### Models to Improve Premium Rate Setting and Purchasing for Aggregate and Specific Medical Stop Loss

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#### Overview

- Background
  - Audience
  - Stop loss terms
- Estimating Expected Claims Costs
- Pricing CapCost<sup>™</sup> (first dollar medical) and Specific coverage
- Budgeting for medical costs and buying Specific coverage
- Summary

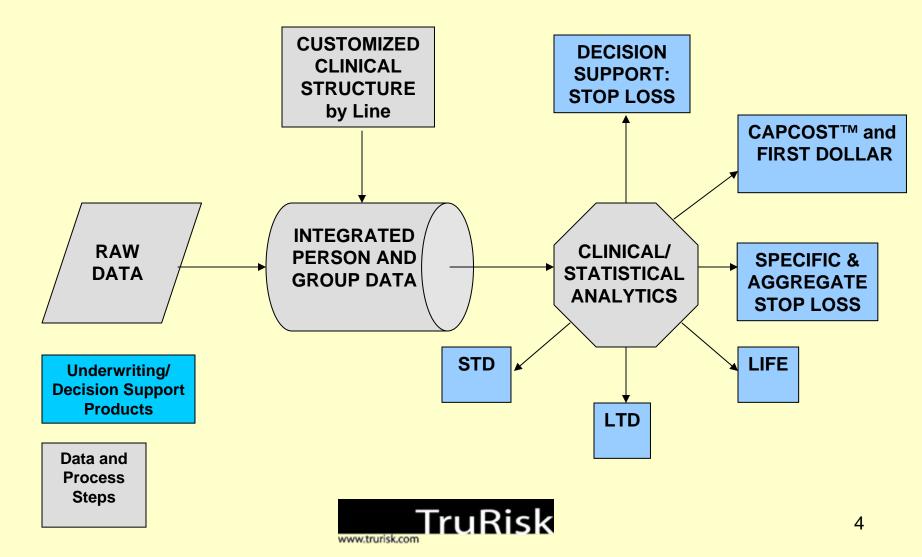


# Strategy—Winning by Changing the Rules

- Using better information (all medical claims and diagnoses)
- Forecasting claim cost more accurately using proprietary Clinical/Statistical Models
- Modifying the distribution system—review all groups in medical plan or TPA then quote on groups with the greatest profit potential



### More Accurate Risk Selection— All Lines, All Groups



### Paradigm Shift

- Evaluate risk and target favorable groups using Clinical/Statistical Models
  - Provide more accurate pricing
  - Lower loss ratio and its variability
- Lower future risks—target high risk employees for disease management



### Medical Stop Loss Coverage

- Traditional coverage—usually paid
  - Specific
    - Very high person level deductible—\$100,000-\$300,000
    - 80-95% of premium
  - Aggregate—125% of Expected Claims Costs (ECC) attachment point, exclusive of Spec
- CapCost<sup>TM</sup>
  - No Spec
  - Aggregate—110% attachment point



### What is CapCost™?

- Aggregate only (10% corridor) medical stop loss product with no Specific coverage—all claims go toward attachment point
- Corresponding premium less than traditional Aggregate plus Specific coverage (target is 10-40% lower premium)
- Each group is medically underwritten using predictive models which include <u>all</u> medical claims and eligibility records plus traditional factors
- Designed for target market of self insured employers with 200 to 2,500 + employees



### CapCost<sup>™</sup> Provides Total Budget Protection for Self Insured Employers

- Satisfies greatest need (budget protection) of self insured employers better than traditional Aggregate plus Specific stop loss coverage
- Lower premium
- No "lasering"



## Overview—Estimating Expected Claims Costs

- Develop clinical/statistical forecasting model(s) using all first dollar medical claims and eligibility
- Apply model to most recent data (12 months typically)
- Score and add trend
- Renormalize, if necessary

