

# OUTCOMES MEASUREMENT FOR DUMMIES...AND SMARTIES

**DMPC**  
Disease Management  
*Purchasing Consortium Advisory Council*

# Agenda

- Introduction and Challenge
  - Who am I? Why am I here?
- Some Warmup Numbers
- The 3 Most Popular Ways to Lie
- Spotting the Lies Yourselfes

# “Who Am I? Why am I here?”

- Outcomes evaluation and procurement consulting for DM and wellness, through Disease Management Purchasing Consortium
- The popular course/certification in Critical Outcomes Report Analysis so you don't have to rely on vendor/consultant ROIs
- “Unsung Hero Changing Healthcare Forever,” Leah Binder, *Forbes*

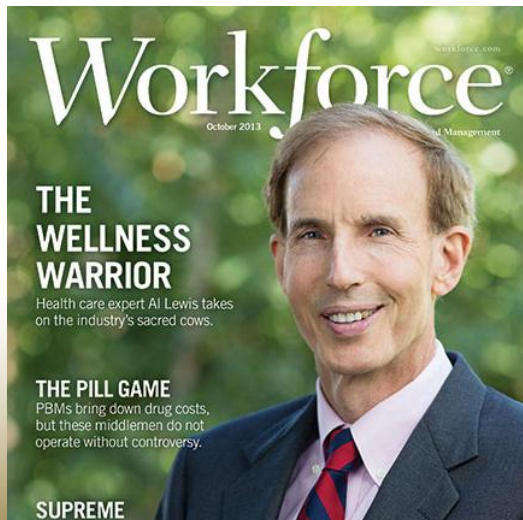
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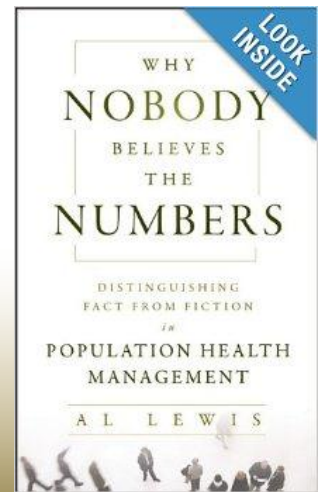
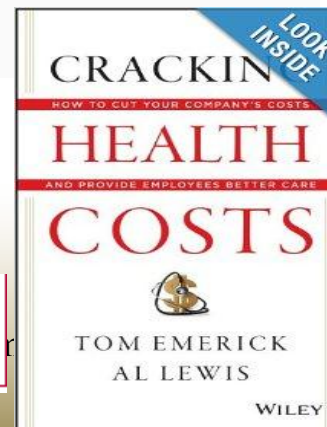
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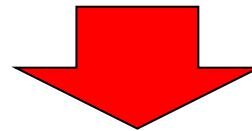
# To paraphrase the immortal words of the great philosopher Frank Morgan



