

TRS-ActiveCare District Summit February 5, 2020 Austin, Texas



#### **Welcome to Austin**

**Brian Guthrie, TRS Executive Director** 





#### **Welcome from the Board of Trustees**

Jarvis V. Hollingsworth, Chairman





#### Agenda

- Introductions
- What to Know about TRS-ActiveCare
- How TRS-ActiveCare Compares
- Affordability and Funding

15-Minute Break

- Continuing the Conversation: Strategies to Enhance TRS-ActiveCare
  - Re-procurement of Vendors
  - District Engagement
  - Family Coverage
  - Re-Engineering TRS-ActiveCare Plans
- Wrap Up and Next Steps



#### Today's Attendees (as of January 30)

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Texas College Preparatory Academies Tomball ISD Two Dimensions Preparatory Academy
Region 13 Education Service Center
New Boston ISD Region 10 ESC White Settlement ISD
Medina Valley ISD Lovejoy ISD Orenda Education
Spring Branch ISD Harris County Department of Education
Richardson ISD Hardin Jefferson ISD Gregory Portland ISD Mesquite ISD
Temple ISD Fredericksburg ISD
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Region 12 Frisco ISD Humble ISD East Central ISD Arlington Classics Academy
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New Caney ISD Bob Hope School Deer Park ISD
San Angelo ISD Liano ISD Clear Creek ISD Carthage ISD
Palestine ISD Kennedale ISD
Montgomery ISD Hays CISD Caldwell ISD Carrollton Farmers Branch ISD Dripping Springs ISD
Meridian World School Galveston ISD Coppell ISD Canton ISD Kenedy ISD Marson ISD
Sealy ISD Boerne ISD College Station ISD Arlington ISD Hearne ISD Region 2 ESC

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Region 17 ESC Red Oak ISD Southwest ISD

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# What to Know about TRS-ActiveCare



#### Who TRS-ActiveCare Serves

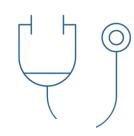


- Average age of 34
- 65% female
- 483,113 participants
- ~\$2 Billion in Claims
- 90% of 1,213 School Districts



#### What Does TRS Do?

- Procure medical administrator and pharmacy benefit manager to:
  - Ensure high-quality networks
  - Acquire drugs at low costs
- Protect plan resources by detecting fraud
- Offer high-quality customer service
- Share data with school districts and the legislature
- Provide communication materials







#### The Value of TRS-ActiveCare

#### Our large size allows us to:

- Lower prices
- Keep administrative costs low
- Reduce risk
- Decrease volatility