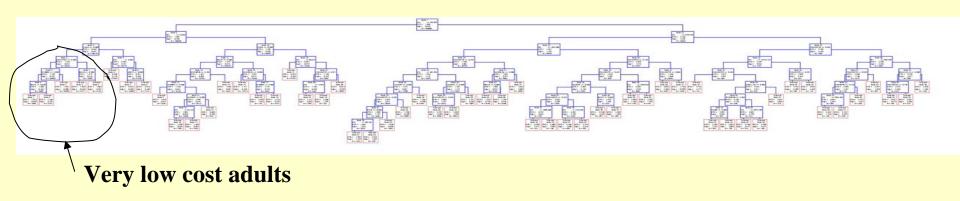


### Data Requirements

- Medical claims: linkage through encrypted ID needed
  - Charges and payments with incurred and paid dates
  - CPT and ICD-9 codes
  - Place and type of service and provider type
- Eligibility: linkage through encrypted ID needed
  - Demographics for employees and dependents
  - Relationship to employee and coverage type
  - Start and termination dates
- Employer
  - Renewal date
  - Desire current stop loss terms
  - Date of first coverage

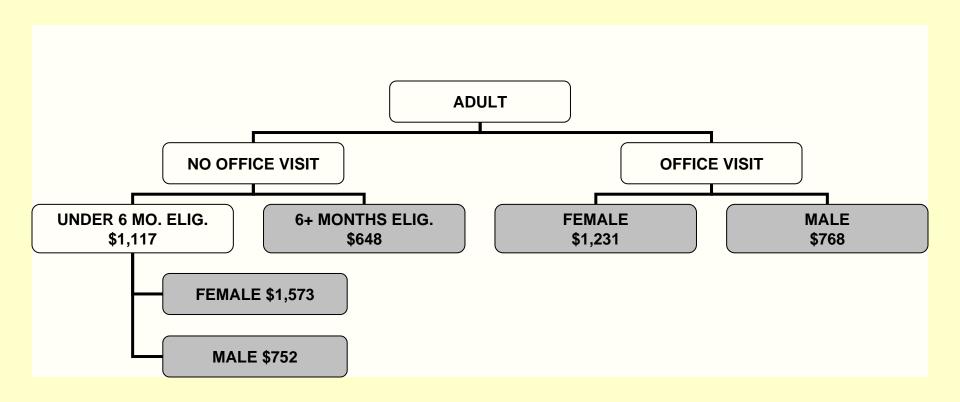


# Regression Tree for Person Level Expected Mean Medical Claim Costs— Example for Low Cost Predictions



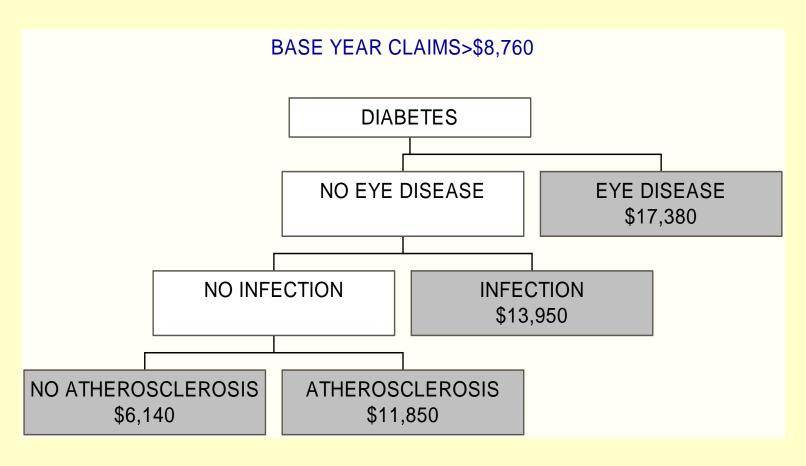


### Tree for Very Low Cost Adults— \$0 Payments in Base Year





### Tree for High Cost Diabetics





### **Group Level Predictions**

- Roll-up of person level predictions to group
- Group characteristics: discounts, size, historical costs, etc.
- Cross validation used with trees
- Hybrid models to smooth predictions
- Compound trend added to predictions