**Pay no attention to that man behind the podium  
(regardless of qualifications)**

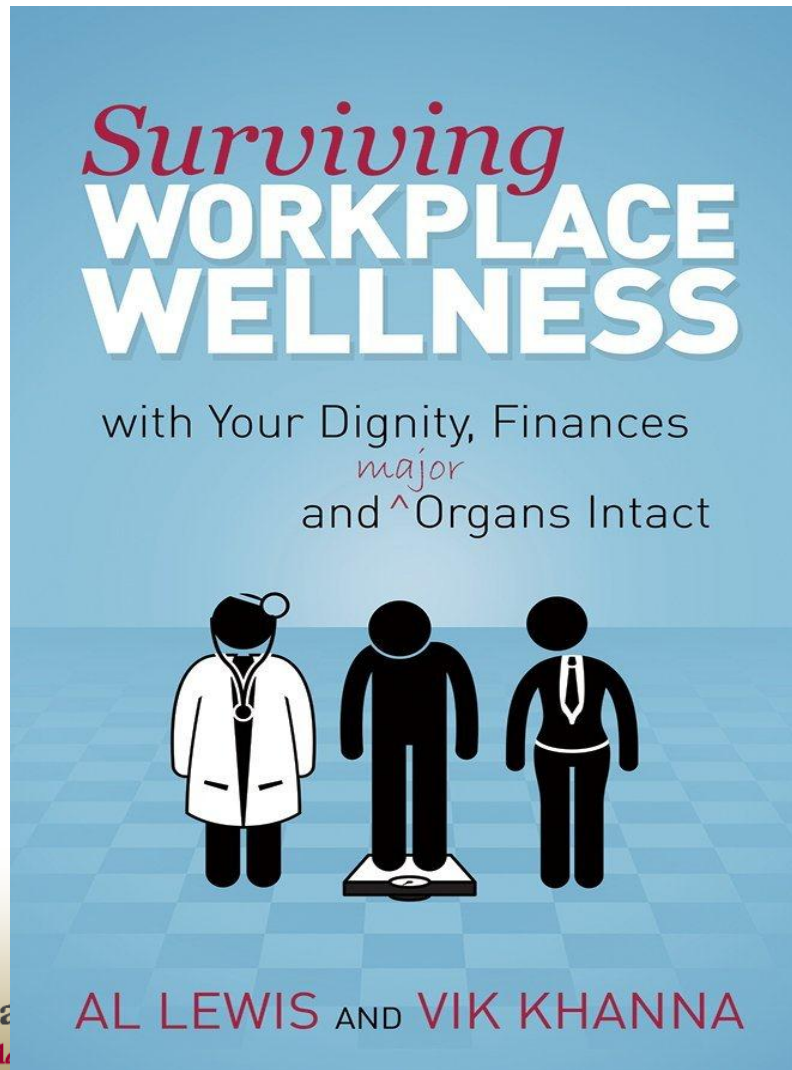


“Who are you gonna believe, me or your own eyes?”

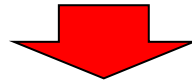


Raise your hand if I make a mistake and you get a free  
Copy of my new wellness book...

# Wellness from the employees' viewpoint



...And just to show you how easy this is...



I am going to plant 4 major numerical errors in this presentation



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#1 NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER

THE  
BOOK  
OF USELESS  
INFORMATION

An  
Official  
Publication  
of  
THE USELESS  
INFORMATION  
SOCIETY

*Thousands of  
things you didn't  
think you needed  
to know...  
and probably don't.*

Noel Botham & The Useless Information Society

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## First, some Warm-Up Numbers

*#1 New York Times Bestseller*

Because this is a quantitative session about health, let's look at some of the more quantitative health facts in this book, the CDC website, and the Cleveland Clinic



**NO WONDER WE'RE FAT**

During your lifetime, you will eat sixty thousand pounds of food—the weight of six elephants.

The average American chews 190 sticks of gum, drinks 600 sodas and 800 gallons of water, and eats 135 pounds of sugar and 19 pounds of cereal per year.

The biggest-selling restaurant food is french fries.

The estimated number of M&Ms sold each day in the United States is two hundred million.

The amount of potato chips Americans eat each year weighs six times more than the *Titanic*.

A can of SPAM is opened every four seconds.

Americans on average eat eighteen acres of pizza every day. Saturday night is the biggest night of the week for eating pizza.

Dunkin' Donuts serves about 112,500 doughnuts each day.

More popcorn is sold in Dallas than anywhere else in the United States.

Two million different combinations of sandwiches can be created from a Subway menu.

p. 99: “Dunkin Donuts serves 112,500 donuts a day”



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### INTERNATIONAL PALETTES

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# The Consequences of Overeating are bad for your weight...



**Chronic Diseases are the Leading Causes of Death and Disability in the U.S.**

“Almost 1 in 5 youth between the ages of 6 and 19 is obese (BMI  $\geq$  95th percentile ...)”

# ...for your digestive health too...



## You Have the Power to Stop Colon Cancer (Infographic)

By Digestive Health Team | 3/13/14 6:01 a.m.

Tags: cancer, colon cancer, colonoscopy, health screenings, infographic

Nearly 144,000 Americans will be diagnosed with colon cancer this year. That's 1 out of 19 people in the United States. But the good news is that colon cancer is one of the most preventable cancers. Find out how to reduce your risk.



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# Any Questions?

- In the immortal words of the great philosopher Irving Berlin



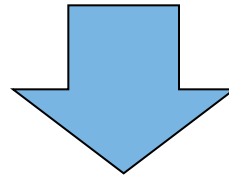
# Oops—there should have been questions





# Here's Why: All these “facts” are dead wrong

- Each is off by almost TWO decimal points



And yet no reader, no reviewer, no editor noticed...and the book has been in print for 6 years. Everyone assumed that if experts said it, it had to be right.

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Look harder at numbers you are shown

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Did you *think*:  
“Wait, that’s 20-billion pounds, About 67 pounds per person” ?

