

#### Session 32PD, ACA Uncertainty and New Product Opportunities

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Private Health Insurance Exchanges - Early Evidence and Implications for the Future (Rand Corporation '14)



### Back in 2014, Why Use Exchanges?

- Opportunities for cost containment (avoid the ACA's "Cadillac tax").
- One platform to lower costs for ER's and EE's.
- A new way to market insurance products.
- Combine several attractive services, including benefit administration, online shopping, decision support, and assistance with regulatory compliance, into a single package.

Private Exchanges are not the only avenue to achieve

**AND** 

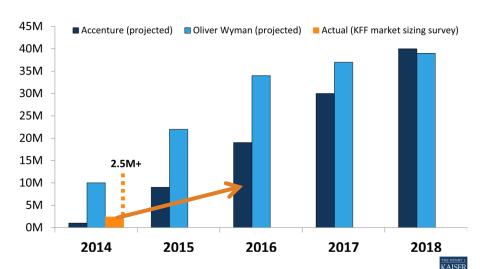
Benefits from these yet to be determined



#### **Enrollment is Low and <50% of '16 Projections**

Exhibit 5

Actual and projected size of private exchange market, millions (M)



SOURCE: Accenture (2012), Oliver Wyman (2012), Kaiser Family Foundation private exchange interviews/survey

Source: Accenture 2016 Report "Insight Driven Health" (2015/2016 Results)

"...there is a lack of systematic evidence to determine whether these exchanges will become prominent in the insurance market and how they will affect employers and their employees."



#### Implications for ACA's SHOP Marketplaces

Low enrollment on the SHOP
 Marketplaces could make it difficult for
 states and the federal government to
 recoup the fixed operating costs
 associated with running these.

Potentially costs associated with running these marketplaces. Potentially, private exchanges could contribute to this problem if they siphoned enrollment among employers that might have otherwise used SHOP.

 Brokers play a large role in helping small businesses choose coverage and may have steered small businesses away from the SHOP Marketplaces.

It is likely that these challenges had a larger influence on SHOP enrollment than competition from private exchanges.



#### **Operator Perspective Then**



### **Definition of Private Exchanges**

- No consensus on definition
- Some multicarrier exchanges feel strongly that having multiple issuers in exchanges critical to the business model
- Another states that only fully insured plans should be offered as they felt minimizing risk was a goal for private exchanges

Broadly defined by Rand Corporation as online portals for obtaining employer insurance that include multiple plan choices



### Perspective from the Operators

Numerous insurers operate their own, single-carrier exchanges. The health insurers operating their own exchanges range from some of the large, multistate insurers to smaller, regional BlueCross BlueShield plans.

bSwift, Liazon and Bloom Health all ran their own exchange platforms but have been bought by large consultancies or insurers. For example, Aetna purchased bSwift; Towers Watson purchased Liazon; and WellPoint and two other insurers purchased Bloom Health (Aetna, 2014; Towers Watson, 2013; PRNewswire, 2011).



# One exchange carrier likened it to building a mall:

"You start with your anchor stores to bring foot traffic into your mall. And once you have established foot traffic, then you can add, kind of, specialty stores that provide additional value but don't detract from the foot traffic in the mall..."

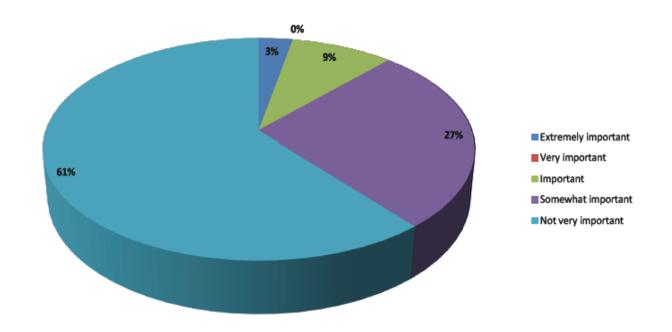


# Executive Perspective of Private Exchanges (Eastbridge 2017 Executive Survey)



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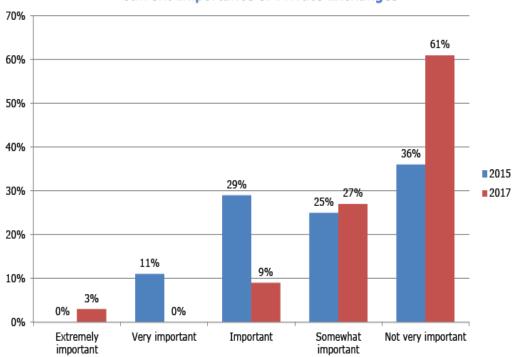
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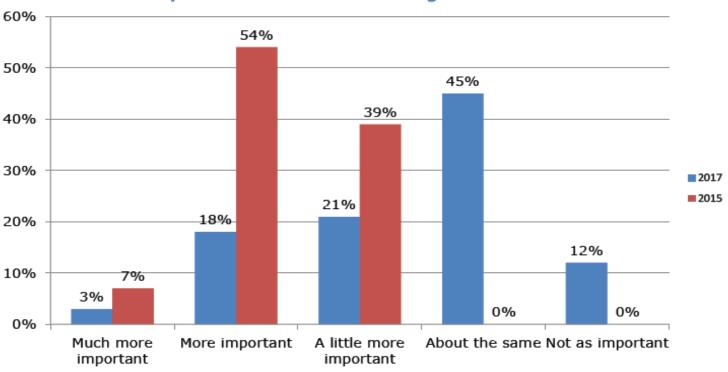


