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# INTO A BRAVE NEW WORLD

Strategy for a Post-Pandemic Healthcare Environment

Five Questions to Guide Our Discussion



- 1. How has the COVID-19 pandemic **changed the healthcare industry and market**? What market forces influencing the direction of the industry prior to COVID remain unchanged?
- 2. Of these dynamics, which are most important in our markets?
- 3. How have the **needs of consumers and employers** in our market been altered by the pandemic resulting economic recession? Will they seek alternative benefit structures?
- 4. How have providers **been affected by the pandemic**? Will hospitals and doctors be **more likely to seek partners**, and if so, whom?
- 5. How does strategy need to change to thrive in a post-pandemic healthcare environment, if at all? What opportunities and challenges has the pandemic presented?

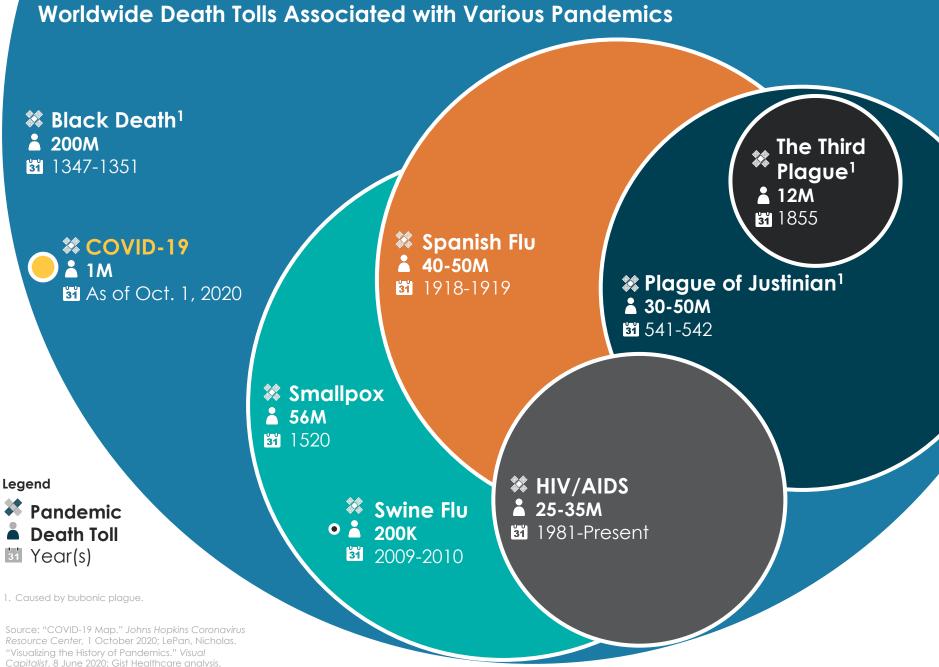


### 3 COVID-19 UPDATE

# Putting COVID-19 in Historical Context

While the COVID-19 death toll has been significant, it pales in comparison to past pandemics



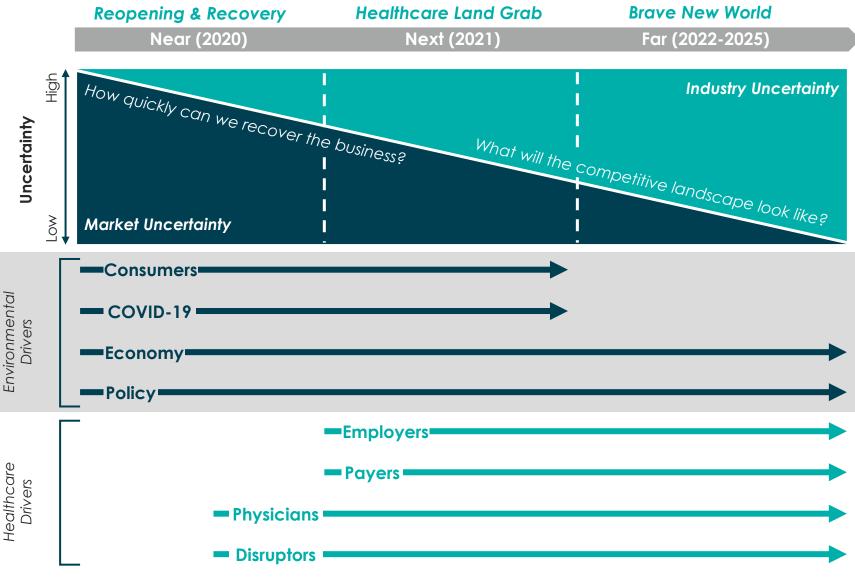


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Source: Gist Healthcare analysis.