# How can you put almost 20% of people in the 95% percentile and above?



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144,000 people is barely 1 out of 19 people in greater Cleveland...



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# What did we just prove in a real-time experiment?

- Most people won't challenge something that an expert tells them in a credible setting (example: it's in a bestselling book)
- Don't believe a self-anointed "expert," including me. Believe your own eyes.



**You need to do this for anything you see that isn't  
done to FDA specs**

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  - #1—reducing a number by more than 100%
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# Lie #1: Reducing a Number by More than 100%

1. You cannot reduce a number by more than 100%





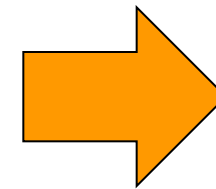
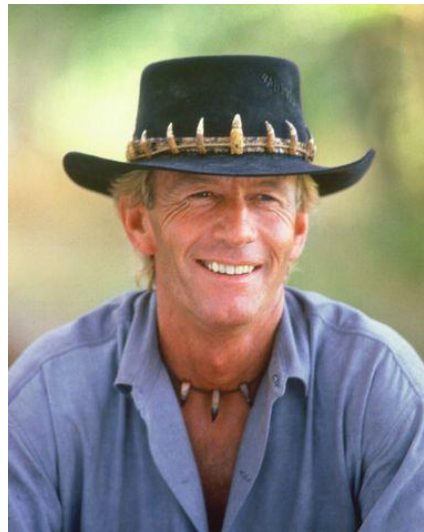
**This Is True No Matter How Hard You  
Try**

**AVIS®**

**AND (You're probably wondering where I'm going with this one...)**



# This Is Not One of Those Things That's the Opposite in the Southern Hemisphere



So this rule  
Is ironclad...

# ...And Yet...

## Wellness Program Case Study The Children's Hospital

*The Children's Hospital of Denver (TCH) started their first comprehensive wellness program in 2007, implementing a personalized approach focused around a high trust, high engagement strategy with US Corporate Wellness.*

*The following provides data resulting directly from this program.*

### Access and Participation

All benefit eligible employees at TCH - approximately 3,200 people - were granted access to participate in the program. Those receiving benefits – approximately 2,400 people – were provided a moderate incentive to participate. The program grew quickly to 1,400 active participants upon launch and has since exceeded 2,000 active participants at the end of 2009. This comprised 63% of total eligible employees and a full **83% of incentivized employees**. Active participation was not based simply on completion of an online document or logging onto a site to register. Rather, it involved ongoing discussions with the individual's own personal wellness coach in setting goals, identifying areas for change, etc.

### Sick Time

Like many organizations, TCH combines the first 16 hours of sick time along with vacation into a PTO bank. Hours tied to sick time beyond 16 hours are categorized as EIB (Extended Illness Benefit), and this was the focus of the analysis. Maternity and anomalies (totaling 3%) were pulled out and the remaining 97% plus of the total population was analyzed at TCH, with the following results:

- Wellness program participants are **230% less likely to utilize EIB** than non-participants

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# Luckily Math is not a popularity contest because here is another vote for >100% reductions (since removed from website)

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*TrestleTree's participants achieved a 300% reduction in illness-related work absenteeism last year.*

Click here to view the study: [Disease Management with a Focus on ROI](#)

(Note: The above document is in Adobe Acrobat 6.0 format. To view or print this document, you will need the FREE [Adobe Acrobat Reader](#))

**Our Mission:**

TrestleTree exists to pursue health transformation in people. We use our knowledge, integrity, and influence to reduce healthcare spending while helping people achieve maximum health.

**Our Values:**

TrestleTree seeks to hold persons involved with this company in trust.

TrestleTree chooses to be an agent of influence, with full belief that growth and change are achievable and advisable to live healthier.

TrestleTree seeks to influence with knowledge, expertise, empathy, and respect.

TrestleTree celebrates life as a mosaic, rich with messiness, meaning, and texture.

TrestleTree promotes life-fulness and joy as vital ingredients in our work with others.

TrestleTree seeks integrity, honesty, and practiced ethical behavior in our work.

