

# Third National Consumer Driven Healthcare Summit

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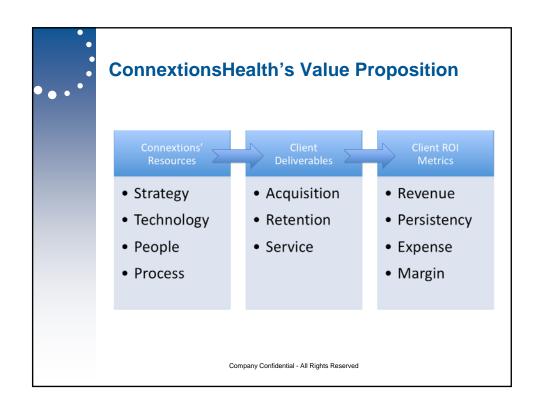
# **Presentation Topics**

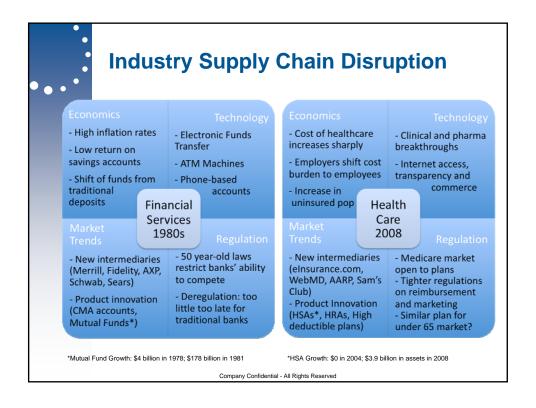
- Connextions Overview
- Industry Supply Chain Disruption
- Lessons from Financial Services Industry
- Building a Value-Added Customer Experience
- Best B2C Practices in Healthcare
- Our Healthcare Crystal Ball

#### **Connextions Overview**

- Founded in 1992. Roots as technology-based Business Process Outsourcing (BPO) firm in B2C Commercial sector.
- Gained blue chip Commercial client base (Sprint, FedEx, Mercedes-Benz, Logitech, TiVo).
- Leveraged B2C experience to enter Healthcare vertical in 2005 as ConnextionsHealth. Now a leading ASP delivery and BPO provider in healthcare individual / small group segment.
- 2,500 licensed and non-licensed professionals. 24 / 7 multilingual, in- & out-bound capabilities.
- Contact center operations in FL, NC and IN. Technology development center in Boulder.
- Fully HIPAA and CMS compliant facilities and processes.







# **Financial Services Industry Today**

The financial services industry's current crisis notwithstanding, retail consumers currently:

- Have a wide range of products to choose from
- Make their own financial / investment decisions
- Are provided with transparency and disclosure
- Can transact whenever and however they want
- Are confident transacting with self-service tools
- Trust that information is correct and secure
- Believe service issues will be properly resolved
- View financial providers in a positive light

How Many of These Consumer-Experience
Attributes Does the Healthcare Industry Provide?

# **Healthcare Industry Today**

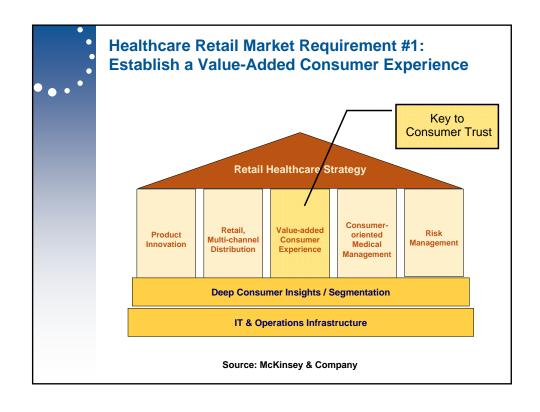
Challenges facing healthcare companies that seek a role in the individual / small group market:

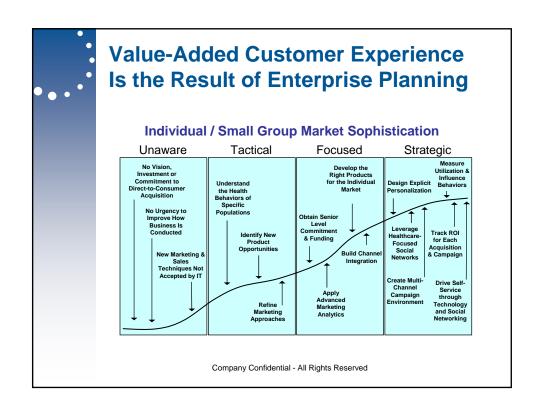
- Supply chain disruption / new intermediaries
- Shift in distribution from brokered to direct sales
- Ongoing revisions to federal & state regulations
- Near-term prospect of major healthcare legislation
- Emergence of consumer directed plans
- High cost of acquiring / retaining individual members
- Rapid consumer adoption of new technologies
- Boomer-driven demand for speed, choice, attention
- Consumer-driven demand for 24/7/365 access
- Higher consumer expectations for service level excellence

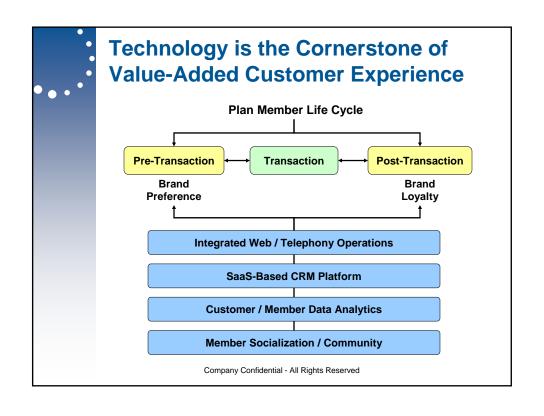
The Payoff for Addressing These Challenges?
Part of a \$115 Billion Market Opportunity\*