### Group Level Cost Forecasting— TruRisk Models vs. Experience

- Lower r<sup>2</sup> for TruRisk
- Smaller mean absolute error for TruRisk



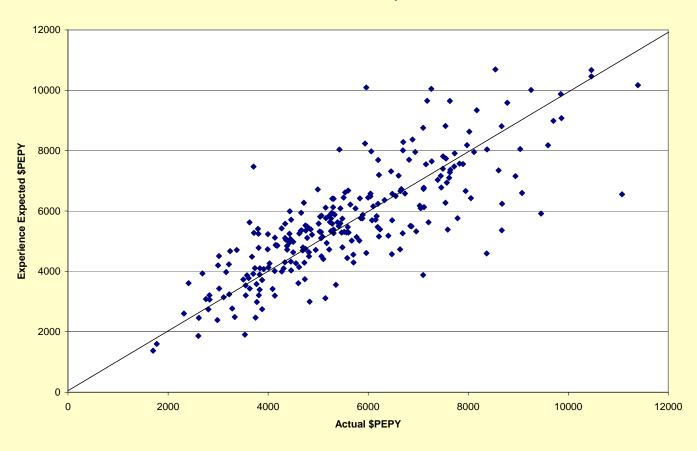
## Developmental Models Used for Underwriting 2006 CapCost™

- 254 groups with about 1,000 EEs/group (250-5,000EEs)
- Mean Absolute Error (MAE) Comparison
  - MAE Experience based model=12.3%
  - MAE TruRisk's model=9.6%
  - TruRisk reduces MAE 21.6%
- Regression comparison (weighted by group size)
  - Experience based model adjusted r<sup>2</sup>=.72
  - TruRisk's model adjusted r<sup>2</sup>=.82



#### 2006 Experience Model vs. Actual \$PEPY

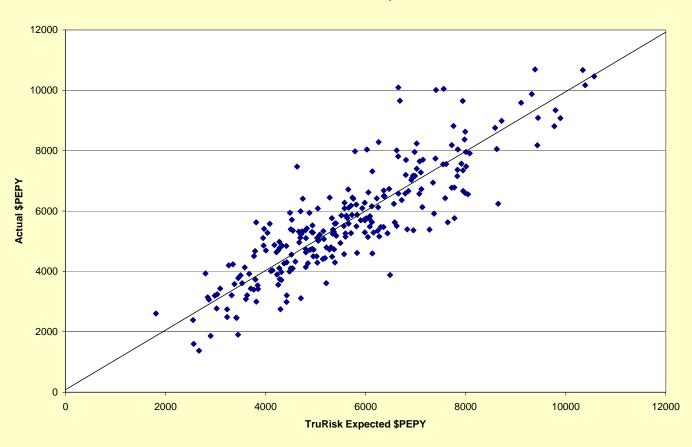
#### **Actual \$PEPY vs. Actuarial Expected \$PEPY**





#### 2006 TruRisk's Model vs. Actual \$PEPY

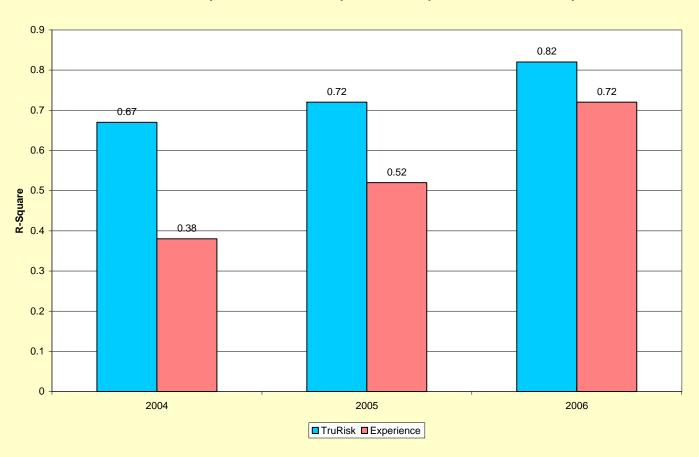
#### Actual \$PEPY vs. TruRisk Expected \$PEPY