**For NEW Participants**  
Learn about TrestleTree for you!

**For CURRENT Participants**  
Log-in to TrestleTree for you!

**For Prospective Clients**  
How we can benefit your business.

**For Health Coaches**  
About TrestleTree staffing.

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# *Press Release*

## **PCMH Effectiveness: The Proof Is In HI-WIRE**

George Miller

January 04, 2010

A five-year prospective evaluation of the model yields a 129% increase in patients receiving optimal diabetes care and a 48% increase for heart-disease patients. The model also achieved a **350% reduction** in appointment waiting time

**Let's see what one of the country's most respected  
healthcare nonprofits has to say about vendors-gone-wild**



IHI response:  
*“Where do we sign?”*

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# Clearly We Need Some Actuaries to Straighten This Out



# Milliman Report for North Carolina Medicaid Shows Savings of \$261MM in Children's Admissions in 2009 through their statewide PCMH vs. 2006 baseline

North Carolina Division of Medical Assistance  
 Estimated Cost Savings Calculated Using Method 1 by Fiscal Year and Eligibility Group

Fiscal Year	ABD Medicaid Only	ABD Dual Eligibles	Children age 20 and under (excluding ABD)	Adults (excluding ABD)	Totals
FY07	(\$82,000,000)	(\$14,000,000)	\$177,000,000	\$22,000,000	\$103,000,000
FY08	(\$34,000,000)	(\$9,000,000)	\$202,000,000	\$45,000,000	\$204,000,000
FY09	(\$13,000,000)	(\$11,000,000)	<u>\$261,000,000</u>	\$58,000,000	\$295,000,000
FY10	\$53,000,000	(\$6,000,000)	\$238,000,000	\$97,000,000	\$382,000,000

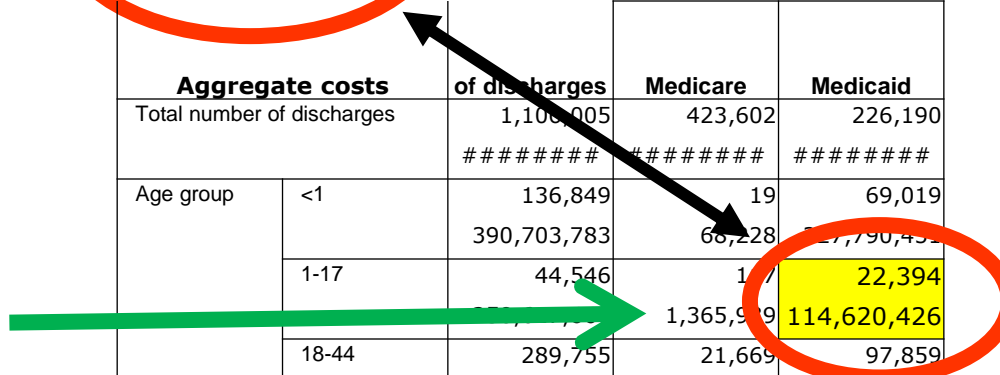
Unfortunately the 2006 baseline amount –the maximum amount reducible—was only \$114 million (according to state’s own data)

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Aggregate costs		of discharges	Medicare	Medicaid
Total number of discharges		1,106,005	423,602	226,190
		#####	#####	#####
Age group	<1	136,849	19	69,019
		390,703,783	66,228	27,790,451
	1-17	44,546	17	22,394
		1,365,919	1,365,919	114,620,426
	18-44	289,755	21,669	97,859
		#####	178,553,996	487,584,960
	45-64	265,992	72,447	36,442
		#####	729,137,435	369,788,731
	65-84	299,251	264,785	429
		#####	#####	4,874,779
	85+	69,595	64,563	39
		531,179,285	495,677,349	335,284

2006 baseline spending



# Postscript: It turned out there was no admissions reduction at all in NC Medicaid PCMH

- However, there was one true statement in their report...

# A true statement in that Milliman Report

- “Other Milliman consultants may hold different views.”

# Wellsteps “ROI Calculator” — Spending Goes Below Zero

Firefox WellSteps ROI Calculator

https://www.wellsteps.com/roi/resources\_tools\_roi\_cal\_health.php

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Search

**Press Calculate**

Annual Health Care Costs:

Annual % Cost Increase:  Number of Employees:

% Employees That Are Obese:

% Employees That Are Smokers:

**Enter Target Data**

-Obese Employees- Enter Target Percent:

-Employees Who Smoke- Enter Target Percent:

**CALCULATE**

**PROJECTED COSTS** **IMPACT OF REDUCING OBESITY** **IMPACT OF REDUCING SMOKING** **IMPACT OF WELLNESS PROGRAMS**

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**Impact of Wellness Programs**

