### Patient-Centered Health Plans: Designing the Path to Wellness

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### How Does Insurance Work?

- Employee Perspective
  - Best case– have coverage, don't use any health care and remain healthy (net premiums cost only)
  - Worst case have coverage, have catastrophic health event (net premiums + maximum out of pocket)

    5%
  - Everyone in between 82%
- Important Terms
  - Premium
  - Deductible
  - Maximum Out-of-Pocket

# How Much Health Care Do People Actually Use?



Adults age 18-44 (privately insured all year in Northeast, 2005)

- Median (half more/half less) - \$626
- Average (mean) \$2,178

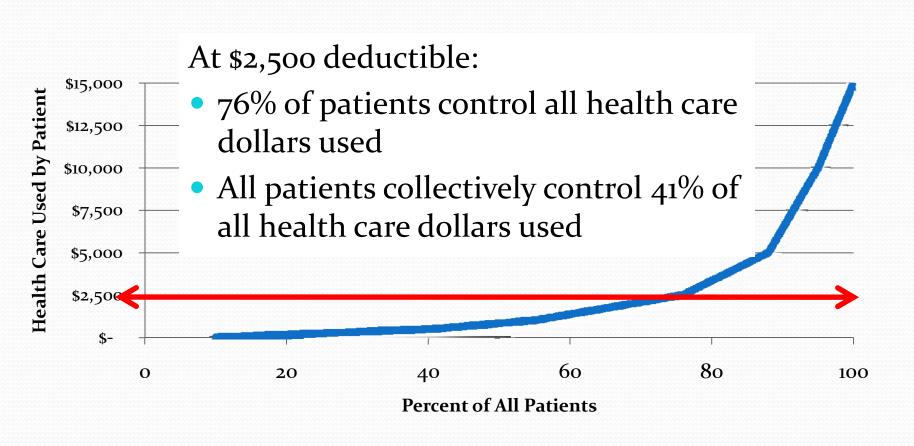
Source: Medical Expenditure Panel Survey, 2005, <u>www.meps.ahrq.gov</u>

# Once a High User, Always a High User?

- For the top 10 of every 100 health care consumers (using more than \$5,000 in 2005) in a given year (who consume 65% of all health care used)
  - only 4 will be in the top 10 the following year (41%).
- However, those 50 with the lowest consumption (less than \$800 per person in 2005, using 7% of all health care used)
  - 38 will be low users the following year (75%).

Source: Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, Nov 2007, Statistical Brief #191.

# Patient-Centered Plans – Majority of Patients Control All Their Spending



## If so many spend so little, why is insurance so expensive?

- Pricing Insurance: Expense x Probability + Admin.
   Cost
  - \$100,000 expense, 2% chance you will incur it, 15% admin
    - \$100,000 x 2% = \$2,000 + 15% admin = **\$2,300 cost to insure**

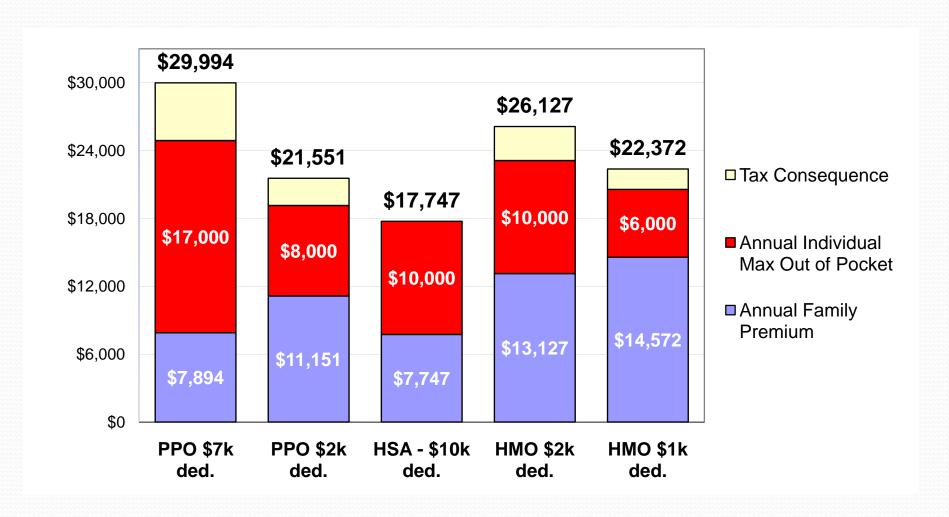
Common 100% Probability expenses in most insurance policies:

Routine exams

Maintenance medication

There are many other high probability items in most insurance policies.

