

# Benefit Assessment

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Job Title, Location



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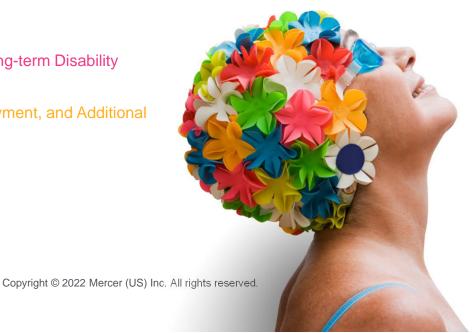
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# **About the Report**

# Today's Market

Mercer's Benefit
Assessment provides a
high-level review of our
market observations.



# **Industry Data**

The Benefit Assessment provides highlights of key plan features and common market plan provisions, allowing benefit professionals to benchmark their plans against their competitors.



# **Attraction and Retention**

Many organizations are struggling to retain top talent and fill open roles to keep up with business demands. It is important to know how your benefits are positioned in order to retain your best talent.

Leveraging benefits as an attraction and retention tool plays a crucial role on the human resources stage.





# **Participant Listing**



# **Executive Summary**



|                          | Market Position | Results and Observations   |
|--------------------------|-----------------|--|
| Retirement               | •               | ABC Company is aligned with the market in not offering an active DB or Stock Purchase plan.  ABC Company's employer contribution to the 401(k) Plan of up to 4% falls in the 25 <sup>th</sup> percentile.  Consider increasing the employer contribution to the 40(k) plan to 100% match on up to 5%.  |
| Medical                  | •               | <ul> <li>ABC Company's plan provisions are in the competitive range.</li> <li>Employee contributions are above the median as employees absorb less of the premium than the median.</li> <li>The competitive plan design combined with lower employee cost-share yields an above median position.</li> </ul>  |
| Dental                   | •               | ABC Company's Silent PPO offers plan provisions that are competitive compared with the market median, but the cost-share is in the 25 <sup>th</sup> percentile. This requires employees to absorb a greater percentage of total premium, offsetting the plan design.  Consider lowering the percent of the premium absorbed by the employee.   |
| Total Leave              | •               | ABC Company offers fewer Sick Days than the market median, but ABC Company offers more Holidays and Vacation days per year than the median.  Offering a form of parental leave is aligned with market practice. ABC Company is above market median by providing more weeks than the median at a higher pay replacement  The total number of paid days off per year is above the market median. |
| Life<br>Insurance        | •               | ABC Company provides 2x base pay coverage which is in the 75 <sup>th</sup> percentile for the peer group.  |
| Short-term<br>Disability | _               | <ul> <li>ABC Company is below market practice by not providing employer-paid Short-term</li> <li>Consider providing an employer-paid benefit with some portion of the disability covered at 100% pay replacement.</li> </ul>   |
| Long-term<br>Disability  | =               | The company provides to pay represent the modern plan accigni  |

# **Retirement/Savings**

|   | ABC Company |   | Market Pi        | ractice          |            |  |
|---|-------------|---|------------------|------------------|------------|--|
| Defined Benefit (DB) Plans  | Not offered | <ul><li>None of the pee<br/>employees</li><li>One peer report</li></ul>   | •                | ·                | ewly hired |  |
| <ul> <li>Employer matching contributions of 100% of pay up to 4%</li> <li>"Pay" includes base + bonus salary</li> </ul> |             | <ul> <li>All organizations provide a DC plan with employer contributions:</li> <li>92% provide employer matching contributions</li> <li>11% provide non-matching contributions</li> </ul> |                  |                  |            |  |
|   |             | %   | 25 <sup>th</sup> | 50 <sup>th</sup> | 75th       |  |
|   |             | Match   | 4%               | 5%               | 6%         |  |
|   |             | Non-Match   | 4%               | 5%               | 6%         |  |
|   |             | Total   | 4%               | 5%               | 6%         |  |
| Stock Purchase Plan   | Not offered | <ul><li>20% of the peer</li><li>Among those of</li></ul>  |                  |                  | plan       |  |

### **Results & Observations**

- ABC Company's 4% total DC contribution is slightly below the peer group median.
- In order for ABC Company to become more aligned with the median plan design, ABC Company should increase the total employer contribution within the DC benefit to 5%.