**Health Care Cost Trend**

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2014	\$1,000,000	\$775,000	\$225,000
2015	\$1,000,000	\$525,000	\$475,000
2016	\$1,000,000	\$275,000	\$725,000
2017	\$1,000,000	-\$25,000	\$1,025,000
2018	\$1,000,000	-\$400,000	\$1,400,000

# Let's Change The Assumptions – Maybe These Assumptions Weren't Fair

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# Let's Hand Out Big Macs and Cigarettes in the Lobby and See How Much Costs Increase

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# Costs Still Go Below Zero

**\$1,000,000**

Annual % Cost Increase: **0%**      Number of Employees: **1,000**

% Employees That Are Obese: **0%**

% Employees That Are Smokers: **0%**

**Enter Target Data**

-Obese Employees-  
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-Employees Who Smoke-  
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2015	\$1,000,000	\$781,610	\$218,390
2016	\$1,000,000	\$538,960	\$461,040
2017	\$1,000,000	\$296,310	\$703,690
2018	\$1,000,000	\$5,130	\$994,870
2019	\$1,000,000	-\$358,850	\$1,358,850

# After Wellsteps ROI Was “Profiled” on The Health Care Blog 4/28, They Apologized

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**From:** Dr. Steven Aldana [mailto:steve@wellsteps.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 1, 2014 10:34 AM  
**To:** Frank  
**Subject:** 11,000 Producers Can't Be Wrong

Frank,

So far this year 11,000 brokers and consultants have used the FREE worksite [wellness ROI calculator](#) to show clients the financial impact wellness can have on health care costs, presenteeism and absenteeism. This calculator is based on every wellness ROI study ever published.

The output gives brokers client-specific reports on the financial impact of wellness. We built the WellSteps ROI calculator and provide it free to help professionals like you make a business case for wellness.

We invite you to try the [calculator](#) for yourself. See how you can:

- Estimate the impact of wellness on health care costs, absenteeism and presenteeism
- Produce client-specific reports that show wellness impact
- Help your clients implement effective wellness programs

With [WellSteps](#) and our [free worksite wellness tools](#), you'll gain client loyalty and new business.

Try the calculator.

Sincerely,  
Steven Aldana, Ph.D.  
CEO WellSteps  
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email: [steve@wellsteps.com](mailto:steve@wellsteps.com)

# Here's a vendor that doesn't even need you to wait until 2019 to reduce costs by >100%

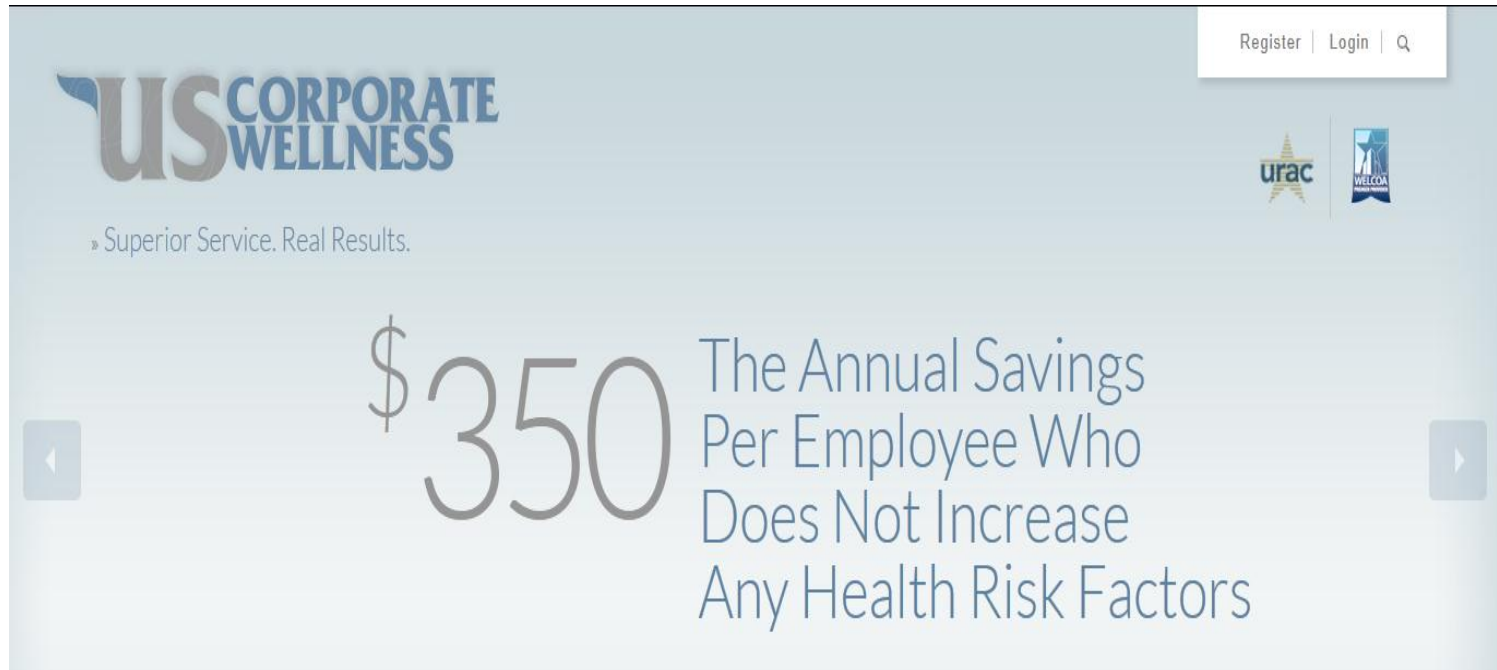
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Estimate the risk level in your population:	High Risk ▼	
Assumed rate of participation:	High Participation ▼	
Projected rate of risk reduction:	High Rate ▼	
YOUR POTENTIAL SAVINGS		
EMPLOYEES <b>\$6,120.00</b>	NON EMPLOYEES <b>\$0.00</b>	TOTAL <b>\$6,120.00</b>