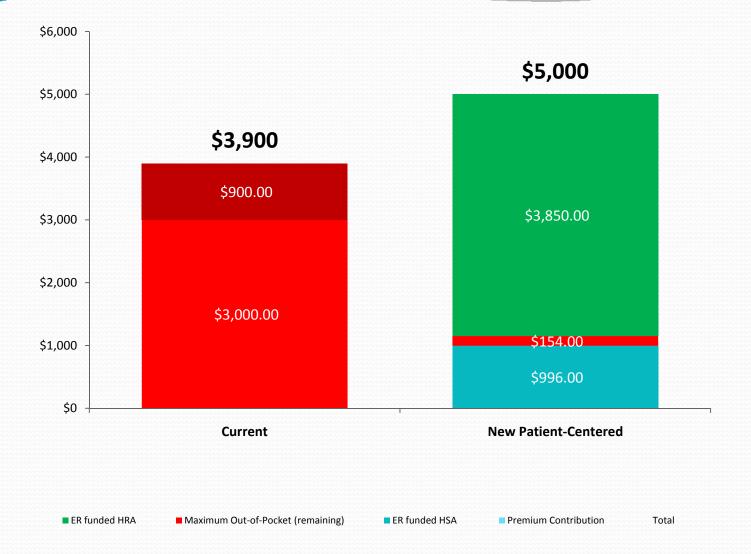
# Family Chamber Blue Options



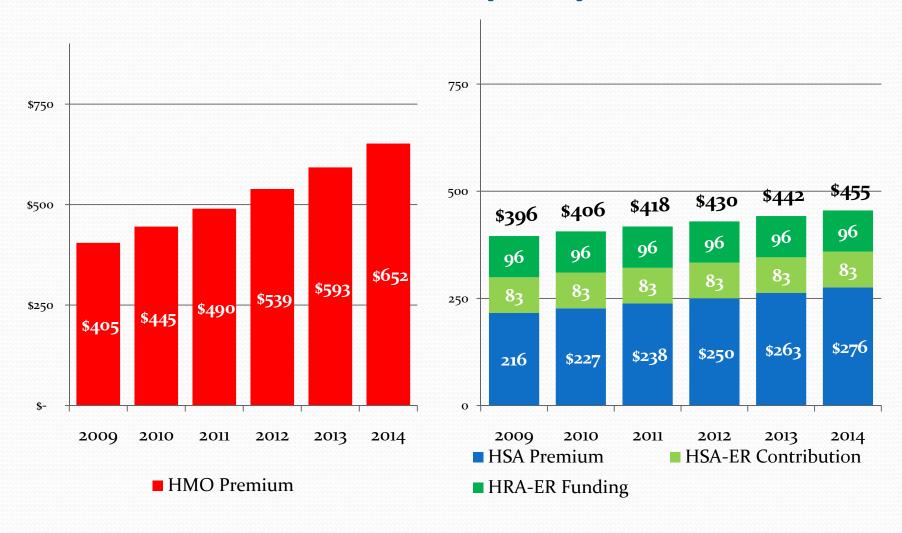
# Changing your approach... Employer Perspective

Old Model	New Patient-Centered Model
Premium	Premium
	Health savings account (HSA) with optional employer contribution
	Health reimbursement account (HRA) employer promise to pay