### r<sup>2</sup> Comparison—TruRisk vs. Experience at Group Level by Year

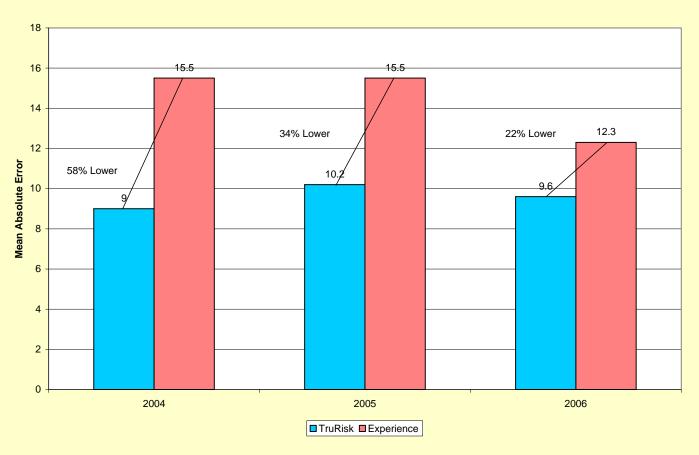
TruRisk Models vs. Experience Models: Comparison of R-Square for 2004-2006 Group Level





### Mean Absolute Error Comparison— TruRisk vs. Experience by Year

TruRisk vs. Experience Models: Mean Absolute Error for Group Level 2004-2006





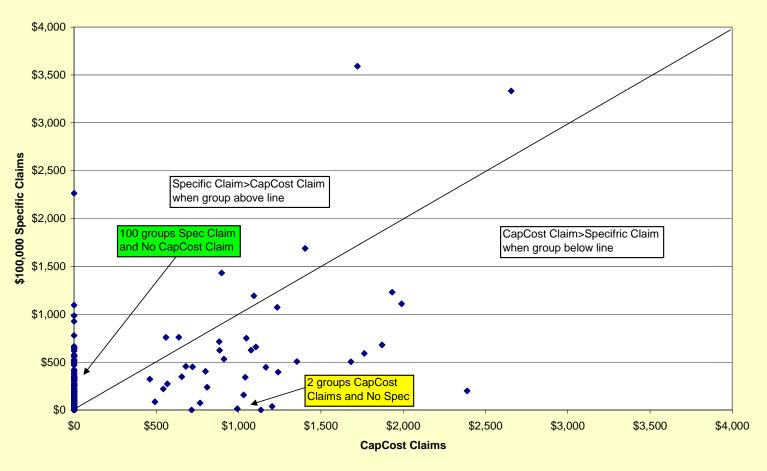
### CapCost<sup>™</sup> Dramatically Lowers the Medical Loss Ratio

- Claim frequency drops from about 78% for traditional specific plus aggregate to 23% for CapCost™
- CapCost<sup>™</sup> total claim cost is 52% of \$100,000
   Specific deductible total claim costs
- Claim severity (given a stop loss claim occurred) for CapCost™ is somewhat greater
- MLR reduced 10-30% (claim cost=.52/ premium=.75 => CapCost<sup>™</sup> MLR=.69 Specific)



## Claim Cost Proof: CapCost™ vs. \$100,000 Spec Deductible

CapCost versus \$100,000 Specific: \$ Claims/EE/Year with 175 Groups Total, 35 No Claims and 38 Both Claims





### Pricing CapCost<sup>™</sup> or Estimating Cost of Guarantee

- Discount 10-40% from traditional Specific
   & Aggregate Premium based on group
   size—needed for market demand
- Back-testing
- Probability density function loss models and Monte Carlo Simulations



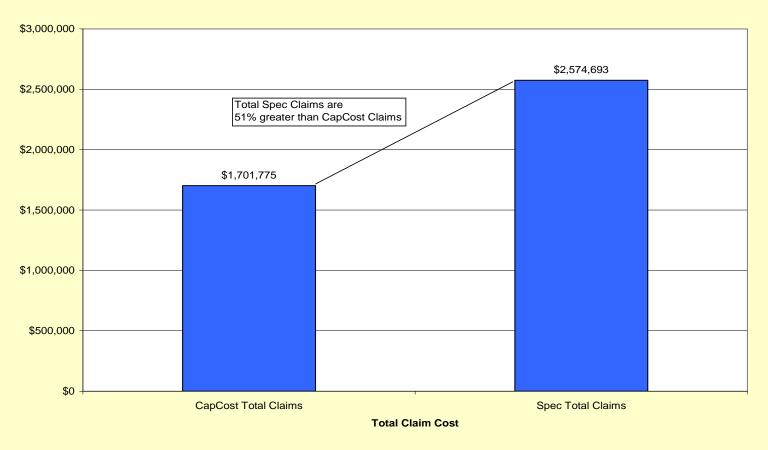
### Validation of CapCost™ Back-Testing Results