# Looking at the Greatest Uncertainties In Front of Us

Timing, outcomes of pivotal events and questions will significantly impact various scenarios in immediate years ahead



### Pivotal Questions with Outsized Impact on the Future

Four Biggest "Wild Cards" in the 2020-25 Timeline

### When will consumers return?

- Timing of when, if ever, consumers will feel confident accessing healthcare in person
- Extent of consumer reengagement with health system



#### • • When will the economy recover?

- Length, severity of recession and longterm unemployment rate
- Loss of employer-sponsored insurance and corresponding impact on payer mix

#### When will COVID subside?

- Severity, timing of potential second wave and related shelter-in-place orders, closured of elective procedures
- Development of a COVID therapeutic
- Timing, efficacy, availability, and adoption of COVID vaccine



- Outcome of presidential, congressional elections to determine COVID relief, CMS policy, Medicare expansion
- Result of state-level elections to determine Medicaid expansion

### 6 CONSUMERS

Many Consumers Foregoing Care, Driving Volume Decline

Consumers still uncomfortable returning to healthcare settings, especially emergency rooms, hospitals and walk-in clinics; while volume has bounced back, still not at pre-pandemic levels

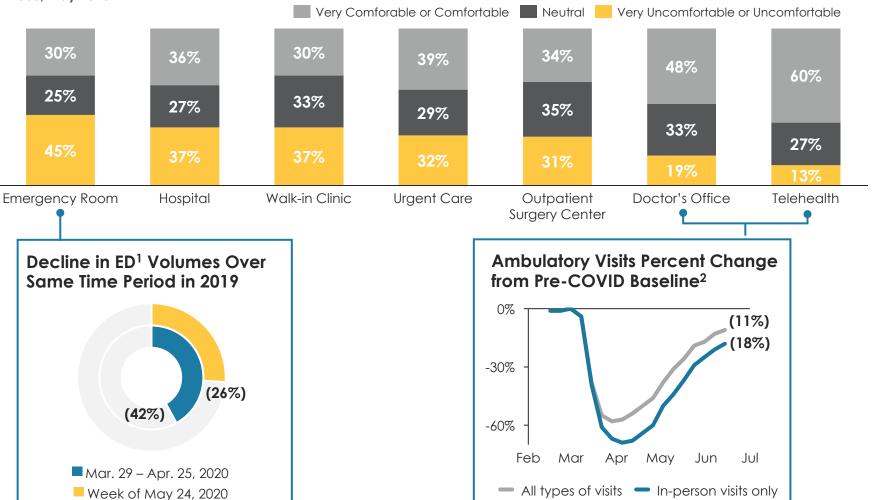


### **Consumers Reluctant to Seek In-Person Care**

Resulting in Immediate Across-the-Board Volume Decline

### **Consumer Comfort Level in Different Care Settings**

n= 500, May 2020



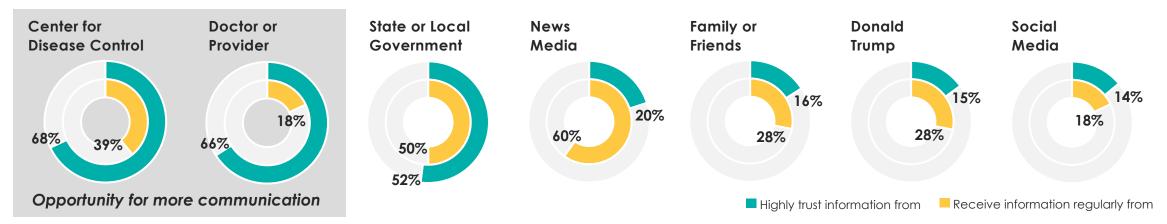
1. Emergency department 2. Week of March 1 Source: Crnkovich, Paul. "When Will Patients Return?" Kaufman Hall, May 2020. Web. 11 June 2020; "Impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic on Emergency Department Visits - United States." Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 03 June 2020. Web. 11 June 2020; Mehrotra, Ateev. "What Impact Has COVID-19 Had on Outpatient Visits?" *Commonwealth Fund*. 25 June 2020. Web. 29 June 2020; Gist Healthcare analysis.

### Americans in Need of More Information from Trusted Sources

Hospitals, Physicians Can Directly Engage With Patients To Rebuild Trust in the Medical System

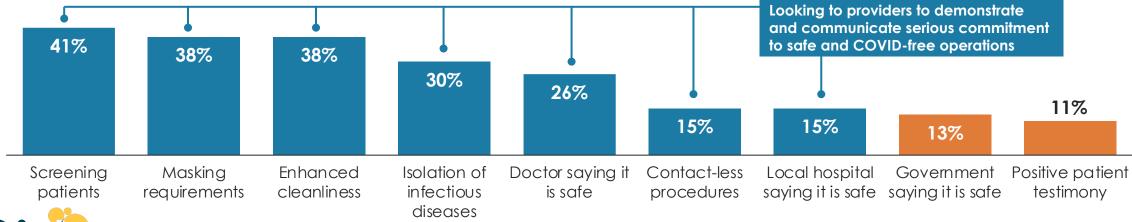
#### How Much Americans Trust and Receive Information by Source

n= 1,057 US adults surveyed 16-20 April 2020



### What Consumers Want to See to Feel Safe in a Hospital, Urgent Care or Other Medical Facility

n= 1,101 US adults surveyed August 2020





Source: "The Opportunity of Trust Survey Results." Jarrard Phillips Cate & Hancock, 2 Sept. 2020; University of Chicago Survey. National AP-NORC Center. April 16-20, 2020. May 14, 2020; Gist Healthcare analysis.

