Colleges and Universities Are Embracing HDHPs with HSAs

Segal's 2022 *College and University Benefits Study* (CUBS) found there's been steady growth in HDHPs as a percentage of all health plan offerings.



CUBS also found a dramatic increase in the percentage of institutions offering HDHPs with HSA accounts.



Institutions are holding faculty and staff contributions in check, and to encourage them to select HDHPs instead of PPO/POS plans, institutions pay a larger percentage of the HDHP premium cost (of a lower premium for a net savings) for both employee-only and family coverage.





Pandemic premium growth...

During the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, when many employees avoided seeking in-person healthcare, claims expense was lighter than usual. 75%

Three-quarters of plans saw medical premium cost increases of only ~3.5%



...and looking ahead

Post-pandemic, institutions can expect the cost of their health coverage to increase — possibly dramatically if high inflation continues. Not only will they need to be vigilant about their cost-management strategies, they'll have to carefully consider changes to cost sharing because, in a tight labor market, employees and new hires can afford to shop for an employer.

Strategy insight:

Faculty and staff are drawn to HDHPs with HSAs for lower employee premiums and the ability to pay off their out-of-pocket expenses with pre-tax dollars.

This infographic illustrates just a few key findings from Segal's 2022 *College and University Benefits Study*, which covers benefits offered in 2021 by hundreds of public and private higher education institutions. <u>Learn more about CUBS</u>.

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