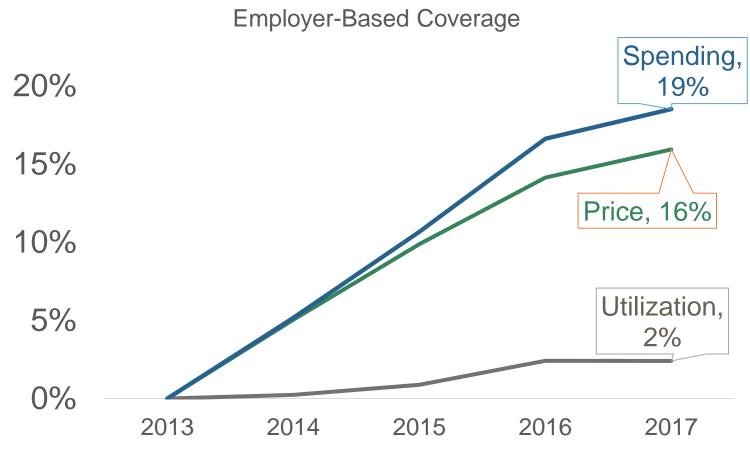






#### **Health Care Costs Are Rising**

#### **Cumulative Per Person Cost Growth in Texas**

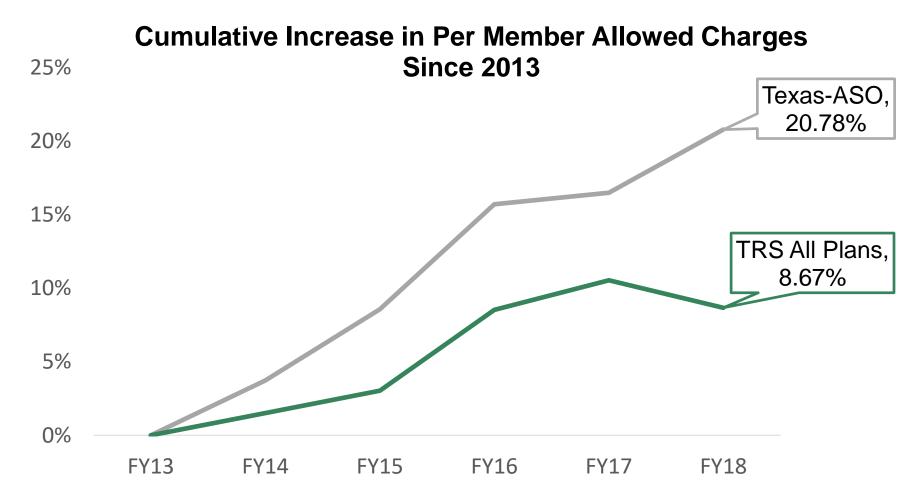


Price inflation – NOT increased usage is driving higher costs



Source: Health Care Cost Institute

#### TRS Has Unique Negotiating Power



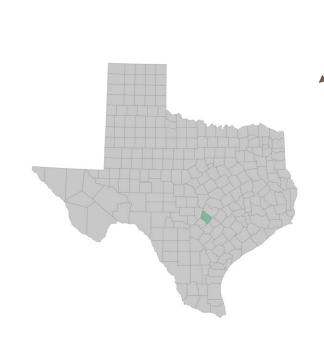


Source: Milliman & GRS. ASO = Self-insured employers with administrative services only contracts. Texas-ASO data does not include rebates. Excluding rebates from TRS All Plans would increase cumulative growth to 12.81%.

