





The Truth About ASO Plans!

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Goals/Objectives for Today

YOU WILL HAVE A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF:

How society is changing

How the insurance environment is changing

What funding options are available

Why your clients may wish to go ASO

How ASO funding works

What to look for in an ASO Plan/Provider







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...why now is the Best Time to Sell Employee Benefits







Clients are in Control

Clients are busier

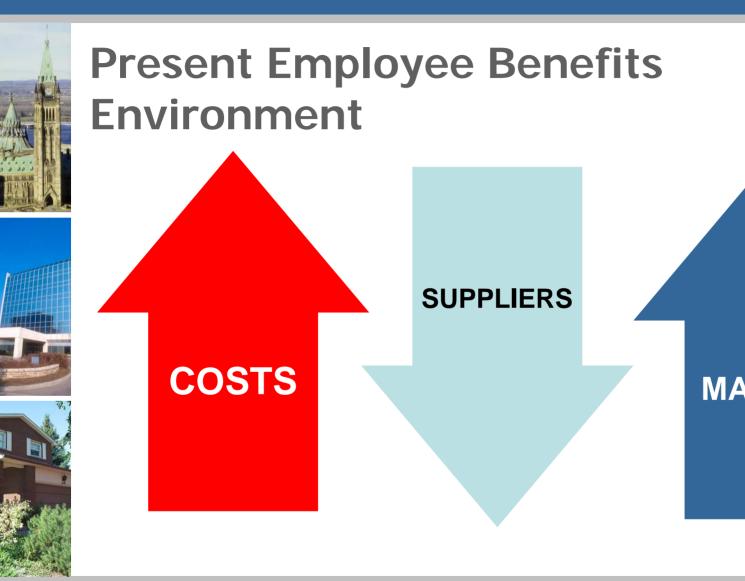
No longer prepared to go along for the ride

Clients want value today!

Changing factors influencing the buying decision

- Trust
 - Community Responsibility
- Speed Advice
- Convenience Price

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Change, Change, Change

Change is good for sales people

The market is huge

Clients want and need you



... Yes, we are talking about employee benefits





It's time to look at plan funding

...The Truth About ASO Plans





Traditional Funding vs. A.S.O. Funding

Client Promise

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Risk Charges

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Anticipated claims



Actual claims



Plan operation expenses



Client Premiums





Client Costs





Why are clients looking?

Your clients gain control and lower costs.







Of all the scientists who have lived and worked in the last 2,000 years...





Of all the scientists who have lived and worked in the last 2,000 years...

85% are alive and working TODAY



A Gallery of New Prescription Drugs











and the list goes on and on ...

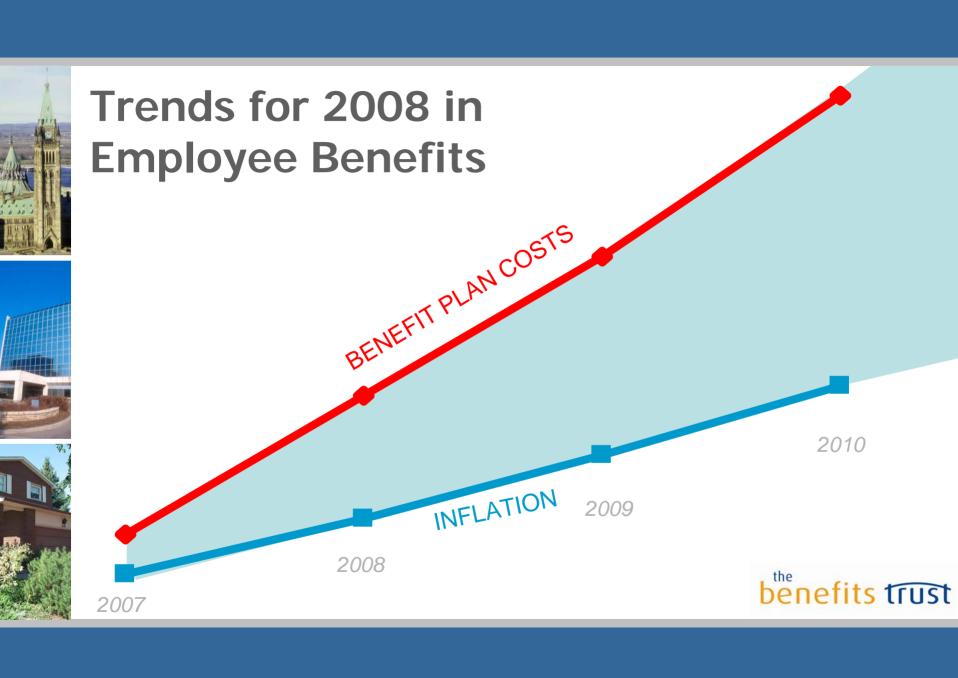




Are governments setting the stage to pass more costs on to your clients?









It's time...A Different Concept

High Cost Low Freq

Life Insurance

AD&D and C.I.

INSURANCE

LTD, Out of Country

Extended Health Care (Claims over \$5,000)

requires insurance

Low Inflation

CLIENT RISK LINE

High Inflation

Low Cost High Freq Dental Care

BILL PAYMENTS administration

STD, salary continuation plans Extended Health Care (Claims under \$5,000)

requires services





INSURANCE

This portion of the benefits plan should be designed according to YOUR clients' needs, instead of just a standard insurance package.

BILL PAYMENTS





INSURANCE

Low Inflation

CLIENT RISK LINE

BILL PAYMENTS

High Inflation

Examples of Plan Designs

- Conventional plans with traditional plan elements
- Core Plans with Health Care Spending Accounts
- Phased-in benefits according to seniority

Whatever your client wants





High Wage Executives should receive 100% benefits

\$1,000 in non-eligible claim costs require \$2,000 in after tax money

No double administration







Administration BILL PAYMENTS Services for

...all within a Trust





The Benefits Trust System™



Monthly Contribution

Insurance Premiums
Life, AD&D, LTD, Stop Loss...

\$

Claim Transactions
Health, Dental, STD...

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Plan Operation Costs

Administration, Producer

Administration, Producer Compensation, Taxes...

Monthly Account Balances (\$) YTD Account Balances (\$)

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Who Might be a Candidate for ASO?

Multiple insurance carriers

Multiple divisions or locations

Client wants unique plan design



More than 15 full time employees

Good experience/
Bad experience





What to Look for in an ASO Plan

Stop Loss

Budgeted Funding Approach

Conservative Budgeting





What to Look for in an ASO Provider

Monthly Billing & Reporting

Trust Arrangements & Auditors

Plan Communication Material

Professional Administrators/Adjudicators

Medical/Dental Professionals

Personalized Service & Flexibility

Active & Strong Insurance Partnerships





Communicate Communicate Communicate Communicate





Administration

You need professional administrators who will work together with you, clients' staff and employees to reduce their time spent on administering the benefits plan





You need rapid claims turnaround!



Budgeting for Employee Benefits by Profit Centre **Profit Centre C Profit Centre B** +40% -15% **Profit Centre A** -20%



We Can Do This For You... Contact Us!

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Thank you for your time and attention





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