• 50% offer a discount on the purchase of

• 50% provide an employer match

company stock

# **Health/Group - Medical**

### **ABC Company**

### **Market Practice**

**Plan Prevalence** 



- One PPO plan offered
- One HDHP plan offered

• All organizations offer at least 2 plan options

| Plan | Prevalence |
|------|------------|
| PPO  | 80%        |
| НМО  | 26%        |
| HDHP | 50%        |

**Employee Cost Sharing** 



|        | PPO Plan | HDHP |
|--------|----------|------|
| Single | 7%       | 5%   |
| Family | 15%      | 10%  |

|        | PPO Plan | HDHP |
|--------|----------|------|
| Single | 15%      | 10%  |
| Family | 20%      | 15%  |

**Deductibles** 

(in-network)



|        | PPO Plan | HDHP    |
|--------|----------|---------|
| Single | \$800    | \$2,000 |
| Family | \$2,000  | \$4,000 |

|        | PPO Plan | HDHP    |
|--------|----------|---------|
| Single | \$800    | \$2,000 |
| Family | \$2,250  | \$4,000 |

Out-of-Pocket Maximums (In-network)



|        | PPO Plan | HDHP    |
|--------|----------|---------|
| Single | \$2,500  | \$3,000 |
| Family | \$5,000  | \$6,000 |

|        | PPO Plan | HDHP    |
|--------|----------|---------|
| Single | \$2,000  | \$4,000 |
| Family | \$4,000  | \$8,000 |

# **Health/Group – Medical & Post-Retirement Medical**

|                         |                  | ABC Com  | pany |
|-------------------------|------------------|----------|------|
| Coinsurance /           |                  | DDO Disa | ПОПР |
| Copayments (In-network) | Innations        | PPO Plan | HDHP |
|                         | Inpatient        | 20%      | 20%  |
|                         | Office<br>Visits | \$20     | 20%  |
|                         |                  |          |      |
| HRA / HSA<br>Employer   |                  |          |      |
| Contributions           |                  | Annual   |      |
|                         | Single           | \$500    |      |
|                         | Single           |          |      |
|                         | Family           | \$1,000  |      |
| Retiree •               | Not offered      |          |      |
| Medical<br>Coverage     |                  |          |      |
|                         |                  |          |      |
| _                       |                  |          |      |

- Providing multiple plan options is consistent with all peer groups.
- Not providing post-retirement medical coverage is consistent with the peer group.
- ABC Company's employee cost-share is more generous for the PPO and HDHP plans compared to the peer group.
- ABC Company's other plan provisions align with the market median.



# **Health/Group – Dental**

|  | ABC Company |         |             |       | Market Practice |         |              |       |
|--|-------------|---------|-------------|-------|-----------------|---------|--------------|-------|
| Employee<br>Cost Sharing   |             |         |             |       |                 | 254     | <b>70</b> /1 | 754   |
|  |             | Emp     | oloyee Paid |       |                 | 25th    | 50th         | 75th  |
| •  | Single      |         | 80%         |       | Single          | 80%     | 55%          | 30%   |
|  | Family      |         | 85%         |       | Family          | 85%     | 65%          | 35%   |
|  |             |         |             | _     |                 |         |              |       |
| Deductibles  |             | Basic   | c/Major     |       |                 | Basic/l | Major        |       |
|  | Single      |         | \$50        |       | Single          |         | S75          |       |
|  | Family      |         | \$150       |       | Family          | \$      | 250          |       |
| Plan   |             |         |             |       |                 |         |              |       |
| Maximums   | Annual      | Lifetin | ne Ortho    |       | Annual          | Lifetim | e Ortho      |       |
|  | \$1,500     |         | \$1,500     |       | \$1,500         | \$      | 1,500        |       |
|  |             |         |             |       |                 |         |              |       |
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| In-Network   |             |         |             |       |                 |         |              |       |
| In-Network<br>Benefits   | Preventive  | Basic   | Major       | Ortho | Preventive      | Basic   | Major        | Ortho |

- ABC Company's employee cost is below market practice for both single and family coverage.
- ABC Company's coinsurance and lifetime maximums are aligned with market practice.
- ABC Company's deductibles are above market practice.



# **Health/Group - Vision**

ABC Company

Employee Cost-Sharing

• 50% employee-paid.

• 60% surveyed require employees to pay 100% of the premium.

