



HEALTH

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### SCREENER

**S1.** To begin, please indicate which of the following options best describes your **job title / role** at your company / organization of work. *Please select only one response.*

1. Non-managerial employee (*full- or part-time*)
2. Manager, director, or executive
3. Self-employed at own company / organization [TERMINATE]
4. Retired [TERMINATE]
5. Unemployed [TERMINATE]
98. Other [TERMINATE]

[ASK IF CODED AS "Employer"]

**S2a.** In which main **department / sector** within your company / organization do you currently work? *Please select only one response.*

1. Information Technology (IT) [TERMINATE]
2. Operations Management [TERMINATE]
3. Human Resources / Administration
4. Sales / Marketing [TERMINATE]
98. Other [TERMINATE]
99. None of the above [TERMINATE]

[ASK IF CODED AS "Employer"]

**S2b.** Are you directly responsible for the decision-making process for **healthcare benefits** for your employees? *Please select only one response.*

1. Yes
2. No [TERMINATE]

[ASK IF CODED AS "Employee"]

**S3.** Do you currently have **healthcare benefits** covered by an employer-sponsored plan? *Please select only one response.*

1. Yes
2. No [TERMINATE]

**S4.** Approximately **how many employees** work at your company / organization? *Please select only one response; your best guess is fine.*

1. Under 500 (<500) employees
2. 500 to 999 employees
3. 1,000 – 4,999 employees
4. 5,000 – 19,999 employees
5. 20,000+ employees

**S5.** In which **state** are you currently employed? *Please select only one state.*

**S6.** Have you used or do you currently use any **digital healthcare platforms** (e.g., One Medical, MDLIVE / Teladoc / Doctor on Demand / Hims/Hers / BetterHelp / Other virtual healthcare services)?

1. Yes
2. No

### SURVEY QUESTIONS

**A1.** Which of the following **digital platforms** have you used / do you currently use? *Please select all that apply.*

1. Amazon
2. Netflix
3. Spotify
4. Google / YouTube
5. Apple
6. Peloton
7. Nike
8. BODi
9. BetterHelp / Talkspace / Cerebral / Other virtual mental health services
10. One Medical / MDLIVE / Teladoc / Doctor on Demand / Other virtual care services
11. Hims/Hers / Curology / Nurx / Other virtual retail services
96. Other (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_
97. Other (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_
98. Other (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_
99. None of the above

**A2.** How **important** do you consider the following attributes when deciding to use a digital platform? *Please use a scale of 1 to 5, where 1 is “Not at all important” and 5 is “Extremely important.”*

Not at all important	Not very important	Somewhat important	Very important	Extremely important
1	2	3	4	5

1. Personalized / relevant content
2. Ability to connect first virtually then in-person, if needed (*i.e., via hybrid approach*)
3. Convenient access to content (*e.g., via clear user interface / recommendations, etc.*)
4. Affordable / low cost

5. High-quality content
6. Wide variety of content
7. Speed of scheduling an appointment / service
8. Ability to solve members' problems / issues
9. Trust in the platform
10. Willingness to seek / accept feedback
11. Ability to go "above and beyond" to delight members
12. No need to travel to receive services
13. Short wait times to receive goods / services
14. Easy-to-understand content / forms / etc.
98. Other (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_

**[ASK IF DID NOT SELECT A1\_99 ("None of the above")]**

**A3.** Among the digital platform(s) that you have used / currently use, which platform(s) do you most **strongly associate** with each of these attributes?

*Please select **as many or as few** of the digital platforms that you associate with each attribute. If you do not feel any of the digital platforms perform strongly on a given attribute, please select the "None of these" option. Please be sure to select at least one item in each row.*

**A4.** What are the **main challenges or unmet needs** you have encountered when using / deciding to use digital platforms? *Please select all that apply.*

1. Lack of personalized / relevant recommendations
2. Inability to access a "real person" with questions / concerns (*i.e., via hybrid approach*)
3. Inconvenient / Inaccessible content (*e.g., unclear user interface / recommendations, etc.*)
4. Expensive / High cost
5. Low-quality content
6. Limited variety of content
7. Slow turnaround for scheduling an appointment / service
8. Inability to solve members' problems / issues
9. Lack of trust in the platform
10. Complacency in content / services provided (*e.g., outdated content / services, etc.*)
11. Lack of access to high-speed internet
12. Lack of value for current content / services provided
13. Inability to access on multiple platforms (*e.g., phone, tablet or desktop*)
14. Poor customer experience
15. Hard-to-use interface
16. Lack of quick / instant support / service (*e.g., content / service prompts, live chat support, etc.*)
98. Other (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_
99. None of the above

**B1.** Which of the following **types of healthcare benefits** do you consider most important **[IF CODED AS "Employee" SHOW: "regardless of what is currently included within the plan offered by your**

employer?"] [IF CODED AS "Employer" SHOW: "regardless of what is currently included within the plan offered to your employees?"] Please select all that apply.

