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What is the influence of the advisor/consultant on decisions for group insurance?





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We take advisor or consultant's opinion into consideration along with other factors



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We rely heavily on advisor or consultant's opinion



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We don't give significant weight to advisor or consultant's opinion



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We do our own research and add advisor or consultant's opinion to it



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Sponsors are loyal to their group insurance provider for many years, indicating an importance to provide features that are important to them.

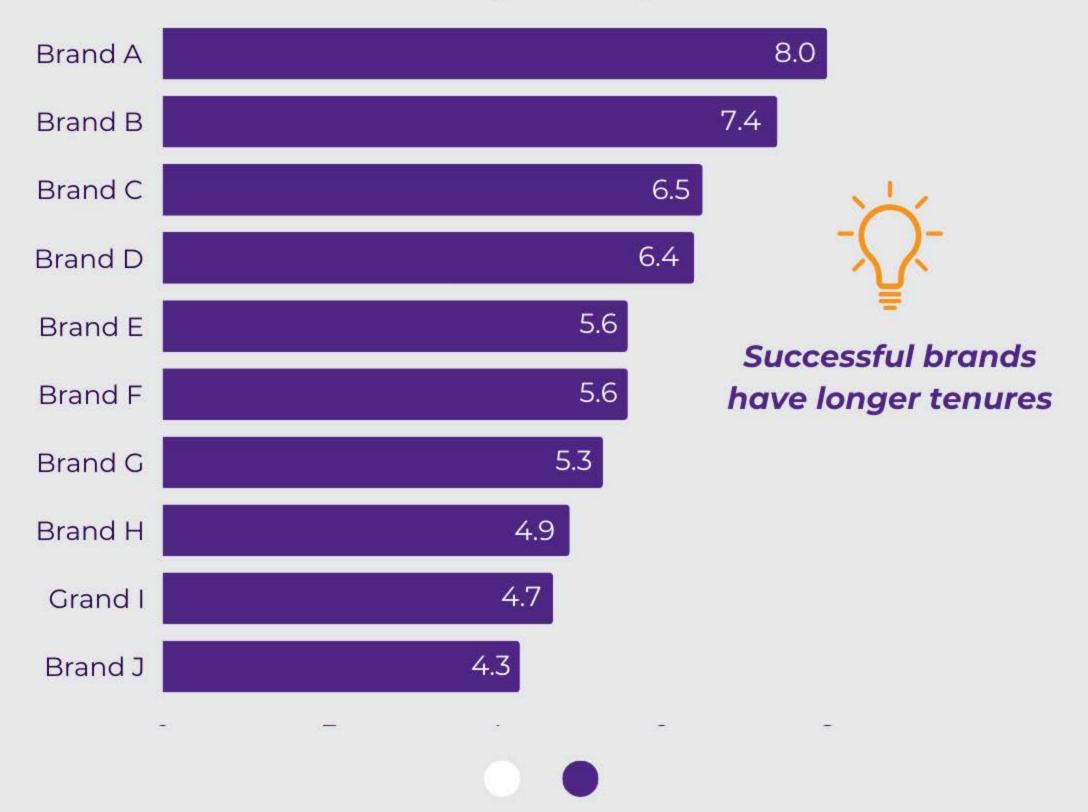


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#### **ENVIRONICS** RESEARCH

**Years of Group Insurance Provider** 

Mean years 6.6 years



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What are the most important product attributes when thinking about Group Benefit Plans?



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"What are the most important product attributes to your group insurance plan?"





Ease of plan administration Overall plan & administration costs

Unlock the 12 other important attributes with Syndicated Group Plan Sponsor study



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Group Plan Sponsors are placing more importance on efficiency and data security when selecting a Group Benefit Provider.



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Group Plan Sponsors placed more importance on two back office attributes in 2023 than 2022



Importance of effective plan implementation



Importance of efficient and secure exchange of plan member data



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Meeting the needs of Group Plan members is critical to Group Plan Insurance Providers.





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of Group Plan Sponsors gather member feedback