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# Lie #2: Making Up Data

## This Vendor Will Save Money if Nothing Happens



The screenshot shows a website banner for US Corporate Wellness. The banner features the company logo in the top left, navigation links (Register, Login, Q) in the top right, and accreditation logos (URAC and WELCOA) in the middle right. The main text of the banner reads: "Superior Service. Real Results." followed by "\$350 The Annual Savings Per Employee Who Does Not Increase Any Health Risk Factors". The banner includes left and right navigation arrows.

US CORPORATE WELLNESS

Register | Login | Q

urac WELCOA

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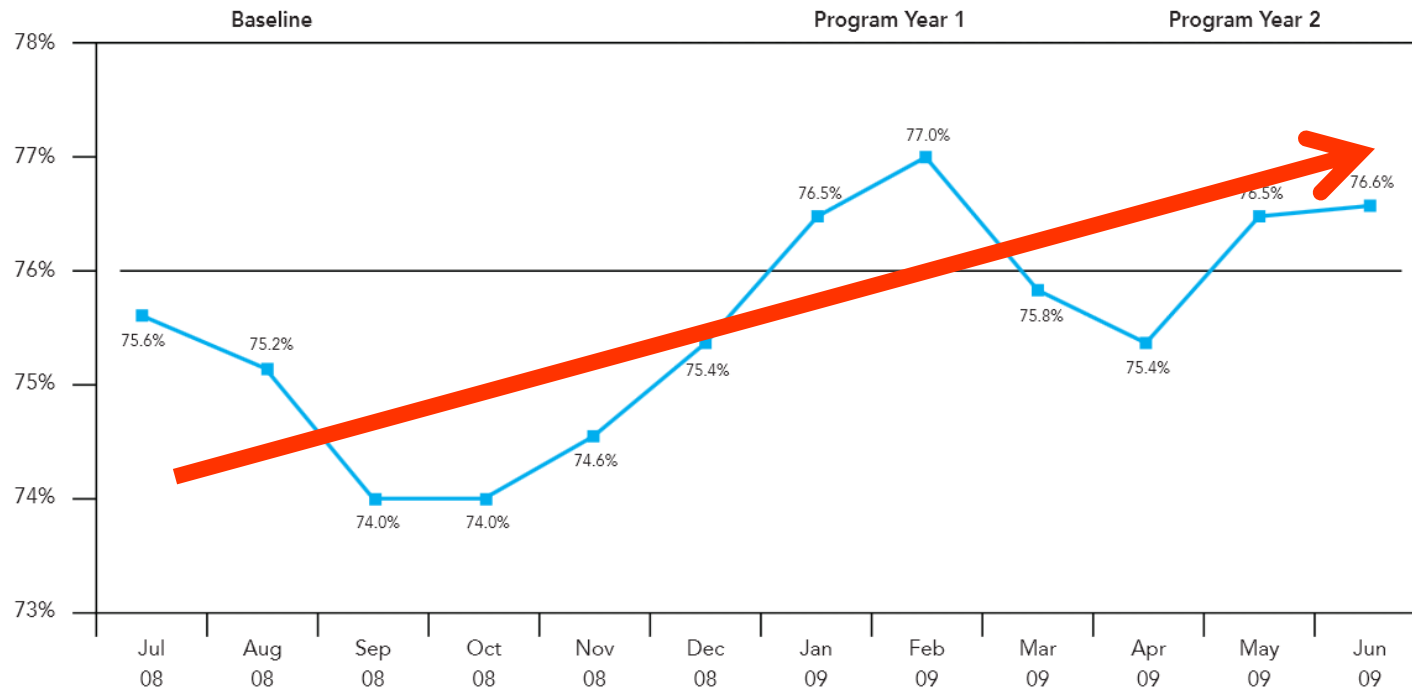
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*Seinfeld* meets Wellness:  
Achieving Savings by Doing Nothing to reduce  
risk factors