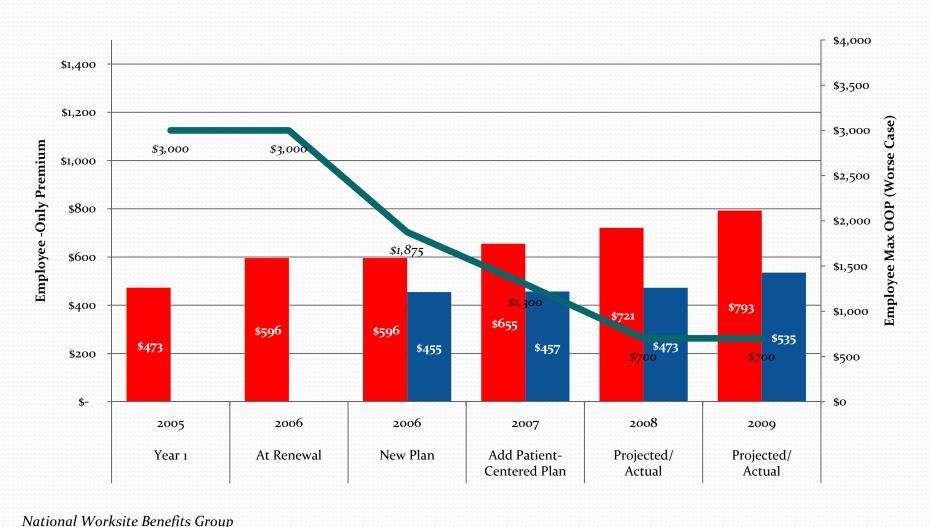


### 5-Year Trend - Employer



### Case Example - Mobius, Inc. - 2006 to Present

Change from Old Plan to Patient-Centered Plan in 2007 Employee-Only Coverage



Patient-Centered Plan

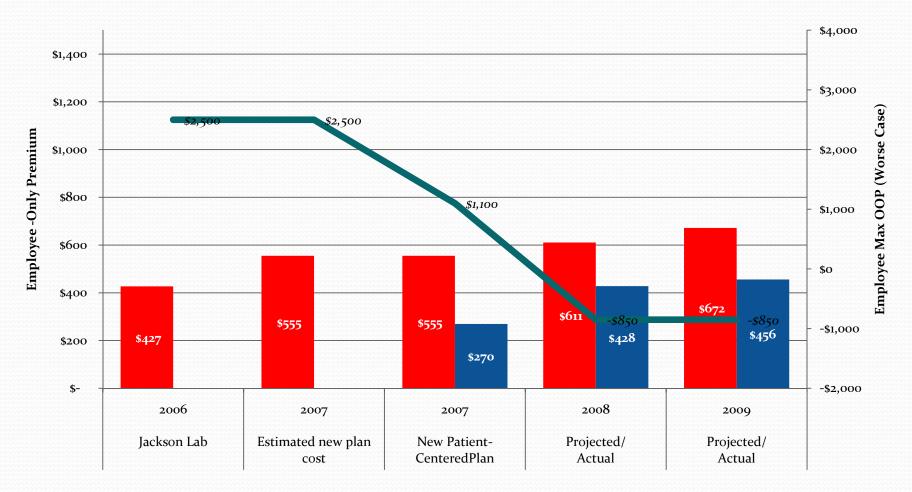
Max Employee OOP

Old Plan

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### Case Example - Bar Harbor Biotechnology, Inc. - 2007 to Present