## TRS Keeps Administrative Costs Low

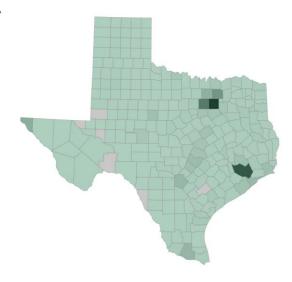


#### Reduce Risk & Cost to Districts





\$1.5 million claim



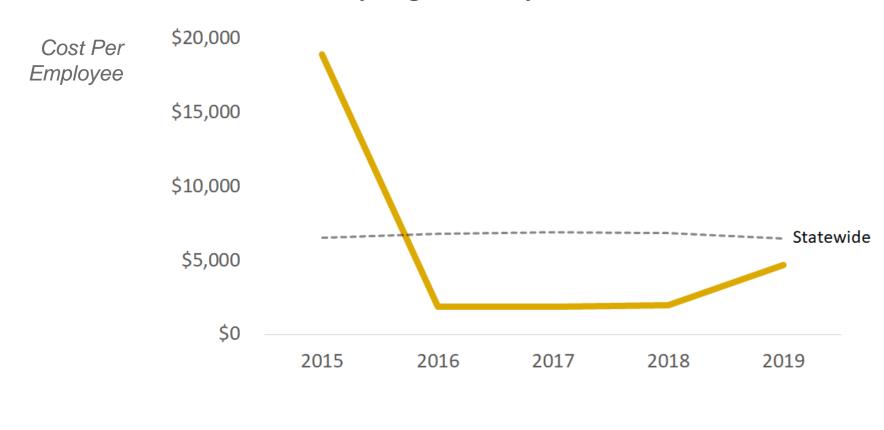
+\$125 per month for 1,000 employees

+\$0.41 per month for 300,000 employees



## Volatility Can Be Significant

#### Medical Claims Vary Significantly Each Year At Individual Districts





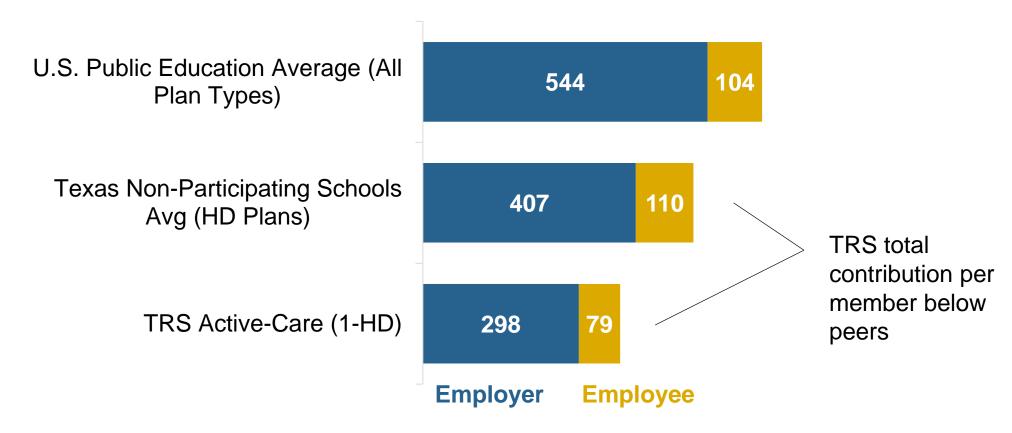
# Discussion

# How TRS-ActiveCare Compares



#### **Education: Contribution Comparison**

#### 2019-20 Contribution Comparison Employee-Only Coverage

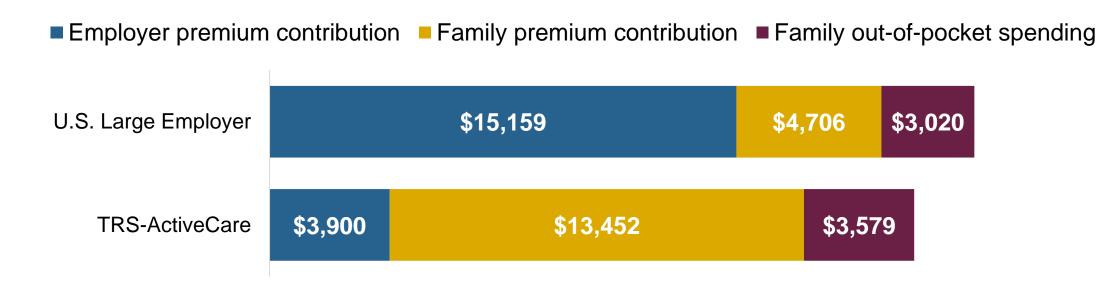


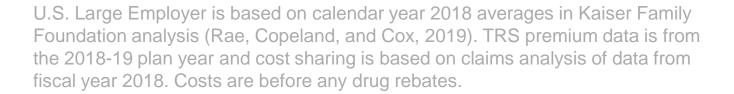


HD=High Deductible. U.S. Public education is from U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics 2019 data. Texas non-participating is based on 27 plans primarily from Houston, Dallas, Austin, and San Antonio regions using plan most comparable to TRS-ActiveCare-1-HD. Texas data represents average of each district. Plans outside of TRS-ActiveCare may offer different plan designs which impact premiums.

#### Large Employers: Contribution Comparison

## On average, TRS-ActiveCare employees paid \$9,305 more per year for family coverage







## A Real Life Example

#### Lance Nauman, Director of Risk Management, Katy ISD

• Benefits eligible: 10,924

• Employees enrolled: 7,924

• Total plan participants: 13,568

• Total instructional: 68

• High schools 9

Junior high schools16

• Elementary schools 83

• Total district locations: 83

• Total students: 83,000



#### What Lies Beneath?

- 1) Long-term commitment
- 2) Monthly financial monitoring
- 3) Perpetual marketing of the plan
- 4) Promote consumerism
- 5) Maintain adequate contribution rates by the District and employees
- 6) Change the vocabulary to change the culture. Eliminate "Premium" and "Insurance Company". Implement "Contribution" and "Katy ISD".



Your entire District owns the risk.



#### Self Insurance: What Are the True Expenses?

	Jan	Feb	March	Total
Enrollment	0	0	0	
Contributions				
Katy ISD	0	0	0	0
Employee	0	0	0	0
Earned Int –				
Health Fund	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	0
Expenses				
Claims				
Medical/HRA	0	0	0	0
Pharmacy	0	0	0	0
Save-On	0	0	0	0
RediMD	0	0	0	0
Beacon Health	0	0	0	0
Subrogation			_	
Recovery	0	0	0	0
Pharmacy Rebates	0	0	0	0
Other Rebates	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	0

	Jan	Feb	March	Total
Administration				
AETNA	0	0	0	0
Stop Loss	0	0	0	0
Gallagher	0	0	0	0
ADP	0	0	0	0
Wageworks(Cobra)	0	0	0	0
Communications ACA	0	0	0	0
Fees(1095C/PICORI)	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	0
Operating Gain/Loss	0	0	0	0
HRA Balance	0	0	0	0
Loss Projection				
Contributions	0	0	0	0
Expenses	0	0	0	0
Budget Gain/Loss	0	0	0	0



#### **Contributions Aren't the Only Costs**

To offer the same level of benefits as TRS-ActiveCare, consider:

- Broker commissions
- Stop loss coverage or reinsurance
- Negotiating medical and pharmacy discounts
- Increased staff or consultants to take ownership of the plans



# Discussion

# Affordability and Funding



## The Challenge of Affordability

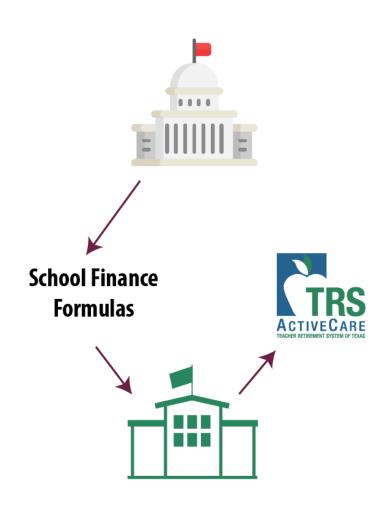
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#### How is TRS-ActiveCare Funded?