1. General health / wellness (e.g., prescription medications, doctor visits / routine check-ups, etc.)
2. Emergency / ambulatory services
3. Short-term / Long-term disability insurance
4. Dental care (e.g., dentist / hygienist visits, teeth cleaning, etc.)
5. Vision care (e.g., eye exams, coverage for glasses / contact lenses, etc.)
6. Mental health care (e.g., coverage for individual / group therapy, counselling, etc.)
7. Critical illness / Life insurance
8. Health Savings Account (HSA)
98. Other (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_

**B2.** Now, which of the following **types of healthcare benefits** are currently offered [IF CODED AS "Employee" SHOW: "by your employer?"] [IF CODED AS "Employer" SHOW: "to your employees?"] Please select all that apply.

1. General health / wellness (e.g., prescription medications, doctor visits / routine check-ups, etc.)
2. Emergency / ambulatory services
3. Short-term / Long-term disability insurance
4. Dental care (e.g., dentist / hygienist visits, teeth cleaning, etc.)
5. Vision care (e.g., eye exams, coverage for glasses / contact lenses, etc.)
6. Mental health care (e.g., coverage for individual / group therapy, counselling, etc.)
7. Critical illness / Life insurance
8. Health Savings Account (HSA)
98. Other (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_

**B3.** How do you **prefer** to [IF CODED AS "Employee" SHOW: "access"] [IF CODED AS "Employer" SHOW: "offer"] each of these types of healthcare benefits [e.g., virtual healthcare, in-person healthcare, or hybrid (i.e., in-person or virtual) healthcare], regardless of whether or not you currently [IF CODED AS "Employee" SHOW: "have access to"] [IF CODED AS "Employer" SHOW: "offer"] them?

1. General health / wellness (e.g., prescription medications, doctor visits / routine check-ups, etc.)
2. Emergency / ambulatory services
3. Dental care (e.g., dentist / hygienist visits, teeth cleaning, etc.)
4. Vision care (e.g., eye exams, coverage for glasses / contact lenses, etc.)
5. Mental health care (e.g., coverage for individual / group therapy, counselling, etc.)

**B4.** For the following statements, do you more **closely associate** them with virtual healthcare, in-person healthcare, or hybrid (i.e., in-person or virtual) healthcare?

1. It is a better value
2. Transparency of cost
3. It's a healthcare facility covered by my insurance
4. Appointments are at convenient times and locations
5. I can easily schedule appointments

6. Short wait times for appointments
7. They have all of the providers and services I might need in one place
8. I can make a same-day appointment
9. They have providers I trust
10. I am able to build a relationship with my provider
11. It is a high quality of service
12. I can easily access post-visit notes and prescriptions

**B5.** Now, which of the following attributes do you **strongly associate** with the healthcare benefits currently offered **[IF CODED AS “Employee” SHOW: “by your employer?”] [IF CODED AS “Employer” SHOW: “to your employees?”]**

*Please select **as many or as few** of the benefits that you associate with each attribute. If you do not feel any of the benefits perform strongly on a given attribute, please select the “None of these” option. Please be sure to select at least one item in each row.*

1. Easy to access / Convenient
2. Relevant to employees’ everyday needs
3. Availability of digital / online platform / support
4. Clear / Easy to understand
5. Quick turnaround for claims processing
6. Affordable coverage for employee
7. Affordable coverage to employer **[SHOW IF CODED AS “Employer”]**
8. Personalized content tailored to benefit needs
9. Wide variety of benefits offered
10. Transparency of cost / benefits offered
11. Access to high-quality benefits providers
12. Collaborative relationship between employee and employer

**[ASK C1–C6 IF CODED AS “Employee” ONLY]**

**C1.** How **satisfied** are you with the healthcare benefits currently offered by your employer? *Please use a scale of 1 to 5 for each, where 1 is “Not at all satisfied” and 5 is “Extremely satisfied.”*

Not at all satisfied	Not very satisfied	Somewhat satisfied	Very satisfied	Extremely satisfied
1	2	3	4	5

**C2a.** Now, what are the **main barriers** affecting your usage of the healthcare benefits offered by your employer? *Please select all that apply.*

1. Lack of convenience / ease of use
2. Lack of access via digital platform / online
3. Coverage is too expensive
4. Coverage is too limited

5. Current benefits are not personalized / do not meet my needs
6. Current benefits are unclear / confusing
7. No virtual options
98. Other (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_
99. None of the above

**[ASK IF SELECTED C2a\_6]**

**C2b.** Which of the following reasons describe / explain why your **current benefits are unclear / confusing**? *Please select all that apply.*

1. Limited access to benefits depending on timing (i.e., inability to access benefits at any time)
2. Cost of benefits is not adequately explained (i.e., total out-of-pocket costs for using the benefits are unclear)
3. Employer offers limited or no education about the benefits coverage
4. Interaction between healthcare providers and benefits provider(s) is slow / inefficient
98. Other (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_
99. None of the above

**[ASK IF SELECTED C2a\_2]**

**C2c.** Which of the following **digital technologies** do you consider most appealing for usage of the healthcare benefits offered by your employer? *Please select all that apply.*