# Did Kaiser's vendor Avivia increase adherence?

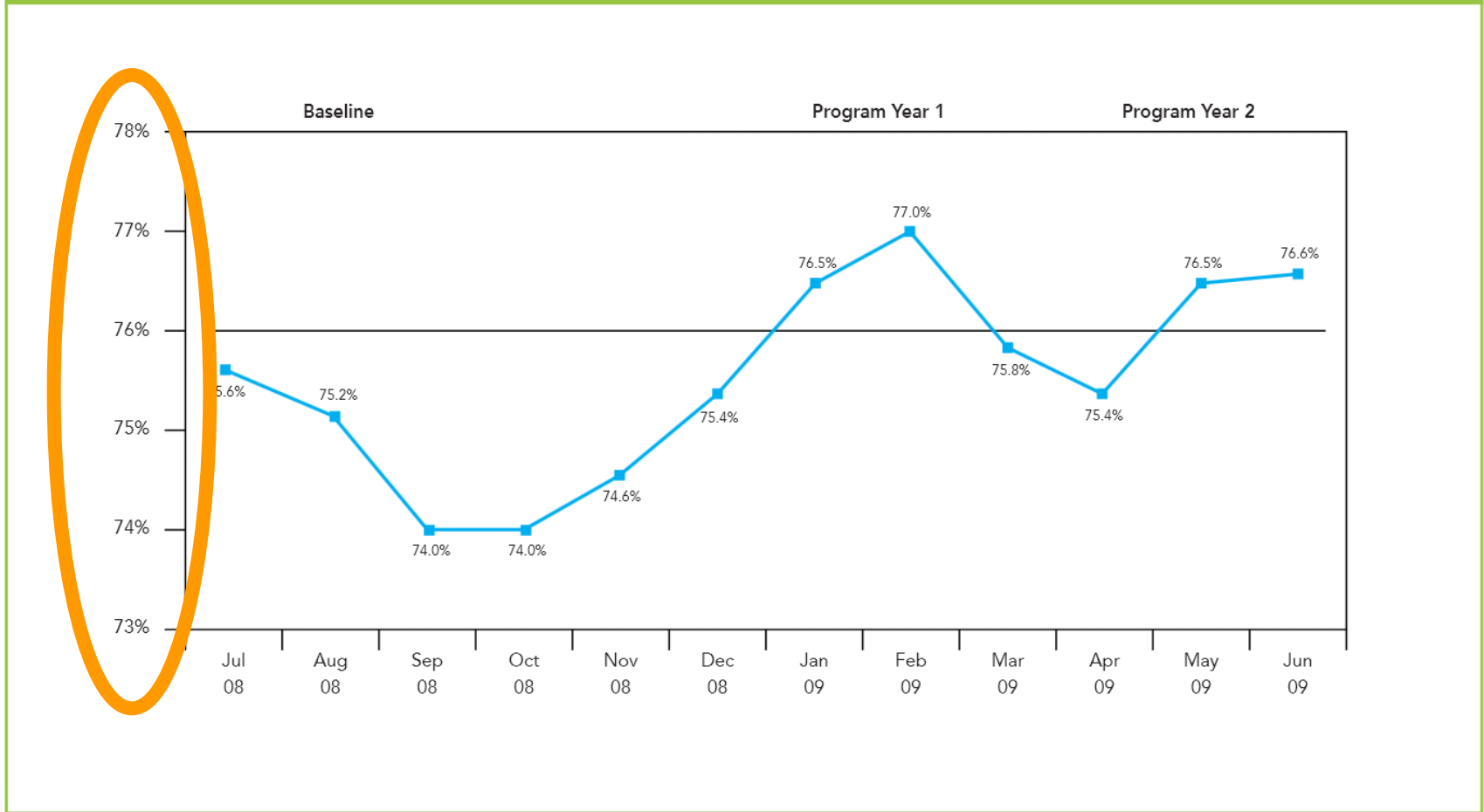
## CAD Lipid Rx Adherence