# In-Person Care Slowly Returning as Virtual Care Continues

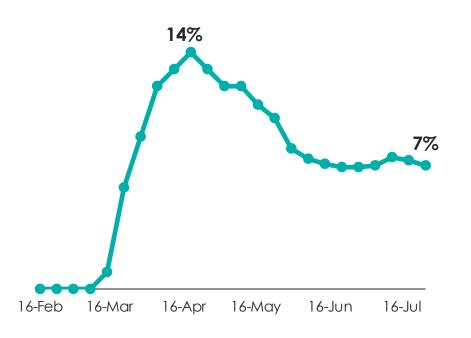
Although some volumes have returned, ambulatory practice visits are still down 10% on average; percent of virtual visits has decreased, suggesting more patients being seen in-person

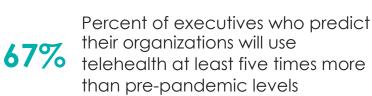


# Impact of COVID-19 on Outpatient Medical Visits

Percent of All Ambulatory Practice Visits Provided via Telemedicine<sup>1</sup>

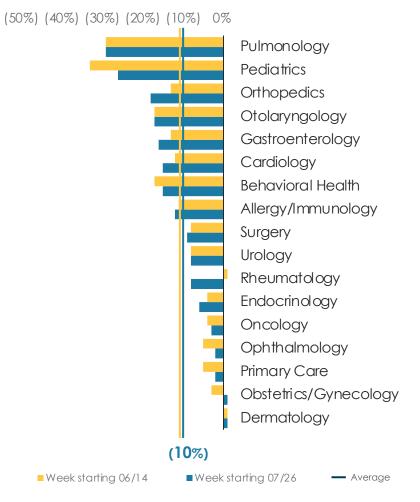
n= Over 50,000 providers in 1,600 provider organizations





### Percent Change in Ambulatory Practice Visits<sup>2</sup> by Specialty<sup>1</sup>

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. From baseline (week of March 1)

. All visits; increases in telemedicine visits dampen overall decline.

Source: A Mehrota et al. "What Impact Has COVID-19 Had on Outpatient Visits?" The Commonwealth Fund. 25 June 2020. Web. 29 June 2020; Gist Healthcare analysis.

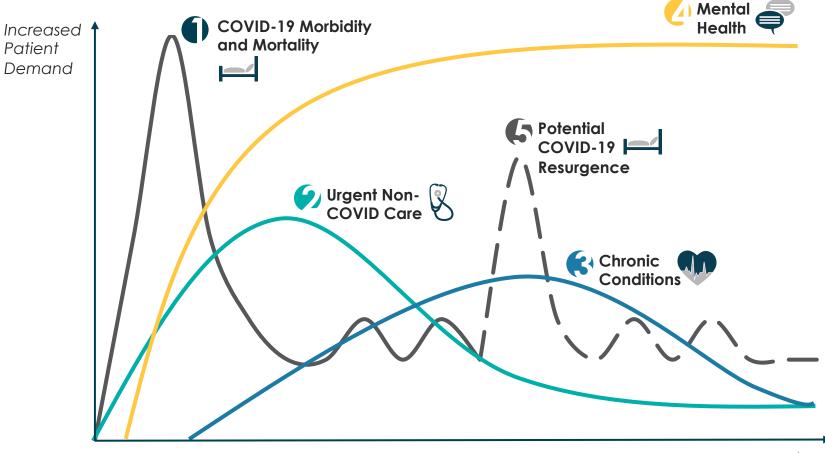
### **9** COVID-19

Planning for the Pandemic's Multiple Waves

Disease itself, and its reverberations over time, will require different healthcare responses, resources

### Waves of COVID-Associated Care Needs

Working Through a Backlog, Expecting More Complex Care





Time

#### 10 ECONOMY

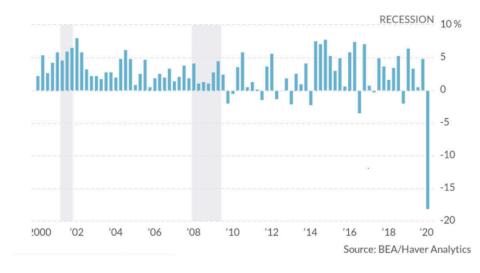
Recession Led by Dip in Healthcare Spend

As healthcare utilization decreases, healthcare consumer spending has dropped 18 percent, with significant declines in almost all types of services; drop accounts for nearly half of GDP falloff in Q1

### Postponement of Elective Services Has Driven Down Healthcare Spending

#### Change in Consumer Spending on Healthcare Services Over Time

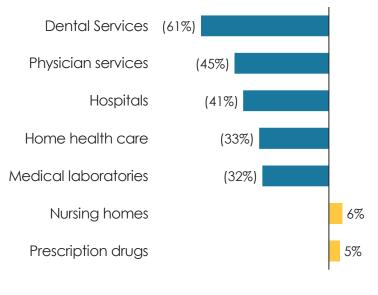
Annualized change in consumer spending on health-care services



