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U.S. employers prioritize new and enhanced healthcare vendor solutions



9 in 10 employers use their vendor strategy to achieve these goals*



- Improve workforce wellbeing
- Enhance employee experience
- Support attraction and retention goals
- Reduce medical claim costs

Most sought-after capabilities of new vendor partners*

Ability to address a broad range of needs:

Access to innovative approaches and leading the market:

86%

84%

Ability to integrate with existing vendors:

Guaranteed return on investment:

86%

78%

ROI is a key metric in evaluating benefits, yet 44% of employers say vendor reporting lacks employer-specific ROI.

*Important or very important

Mental health and wellbeing solutions remain key areas of focus for 2024

Mental health

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		30%		24%	12%	
General wellbeing (wellness platforms)						
	22%		14%	16%		
Navigation/Advocacy						
1	4% 5%	9%				
Musculoskeletal						
9%	10%	9%		■ Ranke	ed 1st	
Financial wellbeing				Ranke	Ranked 2nd	
6%	15%		20%		Ranked 3rd	

Engaging members is a key challenge*

Low member engagement	56%
Lack of internal resources to manage solutions	48%
Too many solutions/vendor partners	41%
Lack of outcomes measurement to assess value	41%

^{*}Respondents selected at most three options

Employers are taking action to boost engagement

Customize communication:

78%

Distribute vendor materials:

66%

Communicate beyond open enrollment period:

62%

Use multichannel communication strategies:

52%

*Based on respondents who made or are planning to make changes to vendor partners over the next two years

Most employers intend to add or enhance their vendor solutions*

Fewer plan to change vendor partners

% made or plan Add/Enhance Chan

Change current vendor partner(s)

Wellbeing programs

to make changes

67%

84%

vendor solutions

23%

Point solutions for clinical conditions

66%

90%

14%

Mental health solutions

61%

82%

30%

Navigation programs

52%

75%

28

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Actions you can take now!



Review vendor strategy goals and update if necessary



Develop metrics that include specific measurements and performance reviews



Make necessary changes including adding/enhancing solutions



Implement customized communications to launch new solutions

About the survey. A total of 232 employers participated in the Vendor Strategy Survey, which was conducted in October and November 2022. Respondents employ 3 million employees across a range of industries.