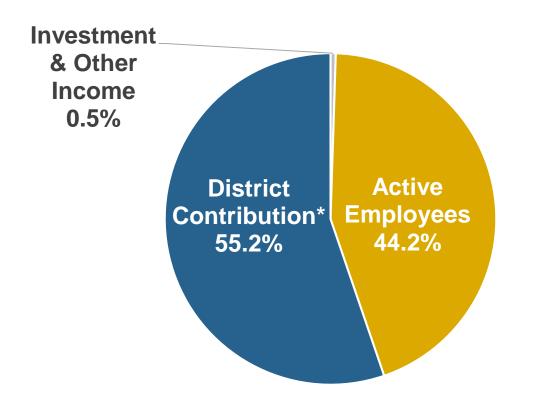


- Funding, per statute, comes through school districts. There is no other source of revenue for TRS-ActiveCare
- Based on a 2001 law, minimum funding is \$225 per person
- Districts can contribute more than minimum. The current average contribution per employee is \$324 for employee-only coverage



#### **Employees Pay Majority of Health Expenses**

#### TRS-ActiveCare Revenues FY 2019



After cost sharing, TRS-ActiveCare employees paid ~60% of their total cost across all tiers and programs.



\* Includes State and Local Funding

#### **Employee Contributions Vary by District**

Only 20% of Full-Time Employees Have a \$0 Contribution for Employee-Only Coverage in the 2019-20 Plan Year

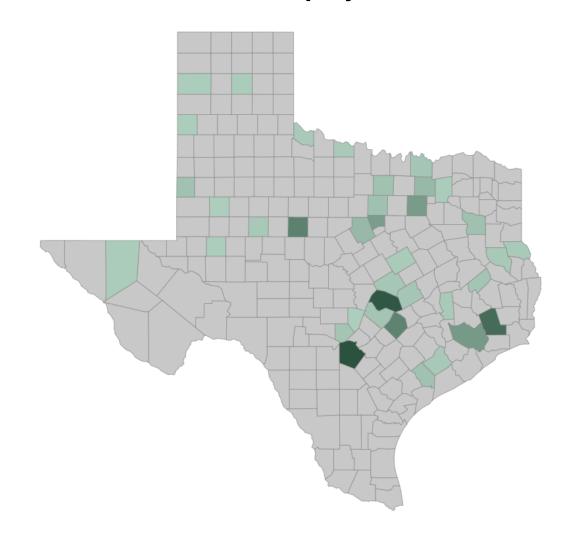


Estimated Percentage of Full-Time Employees Enrolled in High-Deductible Plan



#### 37 Districts "Moved to \$0"

~6,000 employees in 37 counties saw their employee-contribution decrease to \$0





# Discussion

# Break



We'll resume in 15 minutes.



## Part II: Continuing the Conversation

# Strategies to Enhance TRS-ActiveCare



### Ways to Enhance Value

- Re-procurement of Vendors
- District Engagement
- Family Coverage
- Re-engineering TRS-ActiveCare
  - Network Strategies
  - Potential Benefit Enhancements
- Other Services



### **District Engagement Efforts**

#### **District Summits**

Houston

Dallas-Fort Worth

**Central Texas** 

Dallas Fort-Worth

Houston

All-TRS-ActiveCare (Austin)