4.8% decline in Q1 GDP, with **nearly half attributed to healthcare** 

Healthcare employment decreased for hospitals and nursing care facilities in May

#### Percent Change in Healthcare Expenditures from April 2019 to April 2020



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30% decrease in utilization of services for CVS/Aetna members in April

Bannow, Tara. "Hospital Job Losses Shrink in May, a Positive Sign for Recovery." Modern Healthcare, 5 June 2020; Cox, Cynthia. "How Have Healthcare Utilization and Spending Changed so Far during the Coronavirus Pandemic?" Health System Tracker, Peterson-KFF, 29 May 2020; Nutting, Rex. In the Midst of the Coronavirus Pandemic, Spending on Health Care Collapses 18%. MarketWatch, 29 Apr. 2020; Gist Healthcare analysis.

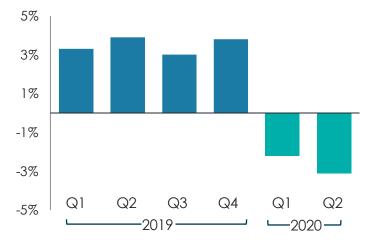


# Health **Systems** Suffered an Economic **Body Blow**

Due to lower volumes, hospitals saw a ~7 percent hit to operating margin in Q2, with revenue now bouncing back to normal levels in early Q3: healthcare executives remain pessimistic on 2020 revenues, volumes

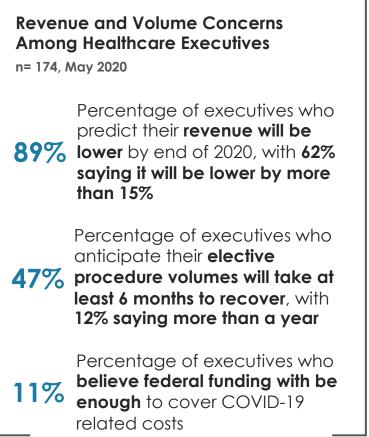
### Closing Electives, Decreased Demand Causing Massive Financial Setback

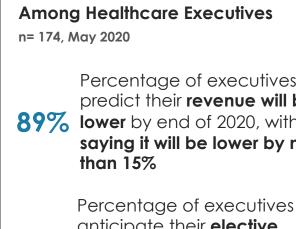
Hospital Operating Margin Index<sup>1</sup> n= 800 hospitals



**Revenue Percent Change, July 2020** 

Revenue	From June 2020	From July 2019
Total Gross	5.4%	0.4%
Inpatient	5.5%	(1%)
Outpatient	5%	(1%)







1. Comprised of the national median of data, adjusted for allocations from corporate and physicians to the hospital; includes CARES Act funding.

Source: "COVID-19 Hospital & Health System Survey." HFMA, Guidehouse, May 2020. Web. 11 June 2020; "The Effect of COVID-19 on Hospital Financial Health." Kaufman Hall, July 2020. Web. 11 June 2020; Gist Healthcare analysis.

### 12 POLICY

# Assessing the Outlook for Health Policy

Outcome of 2020 presidential, congressional elections will determine which zone of health policy spectrum is focus area across coming years



### Continuum of Main Health Policy Goals

Value-Based

accelerate

organization

innovative

healthcare

payment models

• Expand,

models



### Coverage Expansion

- Strengthen Affordable Care Act
- Allow optional Medicare buy-in at
- age 60 • Develop and test • Install government-
- run public option Support Medicaid
- expansion

**Clean Sweep for Democrats** 

#### Lower Costs. **Payment Strategy** Transparency

• Reduce prescription drug prices accountable care

**Health Policy Spectrum** 

- Improve healthcare price transparency
- End surprise billing

#### Regulatory Flexibility

- Diminished FTC, DOJ oversight of mergers
- Relax rules on scope of practice, licensing
- Retain telehealth flexibilities
  - Approve Medicaid waivers, including for block grants



Trump

#### Accelerated **Privatization**

- Repeal Affordable Care Act
- Expand Medicare Advantage
- Texas court case "wild card"