~25% shift from perceiving as important in higher to "not very important"



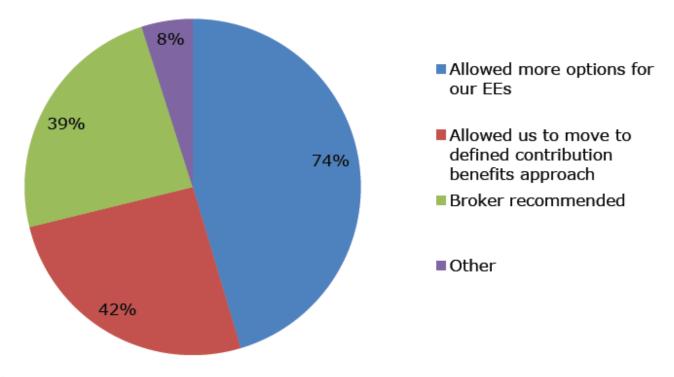
#### **Sales Trends: Executive Perspective**

**Importance of Private Exchanges in Five Years** 





## Employers: Reasons for Moving to a Private Exchange 2016



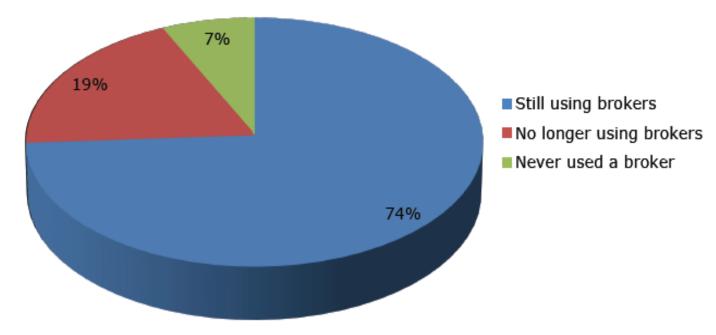


## **Employers: Openness to Using Private Exchanges 2016**

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	10-49	50-100	500	1,000	2,499	9,999	10,000
	EEs	EEs	EEs	EEs	EEs	EEs	+ EEs
Open for core and voluntary benefits	21%	22%	34%	21%	38%	31%	48%
Open for core only	5%	4%	9%	8%	8%	10%	0%
Open for voluntary only	3%	4%	11%	6%	12%	15%	16%
Not interested in or open to PEX	40%	45%	34%	45%	26%	34%	18%
Don't know	31%	24%	12%	19%	16%	10%	19%

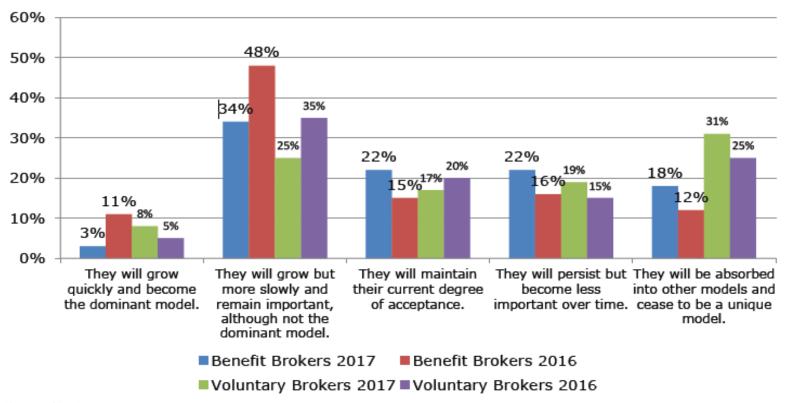


## Employers: Broker Usage Since Using Private Exchange 2016





#### **Brokers: Future Importance of Private Exchanges**





# Voluntary Carrier Perspective – What have we learned and where is the opportunity



## Voluntary Carrier Distribution Strategy via Private Exchanges 2014-2016

**Gain wider** distribution of worksite products through private exchanges

Chose exchanges with limited product offerings to help distribute offering

Build products that are exchange ready (easy to buy and sell, individual)

Take market share, gain scale and address customer needs



#### Where is the Opportunity for VB?

**Broader Access for Benefits** 

Support Tools for Decisions

Digital Experience

Connecting Solutions to Outcomes

Private Exchanges





















