



# Why include voluntary benefits?

Making voluntary benefits part of your clients' programs helps them control costs while providing more employee choice and better coverage.

## What are voluntary benefits?

Sometimes called "supplemental insurance," these often employee-paid policies enhance the health and life insurance employers provide.

Paid directly to the employee, they can be used for things other insurance won't cover, such as lost wages, out-of-pocket expenses and household bills.

## Types of policies include:

- Accident insurance
- Cancer and critical illness insurance
- Dental insurance
- Disability insurance
- Hospital confinement indemnity insurance
- Life insurance

## Advantages to employees

## Flexibility

Policyholders choose how to use payments — for deductibles, co-payments and other expenses.

## Portability

Employees can take coverage with them even if they change jobs or retire.

## Stability

Coverage continues regardless of employment.

#### Convenience

Premiums can be paid via payroll deduction, bank draft or direct billing.

## Advantages to employers

## Aid employee cost-sharing

Employee-paid voluntary benefits can help offset the out-of-pocket expenses from higher-deductible medical plans.

## Confirm eligible dependents

Annual reviews can help verify which dependents are actually eligible for health care plans.

## Boost tax savings

Employee education increases Section 125 plan participation, which provides greater tax savings for you.

## ■ Promote employee wellness

Employee awareness can help increase participation in wellness programs, for better returns on wellness investments.

## Decrease enrollment expenses

Our turn-key solutions reduce or eliminate material, manpower and IT costs associated with enrollment.

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