**Divided Government** 

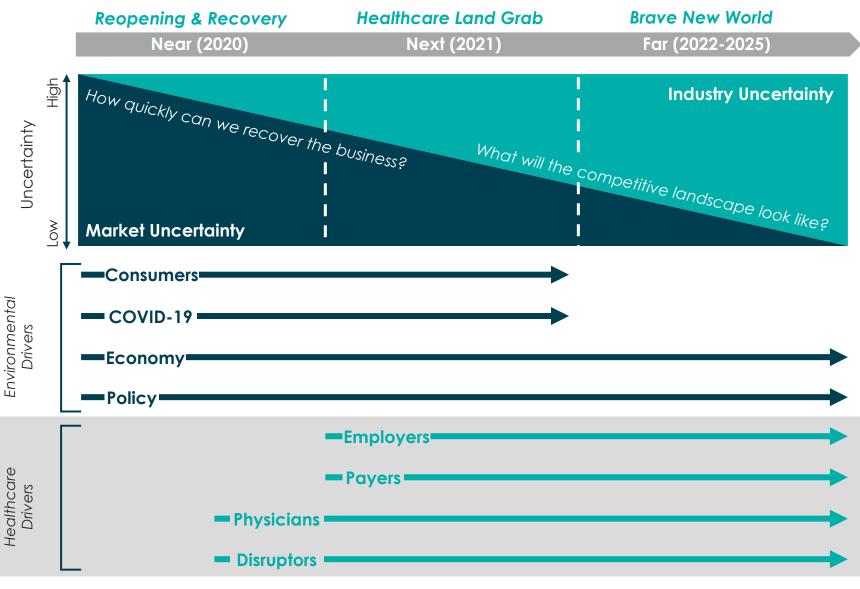
Second-Term Trump Presidency

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### 14 EMPLOYERS

# Employers Trying to Ensure a Safe Return to Work

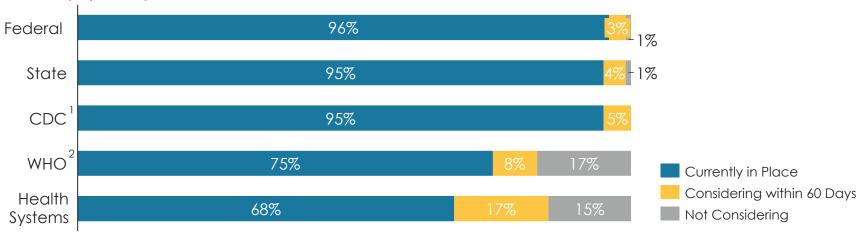
Employers largely receiving reopening guidance from federal and state-level resources; less than half conducting COVID assessment and screenings



# Employers Gear Up for Workforce Return

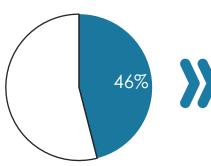
#### External Sources of Guidance Employers Are Using for Return-to-Work Planning

n= 210 employers, May 2020



### Protective Measures Being Taken by Employers

n= 615 employers, May 2020



Yes, Conducting Employee Screening or Assessments

Administering temperature screening on-site		
Administering symptom questionnaire on-site		
Requiring employee self assessment and verification		
Purchasing handheld scanners		
Requiring employee self-temperature checks and verification		
Contracting outside services to conduct health screening		
Hiring on-site clinical staff		

Source: "In the United States, How Are Companies Adapting to the COVID-19 Business and Workforce Environment?" Survey. Mercer, May 2020. Web. 16 June 2020; "COVID-19 Employer Return to Work Strategies." National Alliance of Healthcare Purchases Coalitions, 18 May 2020. Web. 16 June 2020; Gist Healthcare analysis.

Center for Disease Control.
World Health Organization.

# Reaching the Limits of Employee Cost-Sharing

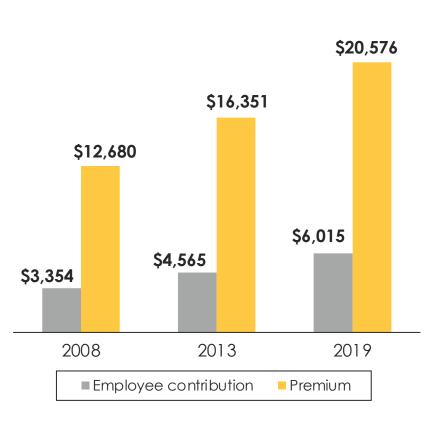
Having continued to push deductibles and other cost-sharing, employers are now questioning the utility of shifting more costs onto employees

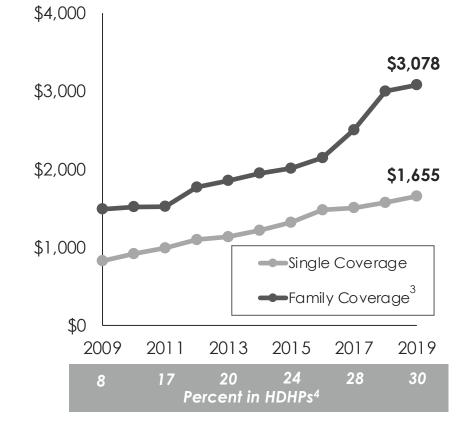


# Shifting the (Growing) Cost of Coverage

Employees Spending Over Ten Percent of Income on Insurance Alone

Annual Cost of Insurance Family Coverage Average Employee Deductible





1. Health savings accounts.

- 2. High-deductible health plans.
- 3. PPO plan as representative.
- 4. HDHP/HRA or HSA-qualified HDHP; defined as \$1,000 for single coverage, \$2,000 for family coverage.

Source: "2019 Employer Health Benefits Survey." Kaiser Family Foundation. Kaiser Family Foundation, 25 Sept. 2019. Web. 16 June. 2020; Gist Healthcare analysis.