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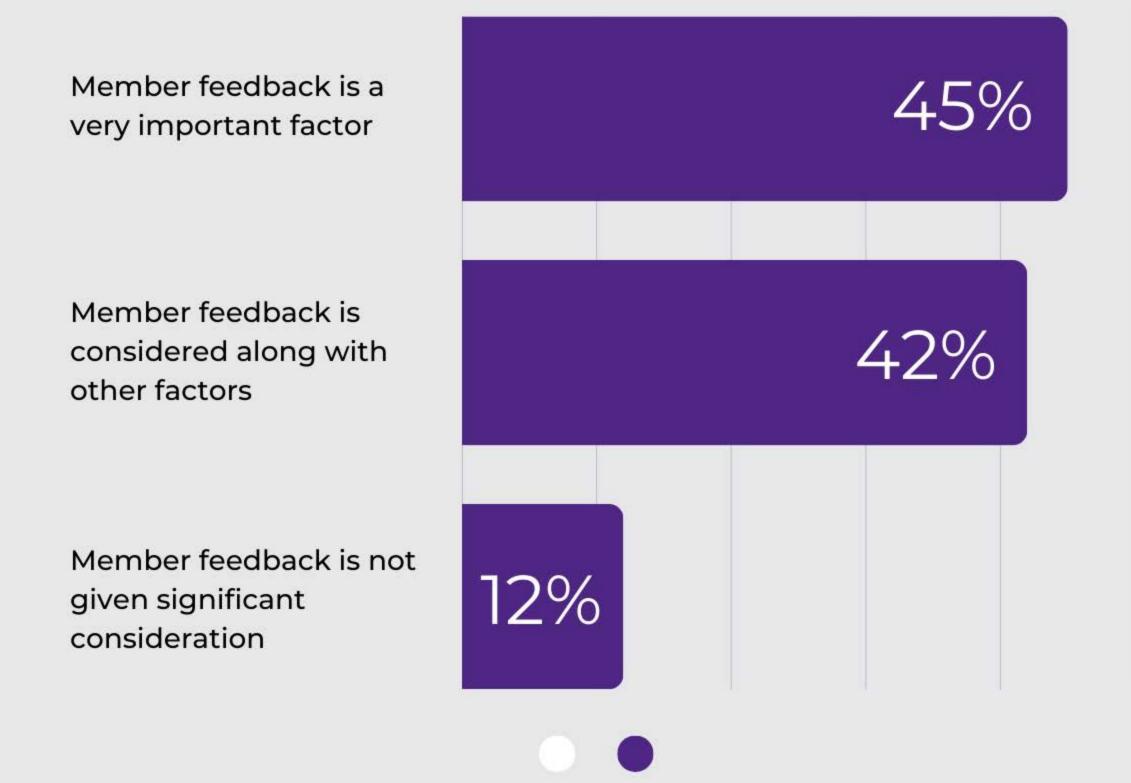
Group Plan Sponsors consider gathering of member feedback to be very important in deciding whether to remain with a provider.



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#### Impact of Member Feedback on Staying with Provider



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## Who are the Group Plan Sponsors?

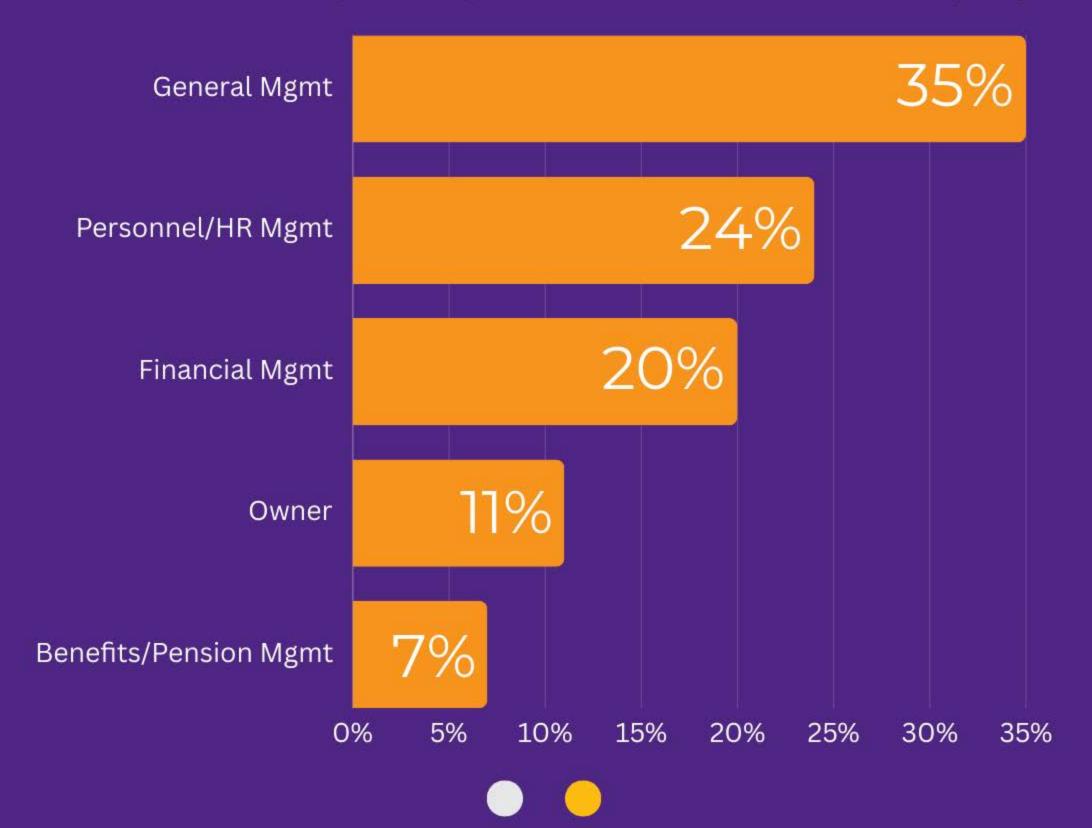
Senior decision makers responsible for choosing a company's healthcare benefits and retirement plans for the organization's employees. They are typically C-level executives, VP of HR or finance.