July 15, 2019

August 9, 2019

September 23, 2019

November 14, 2019

November 21, 2019

February 5, 2020

#### **Conference Presentations**

Alamo Area SBO

TASPA

TASA Midwinter

TASBO Engage

**December 4, 2019** 

December 13, 2019

January 28, 2020

March 5, 2020





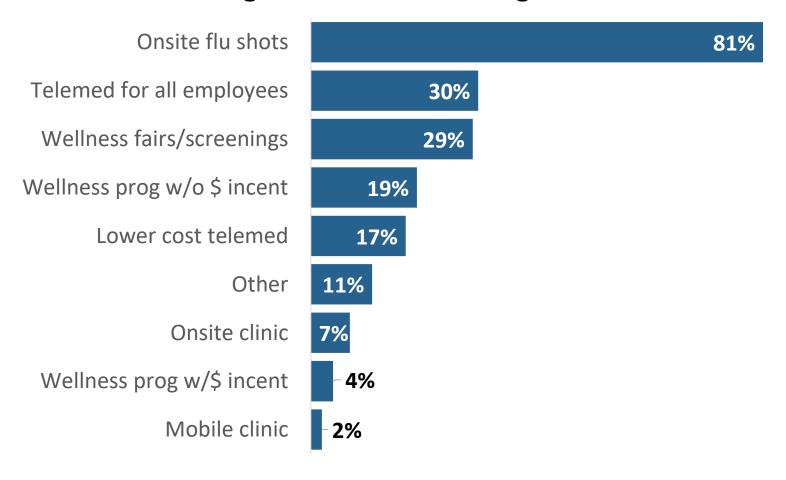
#### What We've Heard From Districts

- There is confusion about what "self-funded" means.
- There's opportunity to increase awareness about how health care decisions affect TRS-ActiveCare costs.
- The impact of TRS-ActiveCare benefits on staff recruitment and retention varies within and between regions.
- Many schools are procuring additional products to augment their health benefits.



#### Services Outside TRS-ActiveCare

#### **Percentage of Districts Offering Additional Services**





# What We've Heard From Districts

- The cost of health care is top of mind.
- Employees look at premium first, then at costs to see a provider. Once enrolled, many try not to use coverage due to fear of high out-of-pocket expenses. School faculty are more inclined to consider benefits (lower deductible, copays) rather than premium alone.
- Family coverage is expensive. Most enroll in employee-only coverage.
- Some districts expressed interest in a more select network option if it would increase TRS' purchasing power to reduce prices while still offering access to quality providers.
- While the majority of districts offer a HSA, the vast majority do not contribute to it.



# Area for Enhancement Addressing Family Coverage Cost

More premium revenue has been directed to keep employee-only coverage lower

This has increased costs for family coverage

We could adjust the relativities between tiers



### Area for Enhancement

# **Addressing Family Coverage Cost**

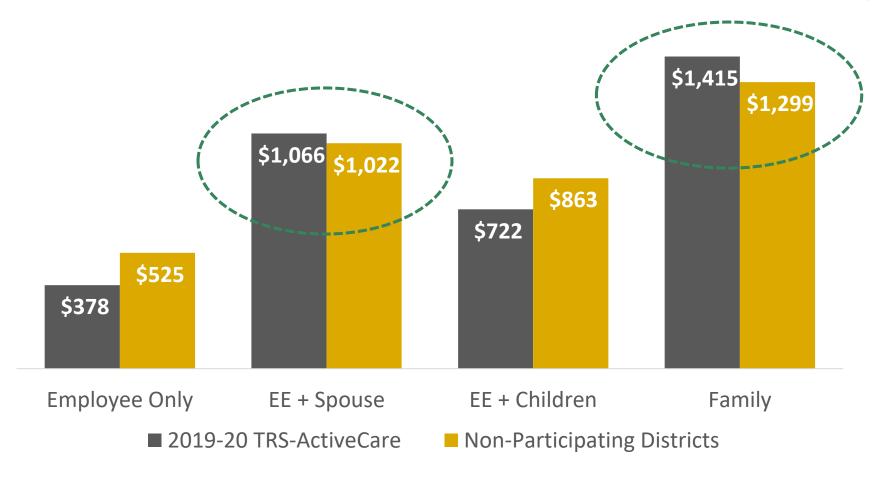
	Median 1-HD Employee Contribution	Support Staff Annual Salary	Contribution % of Salary	Contribution + Deductible % of Salary
Employee Only	\$756	\$28,432	2.7%	12.3%
Employee + Family	\$12,900	\$28,432	45.4%	64.7%



All figures are shown on a 12 month basis. Deductibles are based on in-network deductible for TRS-ActiveCare 1-HD using current plan designs.

# **Premium Tiering**

#### **Current TRS-ActiveCare 1-HD Total Premiums Compared to Non-participating Districts**

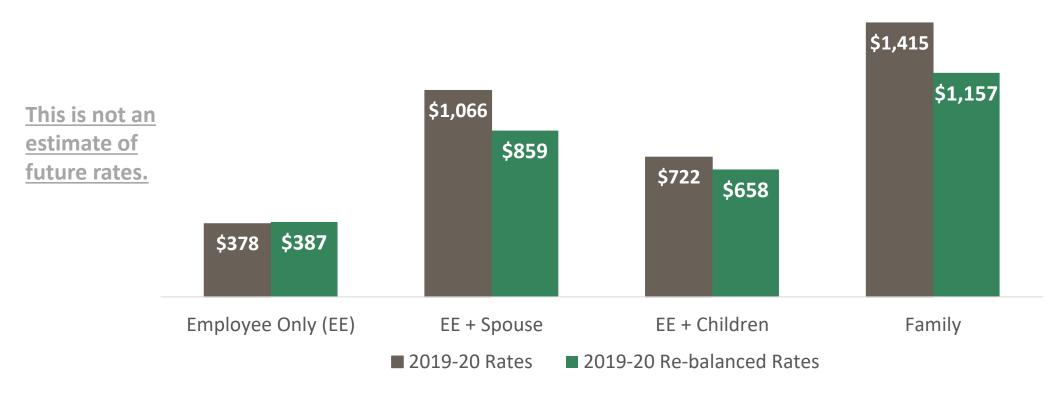


TRS-ActiveCare has higher total premium for spouse and family tiers due to current weighting.