# Some Employers Ready to Explore New Network Options

Having reached the limits of cost-sharing, employers are now looking to a set of network options that narrow choice in a way that creates value for beneficiaries

# "Unbundling" Health Systems

- Identify most efficient providers for high-cost conditions and procedures across providers
- Create custom networks targeted to employer spending dynamics
- Case studies: Bind On-Demand Insurance; Walmart Center of Excellence strategy

Walmart : bind on-demand health insura

# Stealth Steerage" to High-Value Providers

- Employer creates or contracts with physician groups or custom benefits platforms
- Concierge-like services and primary care partners steer employees to low-cost services
- Case studies: Catalyst Health Network; Comcast health benefits platform, in partnership with Accolade



# Contracting with Providers

- Health systems contract directly with employers around a narrow, highperformance network
- Systems take risk spending growth, realize savings through steerage and care management
- Case study: General Motors and Henry Ford Health System partnership



Case in point: Employer "High-Value" Network Strategies



Source: Tracer, Abelson, Reed. "The Last Company You Would Expect Is Reinventing Health Benefits." Nytimes.com. The New York Times Company, 31 Aug. 2018. Web. 29 Jan. 2019; Japsen, Bruce. "Employer Health System Networks to Become More Exclusive." HealthLeaders Media. H3.Group, 20 Dec. 2018. Web. 29 Jan. 2019; Naughton, Nora. "GM Inks Direct Contract with Henry Ford Health." Detroitnews.com. Digital First Media, 6 Aug. 2018. Web. 29 Jan. 2019; www.yourbind.com. Web. Accessed 29 Jan. 2019.Gist Healthcare analysis.

# A Force for Change Greater than COVID-19

While systems need to pay due attention to retooling for over-65 Boomers, they should also begin to rethink service offerings to appeal to Millennial consumers

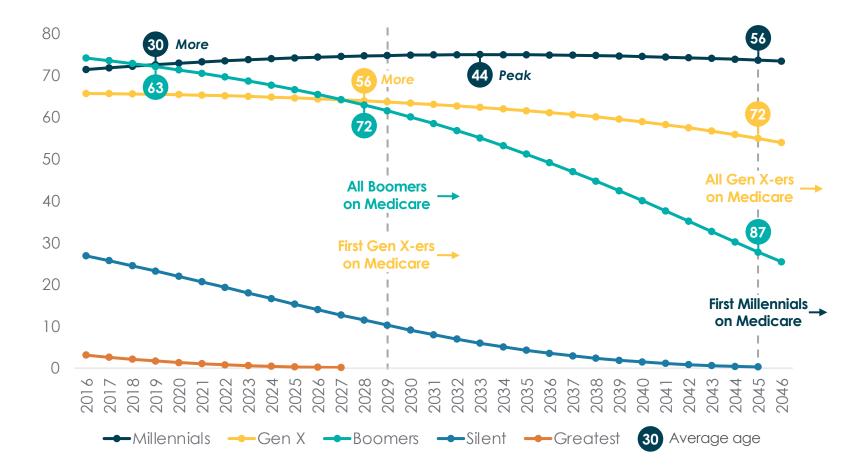


### Accelerating Change in a Shifting Demographic Landscape

Millennials Now the Largest Age Cohort

### Actual and Projected US Population by Generation<sup>1</sup>

Millions



1. Definition of generations: Greatest (born 1901-27); Silent (1928-46); Boomers (1946-64); Gen X (1965-80); Millennials (1981-96). Gen Z (1997-?) not depicted. Source: US Census Bureau. "Data." 2017 National Population Projections Datasets. United States Census Bureau, 06 Sept. 2018. Web. 13 Feb. 2019; Gist Healthcare analysis.

# Scrambling to Capture Lives—and Integrate

Largest payers are pursuing different integration strategies to position themselves to capture an increased number of Medicare, Medicaid, and public exchange lives

# The Horizontal Merger Angle

- Centene, the largest Medicaid managed care organization in the country, acquired WellCare to expand its reach in Medicaid and public insurance marketplaces
- Blue Cross and Blue Shield companies Highmark and HealthNow New York have agreed to merge

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### The Pharmacy Angle

• Aetna, the third largest commercial insurer, was acquired by CVS Health, the nation's largest drugstore chain; CVS HealthHUB stores aim to provide Aetna health plan members convenient, integrated care



## The Vertical Integration Angle

- Humana acquired Kindred, the largest health and hospice operator in the US<sup>1</sup>; is also actively expanding its Partners in Primary Care group<sup>1</sup>
- UnitedHealth Group's Optum continues to acquire physician groups, including DaVita; is now largest employer of physicians nationally





### Humana.



#### Case in point: Payer M&A activity



Source: Livingston, Shelby. "Blues Insurers Highmark and HealthNow Propose Affiliation." Modern Healthcare. 16 June 2020. Web. 16 June 2020; Gist Healthcare analysis.