• Single cost-share median: 38%

• Family cost-share median: 50%

#### **Vision Benefits**



|          | Coverage         |
|----------|------------------|
| Exams    | \$0 copay        |
| Frames   | 100% up to \$150 |
| Lenses   | \$0 copay        |
| Contacts | 100% up to \$150 |

|          | Coverage                  |
|----------|---------------------------|
| Exams    | \$10 copay                |
| Frames   | \$15 copay; \$130 maximum |
| Lenses   | \$20 copay                |
| Contacts | 100% up to \$120          |

- ABC Company's above market by paying 50% of the employee cost-share when compared to the peer group as the majority of the peers require employees to pay the full cost of coverage.
- Plan provisions are above the market for ABC Company by not requiring a copay for exams and lenses and a higher maximum for frames and elective contacts.



# **Paid Leave**

### ABC Company Market Practice

### Vacation



 ABC Company provides a Traditional Vacation Plan for all employees.  75% of the peers have a traditional vacation plan and 25% of peers have a Paid Time Off (PTO) plan that combines vacation, personal days, and sick leave into one bank.

| Years of<br>Service | Vacation Days |
|---------------------|---------------|
| 0                   | 15            |
| 5                   | 20            |
| 10                  | 25            |
| 15                  | 30            |

| Years of<br>Service | Median Vacation<br>Days | Median PTO<br>Days |
|---------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|
| 0                   | 10                      | 20                 |
| 5                   | 15                      | 25                 |
| 10                  | 20                      | 30                 |
| 15                  | 25                      | 35                 |

**Personal Days** 



Not offered

- 31% provide separate paid personal days
- 54% include personal days within the PTO bank
- 15% do not provide paid personal days
- Median is 3 per year

**Holidays** 



- ABC Company provides 13 paid holidays
- All peers provide separate paid holidays
- Median total holidays is 10 days

## **Paid Leave**

# Sick Leave • ABC Company offers 6 sick days per year • ABC Company offers 6 sick days per year • The median days offered are 10 per year

Maternity, Paternity, and Parental Leave



 ABC Company applies the benefit to both birthing and non-birth parents

- 51% of peers surveyed offer either maternity or parental leave
  - All organizations apply the benefit to both birthing and non-birthing parents

|           | Median<br>Weeks | Median Pay<br>Replacement |
|-----------|-----------------|---------------------------|
| Maternity | N/A             | N/A                       |
| Paternity | N/A             | N/A                       |
| Parental  | 8               | 100%                      |

|           | Median<br>Weeks | Median Pay<br>Replacement |
|-----------|-----------------|---------------------------|
| Maternity | 4               | 100%                      |
| Paternity | 0               | 0%                        |
| Parental  | 6               | 50%                       |

- The number of Vacation days and holidays offered to employees is above market practice
- Not offering personal days is aligned with market practice
- ABC Company's sick leave is below market practice
- ABC Company's Parental Leave is above market practice by providing more weeks than the median at a higher pay replacement



# **Life Insurance/Disability**

|                       | ABC Company  |   |                           | Market Practice                            |                    |
|-----------------------|--|---|---------------------------|--|--------------------|
| Life Insurance        | • Employer-paid group coverage at 2x base pay to a maximum of \$1,000,000.   | • | All organizatio coverage. | ns surveyed provide                        | e employer-paid    |
| •                     |  |   | Percentile                | Multiple of Pay                            | Maximum            |
|                       |  |   | 75th                      | 2x   | \$1,000,000        |
|                       |  |   | 50th                      | 1.5x                                       | \$500,000          |
|                       |  |   | 25th                      | 1x   | \$225,000          |
| Short-Term Disability | <ul> <li>100% employee paid</li> <li>13 weeks at 100% pay, then 60% of pay for 13 weeks, up to \$1,500 per week.</li> <li>7-day elimination period.</li> </ul> | • | Median covera             | mployer-paid coverage is 100% for 26 value | veeks, up to \$1,5 |
| Long-Term Disability  | <ul> <li>Employer-paid coverage equal to 60% of pay up to \$12,500 per month.</li> <li>180-day elimination period.</li> </ul>                                  | • | Median covera             | mployer-paid coverage is 60% of pay up     | to \$10,000 per    |

- Life Insurance is above market practice.
- Not offering employer-paid Short-Term Disability coverage is below market practice.
- ABC Company's Long-term Disability pay replacement is aligned to the market.