# **Premium Tiering**

# A \$9 Increase In Employee Only Total Premium Would Have Decreased Family Premium By More Than \$200 per month



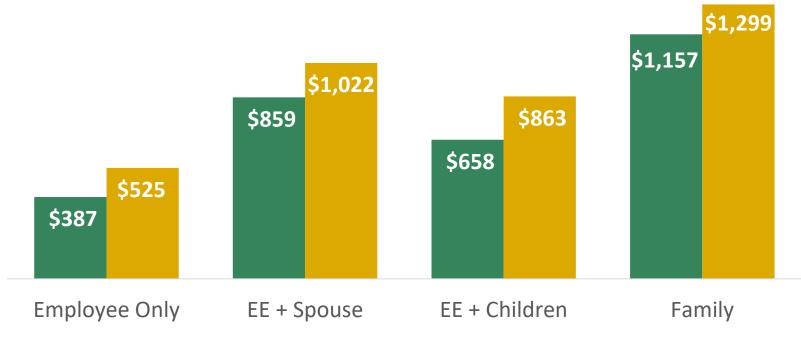


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# **Premium Tiering**

# Re-balancing Would Result In Lower Total Premium Than Non-participating Districts for Every Tier

This is not an estimate of future rates.



■ 2019-20 TRS-ActiveCare Re-balanced Rates ■ Non-Participating Districts



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#### **Area for Enhancement**

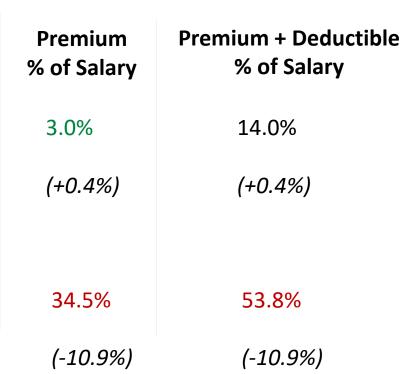
# **Addressing Family Coverage Cost**

### After re-tiering

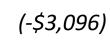


Median 1-HD Employee Contribution				
\$864				
(+\$108)				

Support Staff Annual Salary					
\$28,432					
\$28,432					







\$10,488

(-10.9%)



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## Kahoot

 How many districts would be interested in rebalancing the relativities between the employee-only and family tiers?

Kahoot options:

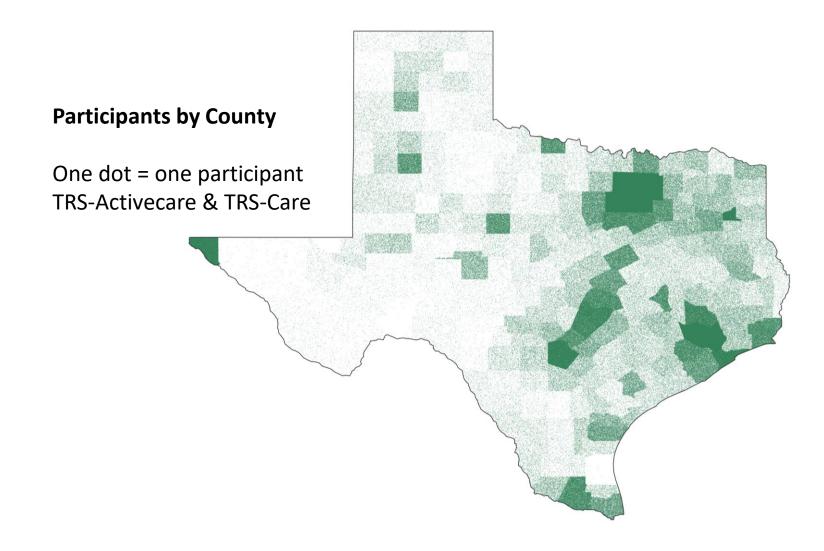
In favor Neutral Against



# Re-engineering TRS-ActiveCare Plans



# Large, Diverse Membership





# The Challenge of Affordability

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# Plan Design Fundamentals

 $\downarrow$  premium = members pay more when accessing care

OR

↑ premium = plan pays more when members access care



# Plan Design and Network Strategies

Plan design that encourages use of high-quality services



Emphasize primary care





Supported by a curated network of high-quality providers for each region



High-value formulary design



# **Kahoot: Network Strategy**

How many districts would be interested in a curated network of quality providers?