- One TPA
- 20 groups
  - Renewing January 1, 2004
  - 200-1,450 EEs
  - No major change in number EEs
- CapCost<sup>™</sup> ECC calculated using 12 months data through May, 2003 with 14% trend assumed
- CapCost offered through TPA but not promoted with broker—quotes sent in 2003
- TPA and carrier compiled actual experience for CY 2004 from Agg Reports



### CapCost<sup>™</sup> Claim Costs would have been 66% of Actual Spec Claim Costs

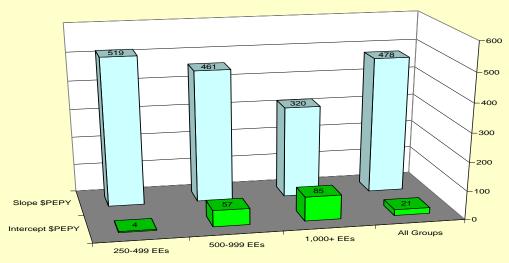
CMS Claims Analysis: Total CapCost Claims vs. Spec Claims





### Fit of \$PEPY for CapCost™ Claim Based on O/E—Each 0.1 Over 1.1

Summary CapCost Claim Regression Model when O> 1.1 E



☐ Slope \$PEPY ☐ Intercept \$PEPY

Size Strata

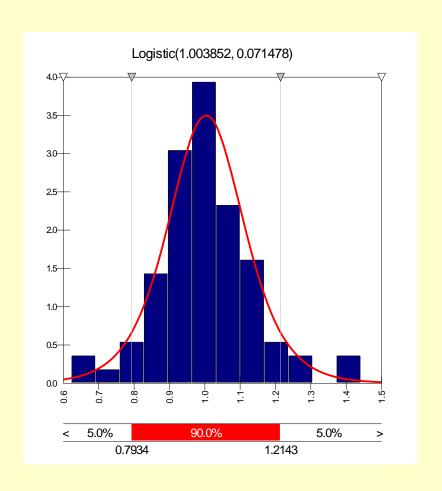
Summary ECC Regression
Regression Weights
Slope: \$ PEPY per Actual 0.1 over 1.1
Intercept: \$PEPY
r <sup>2</sup>

All Groups	1,000+ EEs	500-999 EEs	250-499 EEs
478	320	461	519
21	85	57	4
0.815	0.654	0.83	0.843

assume CapCost claims= \$500/EE/year for each .1 actual>expected claims costs



## 1,000+ EEs O/E Best Fit with Logistic Distribution





### Loss Ratios for Small Blocks— Monte Carlo Simulations of 10,000 Iterations

Loss Ratios (mean)=.26 to .46 Loss Ratio (75%)=.39 to .65

\$ Total Premium	\$3,250,000 \$325 PEPY	\$1,800,000 \$450 PEPY	\$2,812,500 \$375 PEPY	\$15,725,000	\$7,862,500
Composite Rate Group Mix with10,000	•	Premium	Premium	Blend by EEs Sum 20@400 20@750 10@2000	Blend by EEs Sum 10@400 10@750 5@2000 /
Iterations	2000EE5cases	400EE10cases	750EE10cases	/ 250-499	250-499
Loss Ratios					
Mean	0.26	0.46	0.29	0.32	0.31
Median	0.14	0.40	0.24	0.30	0.28
75%	0.40	0.65	0.42	0.39	0.41
90%	0.71	0.91	0.63	0.49	0.56