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#### What is the Group Plan Sponsors' Role within the Company?



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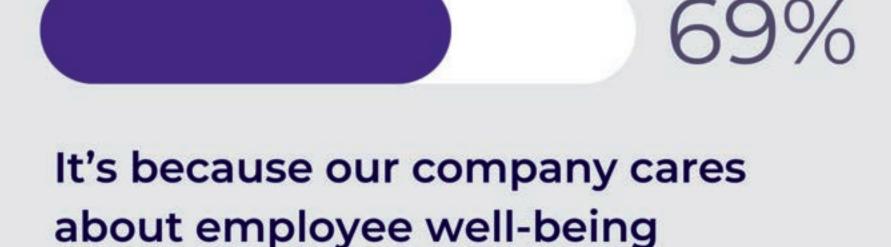
When it comes to decisions regarding your organization's group plan, which of the following would you say represents your role?



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### Say it's for retaining talent



It's to show appreciation for our employees' hard work

66%

68%

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When it comes to decisions regarding your organization's group plan, which of the following would you say represents your role?



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Authorize, I am one of the primary decision makers



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**Recommend,** I am part of the decision making process, but not the final decision maker



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**Consulted,** I am consulted on and influence decisions, but not directly involved in the process



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**Brand awareness** is a key differentiator that separates top performing Group Sponsor brands.



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86% of Group Plan Sponsors have heard of top brands, showcasing a strong brand awareness

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**53%** have heard of **bottom brands**, showcasing a **need** for higher brand awareness

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Group Plan Sponsors care deeply about plan member requests for plan offerings, we leverage this information to help close the gap between current and future offerings for insurance providers.

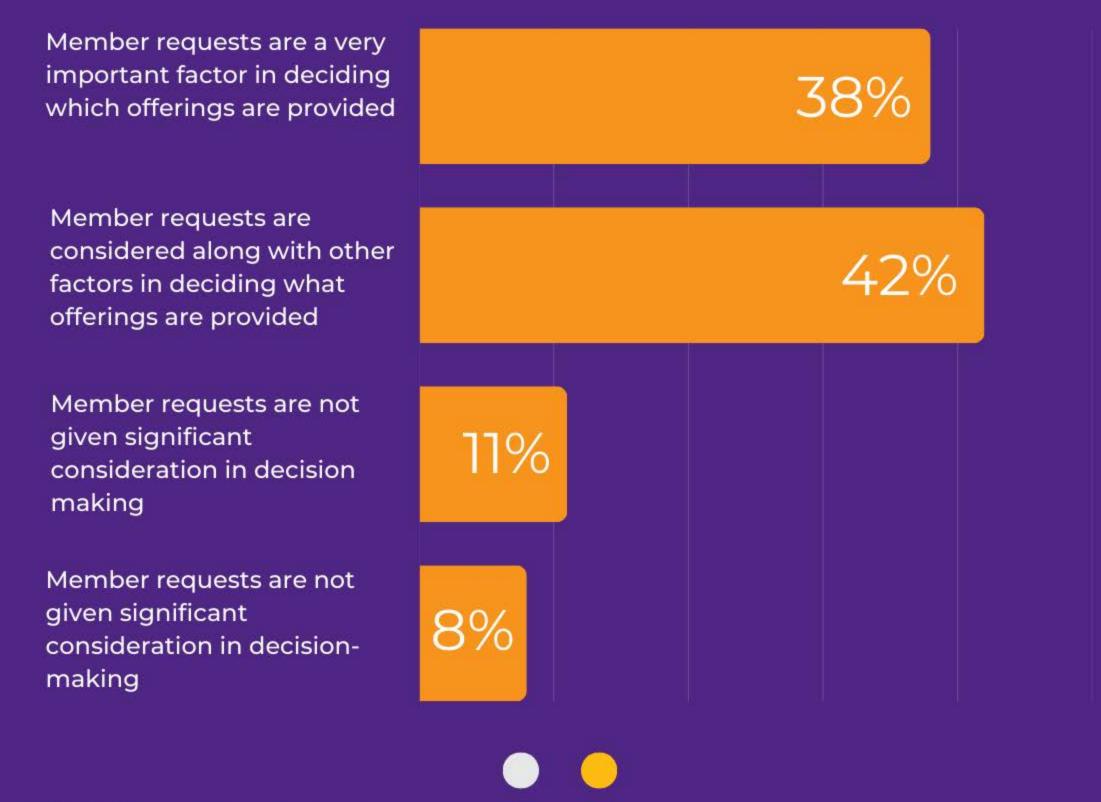




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