### Kahoot options:

In favor Neutral Against



# **Current Plan Designs**

<b>Current In-Network Benefits</b>	TRS-ActiveCare 1-HD	TRS-ActiveCare Select
Deductible	\$2,750 employee only \$5,500 family	\$1,200 employee only \$3,600 family
Maximum out-of-pocket	\$6,750 employee only \$13,500 family	\$7,900 employee only \$15,800 family
Primary Care Physician	20% coinsurance after deductible	\$30 copay
Specialist	20% coinsurance after deductible	\$70 copay



# Re-engineering Design Considerations

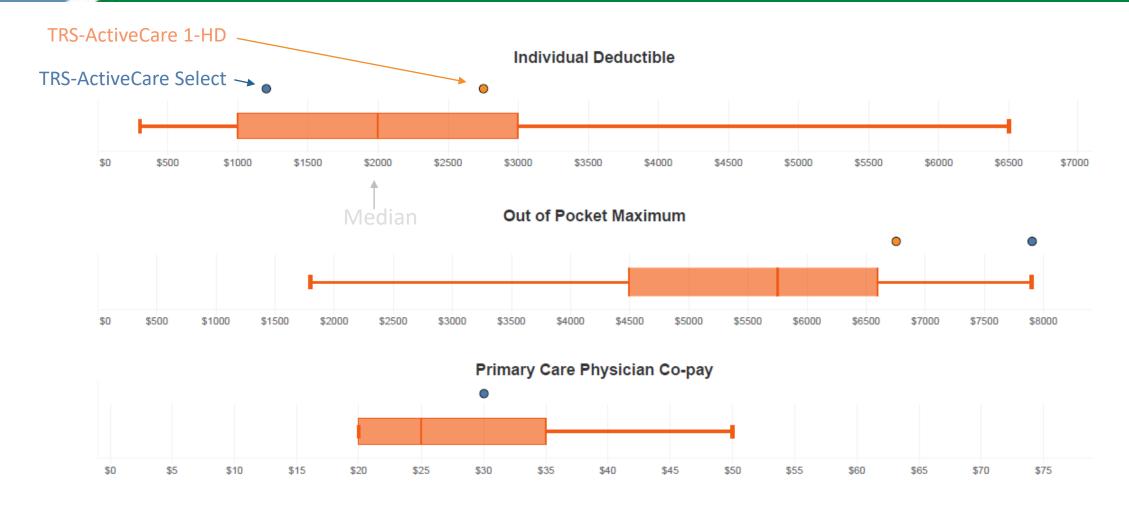
Cannot offer first-dollar coverage on TRS-ActiveCare 1-HD and retain HSA

TRS-ActiveCare 1-HD appears to be in line with what other large districts are offering in terms of high deductible plans

TRS-ActiveCare Select has a few areas where we could make changes to make it more competitive



# TRS Benchmark Comparison





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Source: Gallagher, January 2020. Benchmark is based on 19 school districts outside of TRS-ActiveCare in Texas.

### **Kahoot: Benefit Priorities**

Do you feel like you have enough information to recommend to TRS what changes you would prioritize for medical benefits?

### Kahoot options:

- I have enough information
- I don't have enough information



### **Kahoot: Benefit Priorities**

Which of the following benefit changes would be your first choice:

### Kahoot options:

- Implement a per person deductible cap for 1-HD and Select ("embedded" deductible)
- Reduce maximum out of pocket for Select
- Copays on Select for physical therapy, occupational therapy, and speech and therapy



# Discussion

# Partnering with Districts

- Holding the first of what we hope will be many District Summits like the one we are holding today
- District (or regional) profiles with 2018 data were provided in December along with FAQ to help you understand the data
- More detailed District claims data for the last 3 years is being offered to districts who request (and pay for) it
- A District Toolkit will be available later this month to give you the tools and resources you need to educate others about TRS-ActiveCare



# Wrap Up and Next Steps

- Late February:
  - Update all stakeholders about vendor re-procurement decision after February 21 board meeting
  - Distribute District Leader Toolkit
- Late April:
  - Update all stakeholders about plan designs and rates after April 17 board meeting
- May:
  - Train benefits administrators for annual enrollment
- July/August:
  - Annual enrollment
- September 1: New plan year begins