# Bringing "Everyday Low Prices" to Our Industry

Walmart opening standalone primary care clinics targeting uninsured, underinsured populations in convenient setting attached to stores

### "Walmart Health" Holds Potential as a Major Disruptor

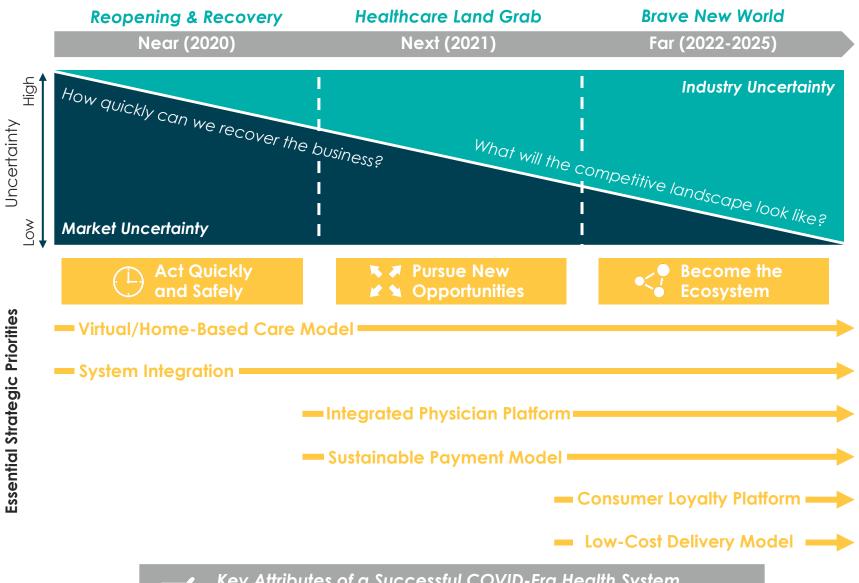
Largest Retailer (and Employer) Now a Primary Care Provider





Source: Boyle, Matthew. "Checkup for \$30, Teeth Cleaning \$25: Walmart Gets Into Health Care." Bloomberg Businessweek. 25 Feb. 2020. Web. 16 June 2020; Mattioli, Dana, Sarah Nassauer, and Anna Wilde Mathews. "Walmart in Early-Stage Acquisition Talks With Humana." The Wall Street Journal. Dow Jones & Company, 30 Mar. 2018. Web. 10 Apr. 2018; "Summarized Pricing List for Dallas, GA Store #3403." As of 11 Sept. 2019. Walmart Health. Web. 16 June 2020; Gist Healthcare analysis.

### We believe future success will require health systems to pursue six essential strategic priorities







Key Attributes of a Successful COVID-Era Health System

Agile ~ Decisive ~ Consumer-Centric ~ Integrated ~ Asset-Light

### 22 VIRTUAL/HOME-BASED CARE

# Creating a Continuum of Virtual and Home-Based Care

Ready access to a range of connected on-demand care resources can build loyalty as consumers seek safe options for management in the home



### A Platform of Options to Deliver "Care Anywhere"

#### **Consumer-Focused Virtual Care Spectrum** Non-Acute Acute • **Asynchronous** "Maintenance" **On-Demand**/ Emergency **Hospital Care Requests Urgent Care** Care Care Care • Delivers care, Scheduled visits • On-demand or • On-demand or • Physician-led, answers questions with own scheduled access scheduled access hospital-level care that is coordinated without requiring physician(s) for to a clinician to an emergency things like regular real-time typically a nurse provider 24/7 virtually interaction with a checkup, chronic from anywhere practitioner or Nurses, other clinician physician care • Phone or videocaregivers deployed appointments assistant-24/7 Can be visit access to patient home to from anywhere conducted • Phone or videoprovide tests, Provider triages • Phone or videothrough patient visit access services patient to most portal, or secure visit access appropriate care Patient constantly email or text setting, if needed monitored, has message immediate access to care team Can be provided for a range of patient

Source: Gist Healthcare analysis.

acuity levels

#### SYSTEM INTEGRATION 23

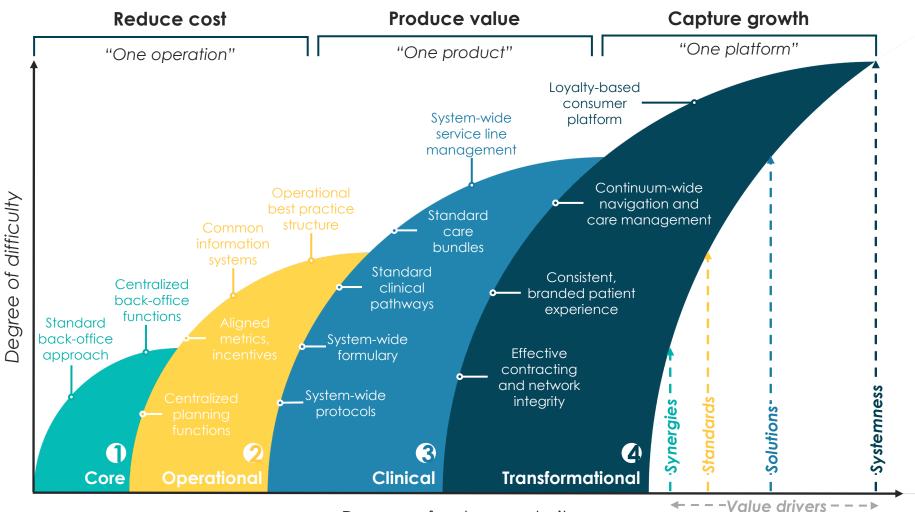
# How to Spot a Truly Integrated **System**