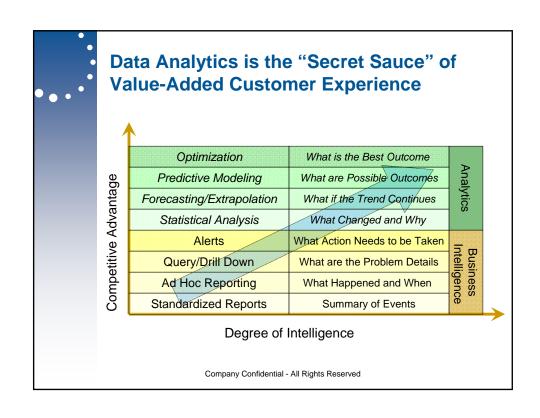


- To succeed, health plans must make strategic, operational and cultural shift from B2B to B2C...and the window of opportunity will close quickly.
- Some current market participants will fail, some will succeed, new players will emerge and lead.
- Good news for health plans: the roadmap for building a consumer-centric enterprise exists in many other industries, including financial services.
- Toughest B2C hurdle for health plans: building consumer trust and confidence... changing market perception as the unfriendly deniers of care and reimbursement.









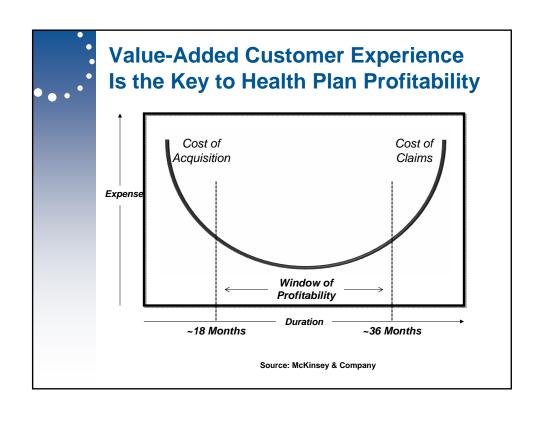
### **Building Value-Added Customer Experience**

### **Gartner**

"Customer Relationship Management should include member acquisition, retention and service (MARS) strategies, based on the notion that effectively managing the customer relationship from initial contact through the sale and follow-up services yields the greatest chance of keeping the health insurer's best members satisfied."

Joanne Galimi, Research Vice President Gartner Inc. July 2008

Value-Added Customer Experience Is Delivered through a MARS Platform  Connextions' Healthcare MARS Portfolio®		
Acquisition	Retention	Service
Marketing & Sales Strategy	Retention Strategy Design	Customer Experience Design
Inbound & Outbound Sales	Outbound Campaigns	Plan Administration Support
CRM Technology	- Automated Calling	- Eligibility
Campaign ROI Analytics	- Calendared Contact	- Benefits
Sales Training & Support	- Risk-based Outreach	- Claims
Web Portal Management	Save Desk	- Wellness
Self-Service Online Tools	Member Triage	Communications Technology
Sales Material Fulfillment		- Click-to-Chat / Talk, eMail
		Socialization / Community





- Program must be flexible, scalable & value-driven
- Staffed by cross-licensed insurance agents
  - Plan-specific, CMS and HIPAA trained and certified
  - Tight management and QA supervision
- Web-based front-end must be supported by member data analytics
  - Actionable feedback for marketing ROI and product customization / development
- Lead management / conversion capabilities
- Multi-channel options for customer / member access
  - Phone, email, Click-to-Chat, Click-to-Talk
  - Coverage of all demographic segments

#### **Best B2C Practices: Member Retention**

- Program based on assumption that retention is a process, not a collection of tactics, that begins in the acquisition strategy
- Builds retention outreach programs based on market segment analytics / risk modeling
  - Offers escalated strategies based on membership duration and profitability
- · Identifies existing members at risk to dis-enroll
  - Seeks optimal payment method (i.e., EFT)
  - Routes triage calls to skilled Save Desk agents
  - Tiered incentives (i.e., life / dental, free months)



- All non-licensed and licensed agents must be CMS/HIPAA trained and certified.
- Provide sensitivity training geared to member demographics (senior, disabled, ethnic, etc.)
- Build multi-channel integration with the understanding that consumer adoption may be gradual with some market segments,
- Leverage outsourced expertise to manage channel migration.
   Outsourcing can reduce customer contact center costs by 15-25%.
- Focus on Click to Chat technologies as a multi-channel priority.
   Chat can reduce phone-based transactions. Concurrent Chats can generate million dollar savings in operating costs.
- Educate / direct members to online self-service.

## **What Our Healthcare Crystal Ball Tells Us**

- Healthcare is only in the 3<sup>rd</sup> inning of supply chain disruption.
- Competitive landscape of healthcare will be totally reshaped over the coming decade:
  - Government assumption of high-risk / high cost members
  - Regulation of <65 population similar to Medicare population</li>
  - Significant industry consolidation
  - Diminished participation of broker-based distribution
  - Increased volume of consumer-direct transactions
- Member aggregators (AARP, WalMart, Costco, etc.) will replace large corporations in healthcare market influence.
- Fence-sitting and toe-in-water B2C strategies most likely to fail, as players with full commitment gain market advantage.
- Keys to B2C success will be based on ability to:
  - Measure, forecast and optimized marketing ROI
  - Identify, select and retain specific market segments
  - Drive self-service through technology and socialization tools