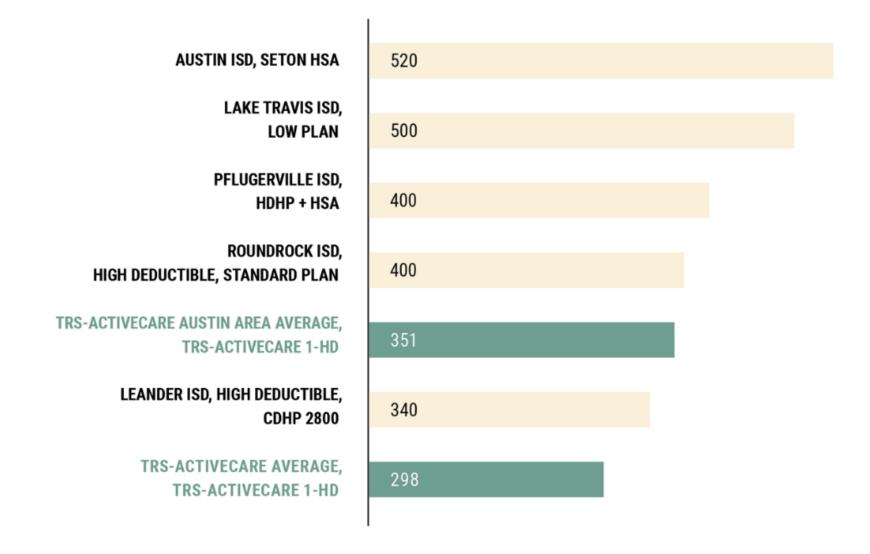


# Thank you

# Appendix



# **Austin District Contributions**



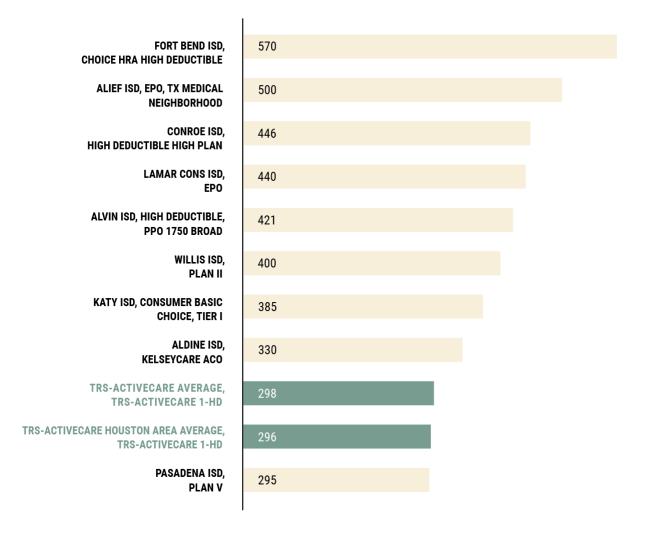


## San Antonio District Contributions

SAN ANTONIO ISD, 470 HIGH DEDUCTIBLE NORTH EAST ISD. 447 HIGH DEDUCTIBLE + HSA SOUTH SAN ANTONIO ISD, AETNA/EXPRESS 402 **SCRIPTS, OPTION 3 PPO** COMAL ISD, 390 **ADVANTAGE EPO** EDGEWOOD ISD, 375 HIGH DEDUCTIBLE HIGH PLAN JUDSON ISD, HIGH DEDUCTIBLE 355 HIGH PLAN HSA PLANS, AG-X7 HARLANDALE ISD, LOW, 325 HIGH DEDUCTIBLE HIGH PLAN TRS-ACTIVECARE SAN ANTONIO AREA AVERAGE. TRS-ACTIVECARE 1-HD SCHERTZ-CIBOLO-UNIVERSAL CITY ISD, 310 **HD, CHOICE PLUS PREMIER** TRS-ACTIVECARE AVERAGE. 298 **TRS-ACTIVECARE 1-HD** 



## **Houston District Contributions**





## **Dallas District Contributions**

KELLER ISD, HIGH DEDUCTIBLE PLAN

GRAND PRAIRIE ISD, LOW PLAN, CARE PLUS NETWORK

> NORTHWEST ISD, HIGH DEDUCTIBLE PLAN

TRS-ACTIVECARE AVERAGE,
TRS-ACTIVECARE 1-HD

TRS-ACTIVECARE DFW AREA AVERAGE,
TRS-ACTIVECARE 1-HD

515

350

350

298

296



# **Key Legislation**

#### **Legislative Update**

**Appropriations:** Maintains TRS-Care premiums and benefits

SB 1264: Prohibits balance billing for certain types of care

Art 2 Sec 10.06: Creates cross agency comparison of health data

SB 619: Set TRS Sunset review for 2021