As systems progress toward integration, early value capture allows for cost reduction; more sophisticated systems can can create streamlined products and solutions to drive growth



## Mapping the Value Drivers Behind System Integration

Systems Can Tackle Operational and Clinical Change Simultaneously



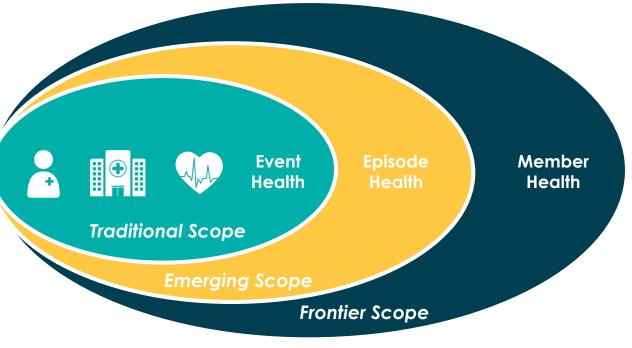
Degree of system maturity

In the wake of the pandemic, consumers will be more motivated to seek an ongoing relationship with a trusted source of care, who treats them as a "Member" of the health system.

# Event Health

- Today's dominant model, driven by FFS
- Multiple, disconnected interactions with health system across time, often difficult for patient to navigate
- Increased value placed on cost, efficiency and safety





# 🕖 Episode Health

- Emerging model, driven by new incentives like bundled payments
- Episode "manager" works to coordinate care related to an event across multiple sites, points in time

### Member Health

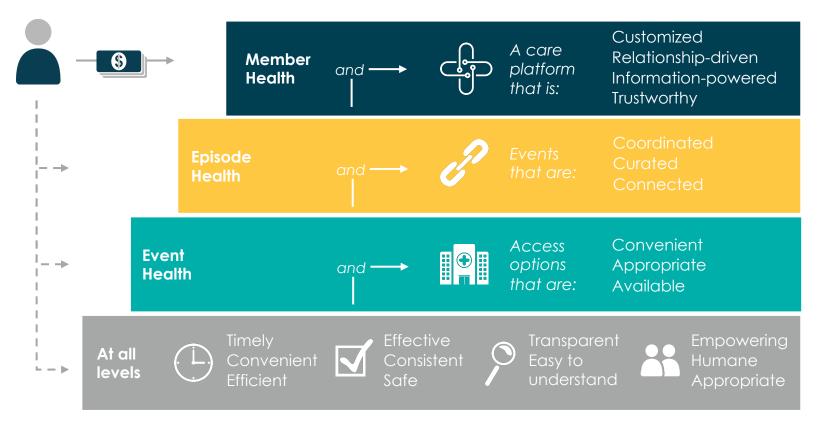
- Frontier model, consistent with shift to risk, "owning the life"
- Member "manager" orchestrates consumer care across life-stages
- Emphasis on curation of network to deliver high-value services
- Built around Member engagement and loyalty
- Centered around a connected accessdriven platform

# Raising the Bar on Consumer Value Delivery

Successful health systems must be able to deliver benefits to consumers in excess of price paid, at every level of interaction

### **Rethinking Accessible, Affordable, Reliable and Personal Care** A New Premium on Safety, Trust and Relationships

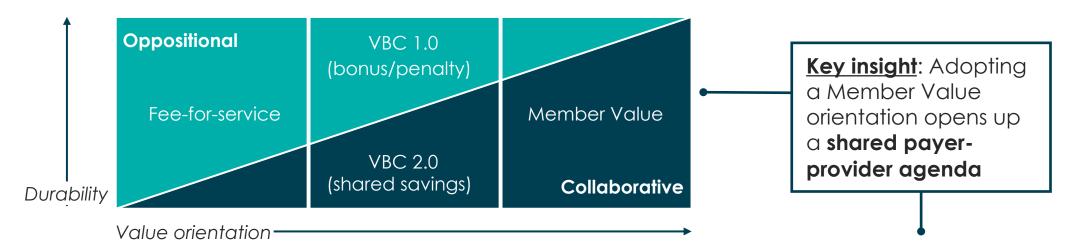
Consumer Value Equals Benefits Minus Price





Source: Gist Healthcare analysis.

### Laying the groundwork for a new type of partnership



Member access	Care delivery	Member experience	Community health
<b>Right care</b> —Where should the patient be seen?	How should care episodes be <b>bundled</b> ?	Can we create a <b>seamless</b> service experience?	Can we collaborate to address social determinants of health?
<b>Right provider</b> —Who will deliver the best value care?	How do we maximize use of <b>centers of excellence</b> ?	Can we create a <b>frictionless</b> financial experience?	How will we work together to care for <b>vulnerable populations</b> ?
<b>Right time</b> —When can (and should) the patient be seen?	How do we <b>coordinate care</b> across settings?	Can we support <b>easy</b> , transparent communication?	How can we support <b>mental and</b> behavioral well-being?
<b>Right model</b> —In person, telephonic, digital?	How can we <b>measure care</b> <b>quality</b> and outcomes?	Can we support and promote ongoing patient health?	How can we support other <b>community health resources</b> ?





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