New Patient-Centered Plan in 2007 Employee-Only Coverage

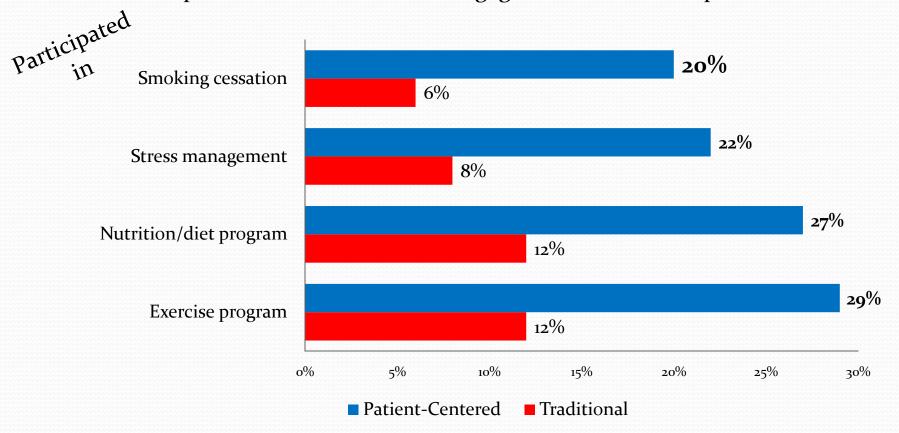


## Keys to An Effective Patient-Centered Benefit

- Fostering a culture of health care consumerism among all employees, beginning with senior executives
- Implementing a focused employee education campaign
- Offering wellness programs and incentives for healthy behaviors, as well as 100 percent coverage for preventive care
- Carefully constructing a benefits package that includes appropriate levels of employee financial responsibility

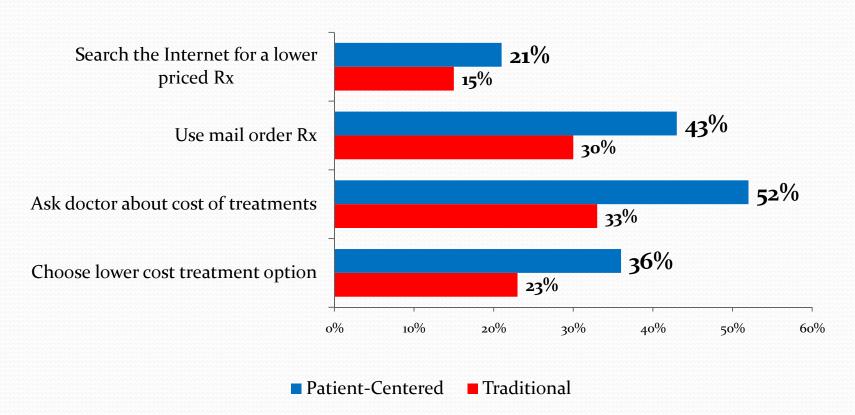
# **Key Findings of Patient-Centered Employees – 1. Committed in Wellness**

The Blue Cross Blue Shield Association 2007 CDHP Member Experience Survey showed HSA plan members were more engaged in wellness and prevention:



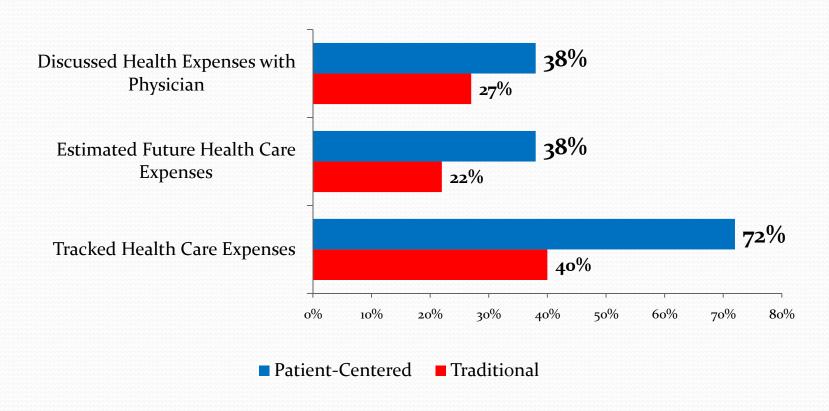
### Key Findings of Patient-Centered Employees – 2. Focused on Cost & Quality

The Blue Cross Blue Shield Association 2008 CDHP Member Experience Survey showed HSA plan members researched cost and quality of providers much more:



## Key Findings of Patient-Centered Employees – 3. Saved for the Future

The Blue Cross Blue Shield Association 2008 CDHP Member Experience Survey showed HSA plan members planned for health expenses more thoroughly:



## Questions?

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