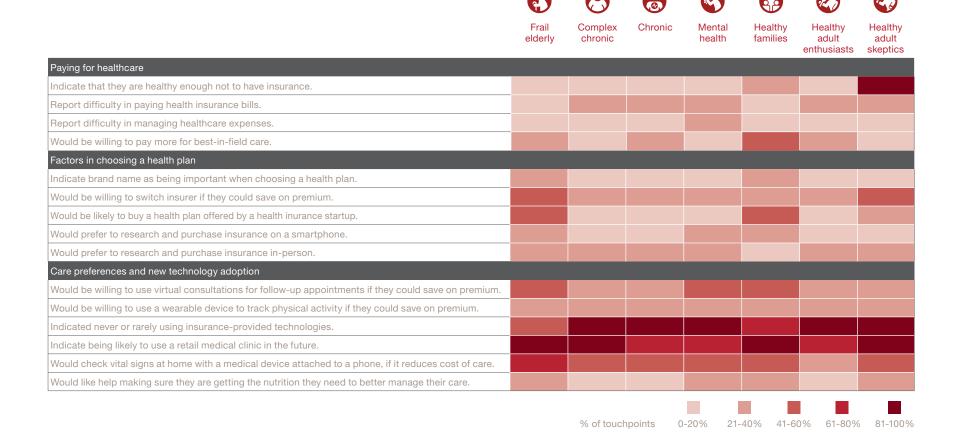
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