1. Telemedicine (*i.e., ability to schedule appointments online / via videoconferencing*)
2. Mobile apps / trackers
3. Wearable devices (*i.e., online technologies that can be worn as accessories*)
98. Other (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_
99. None of the above

**C3.** Overall, how **comfortable** would you be accessing the healthcare benefits offered by your employer via a **digital platform**? *Please use a scale of 1 to 5, where 1 is "Very uncomfortable" and 5 is "Very comfortable."*

Very <u>un</u> comfortable	Somewhat <u>un</u> comfortable	Neither comfortable nor <u>un</u> comfortable	Somewhat comfortable	Very comfortable
1	2	3	4	5

**C4.** Please rate your level of agreement with the following statements about the **role of digital platforms** in improving employees' experiences with healthcare benefits. *Please use a scale of 1 to 5, where 1 is "Strongly disagree" and 5 is "Strongly agree."*

1. Employees' experiences with healthcare benefits could be improved by offering a similar experience to other major digital platforms (*e.g., Amazon, Netflix, Spotify, etc.*).
2. I would be more likely to use my healthcare benefits if there were digital health options
3. I prefer to use digital options for my healthcare and only use in-person care when needed

4. Digital health options increase my ability to access the care I need
5. Digital health options allow me to better afford the care I need
6. Digital health options are convenient for employees

Strongly disagree	Somewhat disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Somewhat agree	Strongly agree
1	2	3	4	5

**[ASK IF SELECTED B2\_5]**

**C5.** Do you feel that the **vision care benefits** offered by your employer fully meet your vision care needs? *Please select only one response.*

1. Yes, they fully meet my needs
2. Yes, they exceed my needs
3. No

**[ASK IF C5 = 3 (“No”)]**

**C6.** Which of the following vision care benefits do you feel could be **improved** in the current plan offered by your employer? *Please select all that apply.*

1. Vision screening / Eye care appointments
2. Glasses frame / Contact lens selection
3. Prescription management
4. Vision care education / recommendations
5. Digital / Online tools for eye care / vision care (*e.g., screening, exams, guides, etc.*)
98. Other (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_
99. None of the above

**[ASK D1–D3 IF CODED AS “Employer” ONLY]**

**D1.** Please rate your level of agreement with the following statements about the **role of digital platforms** in the management of healthcare benefits. *Please use a scale of 1 to 5, where 1 is “Strongly disagree” and 5 is “Strongly agree.”*

1. “Employees’ / Employers’ experiences with healthcare benefits could be improved by offering a similar experience to other major digital platforms (*e.g., Amazon, Netflix, Spotify, etc.*).”
2. Digital health platforms would allow for higher cost savings
3. Digital health platforms would reduce employee absenteeism
4. Digital health platforms would improve employees’ being present and productive at work
5. Digital health platforms are a good value for cost
6. Digital health platforms would increase employees’ access to their benefits
7. Digital health platforms would increase employees’ use of their benefits
8. Digital health platforms would make accessing benefits more convenient

Strongly disagree	Somewhat disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Somewhat agree	Strongly agree
1	2	3	4	5

**[ASK IF SELECTED D1\_4 OR D1\_5 (“AGREE”) FOR CODE 1]**

**D2.** Now, please review the types of healthcare benefits currently offered by your company / organization below and indicate the level of **improvement** that could be achieved through use of **digital platforms** for these benefits. *Please use a scale of 1 to 5, where 1 is “No improvement” and 5 is “Significant improvement.”*

No improvement		Moderate improvement		Significant improvement
1	2	3	4	5

**D3.** What are the **main barriers** preventing you from offering any additional healthcare benefits or improvements to your employees? *Please select all that apply.*

1. Lack of convenience for employer (e.g., set-up, processing, etc.)
2. Lack of access via digital platform / online
3. Coverage is too expensive for employer
4. Coverage is too expensive for employees
5. Additional benefit offerings are too limited
6. Current benefits already meet employees’ needs
7. Isn’t accessible to all employees (i.e., is not offered in their area)
8. Employer does not see value in additional benefits
9. Additional benefits would increase confusion for employees
98. Other (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_
99. None of the above

**E1.** For approximately how many **years have you been employed** in at your current company / organization? *Please enter your response in the text box below.*

\_\_\_\_\_ # years

**E2.** What is your current **age**? *Please enter your response in the text box below.*

\_\_\_\_\_ # years old

**E3.** What is your **gender identity**? *Please select only one response.*

1. Man
2. Woman
98. Other (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_
99. I prefer not to answer



**E4.** What is your **race** or **ethnic background**? *Please select all that apply.*

1. Black
2. African
3. African American
4. Bi-racial / Mixed
5. Asian / Asian-American
6. Pacific Islander / Native Hawaiian
7. White / Caucasian
8. Latinx / Hispanic
9. Native American / Alaskan Native
98. Other (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_
99. Prefer not to answer

**E5.** Which of the following **community types / settings** best describes the location at which you are primarily employed (*e.g., in-person or remotely*)? *Please select only one response.*

1. Rural
2. Suburban
3. Urban