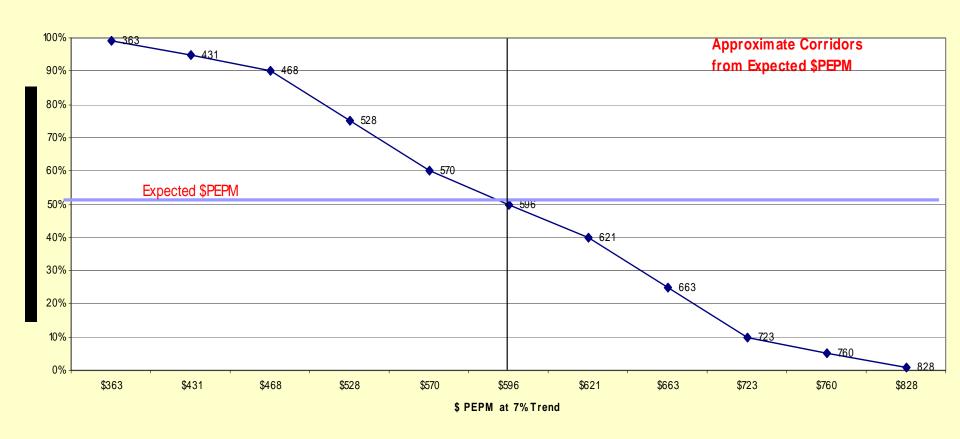
### Pricing Spec Coverage

- Traditional method
  - Demographics
  - Dx and cost screens
  - Nurse review of ongoing cases for paid contracts
- Clinical/Statistical Models
  - Back-testing
  - Model and variance of expected cost and number of claims
- Blend methods using credibility theory



## Budgeting—Expected \$PEPM with Likelihood of Exceeding Estimate

Likelihood of Medical Claims (with Rx) Cost Greater than Listed \$ Per Employee Per Month for CY 2008--Assuming 7% Trend





### Buying Spec Coverage—Example

### **Actual and Expected Specific Claims**

Specific Deductible	Expected Number Specific Claims During 2008	Actual Total \$ Claims Over Deductible Last Year 6/2006- 5/2007	Actual Number Claims Over Deductible Last Year 6/2006- 5/2007
\$100,000	33.0	\$3,604,364	23
\$125,000	24.0	\$2,401,999	12
\$150,000	17.8	\$2,268,706	11
\$175,000	11.76	\$1,617,080	7
\$200,000	10.93	\$1,423,318	6
\$225,000	8.35	\$374,706	1
\$250,000	6.83	\$374,706	1
\$275,000	5.63	\$374,706	1
\$300,000	4.89	\$374,706	1



### Buying Spec—Return and Recovery

#### **Cost of Risk Transfer**

Specific Deductible	Premium	Expected Specific Recovery	Return on Premium	Expected Cost of Risk Transfer
\$175,000	\$964,564	\$1,664,377	1.726	(\$699,813)
\$200,000	\$799,012	\$1,381,516	1.729	(\$582,504)
\$225,000	\$664,868	\$933,002	1.403	(\$268,134)



### Buying Spec—Breakeven Analysis

#### Breakeven Analysis by \$25,000 Increments of Specific Deductible

Specific Deductible Level Comparison Lower Specific Level \$175,000	Versus Specific Deductible Level Comparison Higher Specific Level \$200,000	Premium Difference \$165,552	Breakeven Point*** 6.6	Number of Expected Specific Claims Next Year at Higher Deductible 10.9	Number of Actual Specific Claims Last Year at Higher Deductible
\$200,000	\$225,000	\$134,144	5.4	8.4	1



### Summary

- Fitch Summary July 9, 2008
  - Fitch Ratings has changed its outlook on the US health/managed care insurance sector (the sector) to negative from stable...
  - The rationale for the negative outlook is supported by the following: Operating performance to date in 2008 indicates that several market participants are either willing to be aggressive in pricing or the improved predictive underwriting capabilities demonstrated over the past decade are not as strong as Fitch previously considered.
- Detailed data and the ability to analyze it appropriately enable more aggressive pricing at lower risk
- Build what the market wants rather than what it needs



## Thanks,

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