# **Nontraditional Benefits**

|                        | ABC   | Company                |                                     | Market P  | ractice  |    |
|------------------------|---|------------------------|-------------------------------------|---|--|----|
| Tuition Assistance     |   |                        | the org                             |   | ational assistance. No<br>benefit for the employ |    |
|                        |   | Coverage               |                                     |   | Coverage   |    |
|                        | Reimbursement Annual Maximum Based on Grade | 100%<br>\$5,250<br>Yes |                                     | Reimbursement Annual Maximum Based on Grade   | 100%<br>\$5,250<br>Yes                           |    |
| Student Loan Repayment | Not offered                                 |                        | No pea                              | ers provide student loa   | an repayment plans                               |    |
| Severance              | Not offered                                 |                        | <ul><li>All p</li><li>50%</li></ul> | of peers offer a sever<br>lans have a fixed bene<br>subsidize COBRA me<br>idize COBRA dental of | efit<br>edical coverage and 25                   | 5% |



# **Nontraditional Benefits**

| ABC Comp                       | ABC Company |  | Market Pi                      | ractice |
|--------------------------------|-------------|--|--------------------------------|---------|
| Benefit                        | Offered     |  | Benefit                        | Offered |
| Wellness Program               | Yes         |  | Wellness Program               | 100%    |
| Adoption Benefits              | No          |  | Adoption Benefits              | 86%     |
| Child/Elder Care<br>Assistance | Yes         |  | Child/Elder Care<br>Assistance | 80%     |
| Onsite Childcare               | No          |  | Onsite Childcare               | 36%     |
| Job Sharing                    | Yes         |  | Job Sharing                    | 20%     |
| Flextime                       | Yes         |  | Flextime                       | 89%     |
| Work-at-Home<br>Policy         | Yes         |  | Work-at-Home<br>Policy         | 67%     |
| Telemedicine                   | Yes         |  | Telemedicine                   | 100%    |
| Infertility Services           | No          |  | Infertility Services           | 33%     |
| Onsite Fitness<br>Facility     | Yes         |  | Onsite Fitness<br>Facility     | 100%    |

- ABC Company is consistent with market practice in reimbursing 100% of tuition up to \$5,250 with reimbursement based on grades.
- ABC Company is aligned with market practice by not providing a student loan repayment plan or a severance plan.



# What's Next?



## **Option A – Retirement Savings**

• Consider increasing the employer contribution from 4% to 15% through either matching or non-matching contributions.



### **Option B – Dental**

 Consider reducing the percentage of the premium absorbed by the employee.



## **Option C – Short-Term Disability**

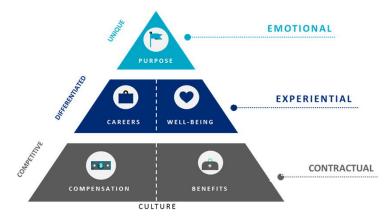
 In order to be aligned with the peer group, consider offering an employer-subsidized plan.



# **Additional Resources Report Options**

Today's ever-changing work environment requires companies to rethink their approach to total rewards. The shift in trends has made it imperative for companies to expand their rewards strategy to focus on the whole rewards package instead of simply compensation and incentives. The US Benefits Benchmarking Group (BBG) aims to assist companies in assessing and strengthening the benefits portion of their total rewards package.

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### **Value - Based Reports**

### **Enhanced Benefits Valuation Analysis (BVA)**

A custom benchmarking report analyzing how benefit plans compare to the chosen peer group in degrees of increasing specificity — by all plans together, by plan groupings (i.e., retirement/savings, health/group, and time loss), and by individual plans. For each degree of specificity, the BVA displays the values and comparative results for 11 sample benchmark employees and a composite workforce.

### **Basic Benefits Valuation Analysis**

A condensed report highlighting your ranking and index compared to a custom peer group; includes the most popular features of the BVA with a comprehensive overview at a reduced price point.

### **Total Remuneration Index (TRI)**

The most in-depth analysis available, the TRI takes the BVA a step further to value both compensation and benefits programs for an accurate evaluation of total rewards.

### **Prevalence Reports**

### **Summary of Plan Statistics (SPS)**

Designed to provide basic benchmarking of plan details and counts where quantifiable statistics are available for the 10<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, 75<sup>th</sup>, and 90<sup>th</sup> percentiles.

### **Benefits Prevalence Report (BPR)**

Compares multiple peer group(s) to your own benefits, organized by number of responses within each benefit category.

### **Summary of Plan Features (SPF)**

Offers a side-by-side comparison providing the opportunity to examine the details of each plan provision.