Rate



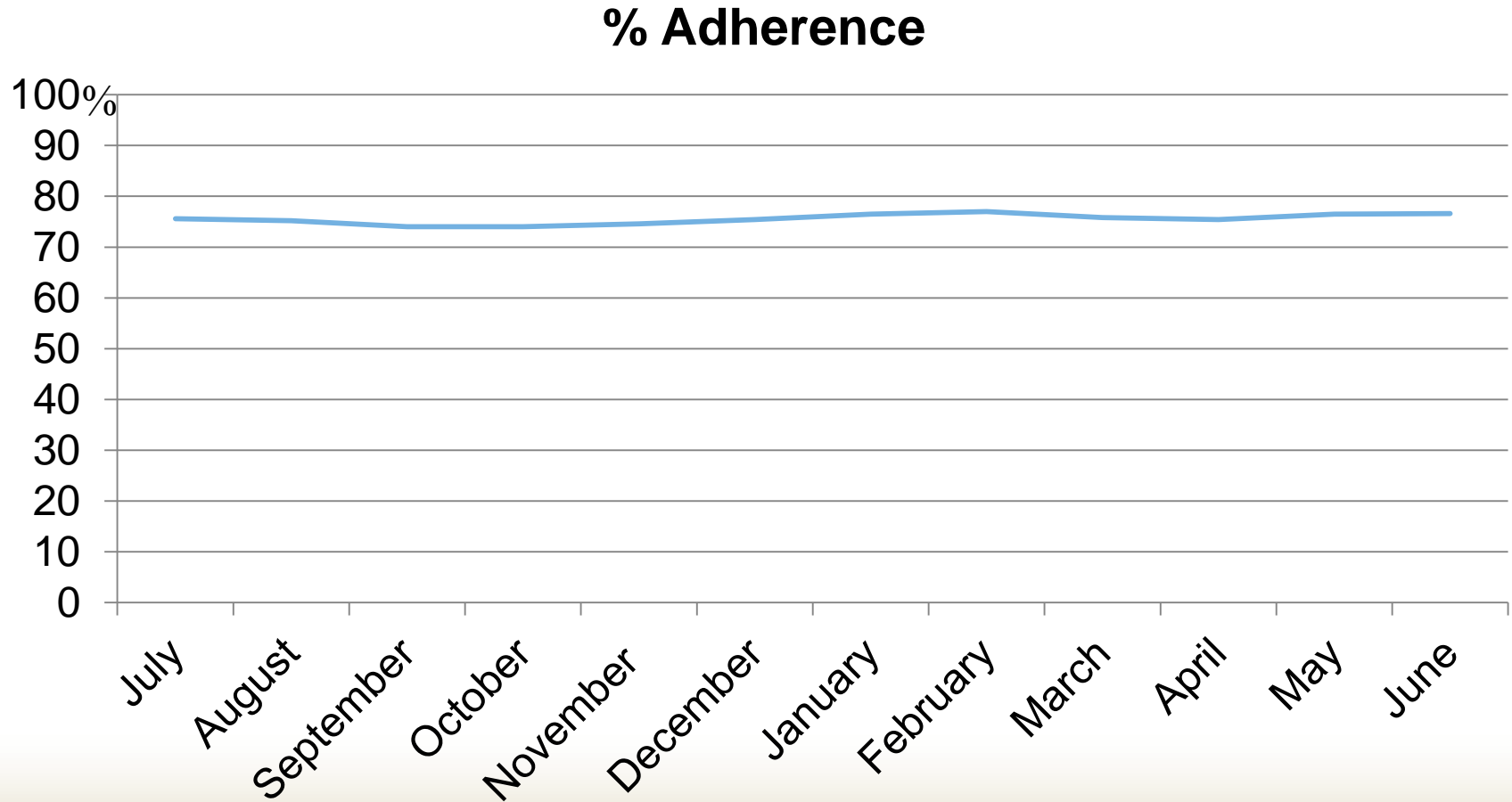


# Or Simply Start the Y-Axis at 73%?

## CAD Lipid Rx Adherence Rate

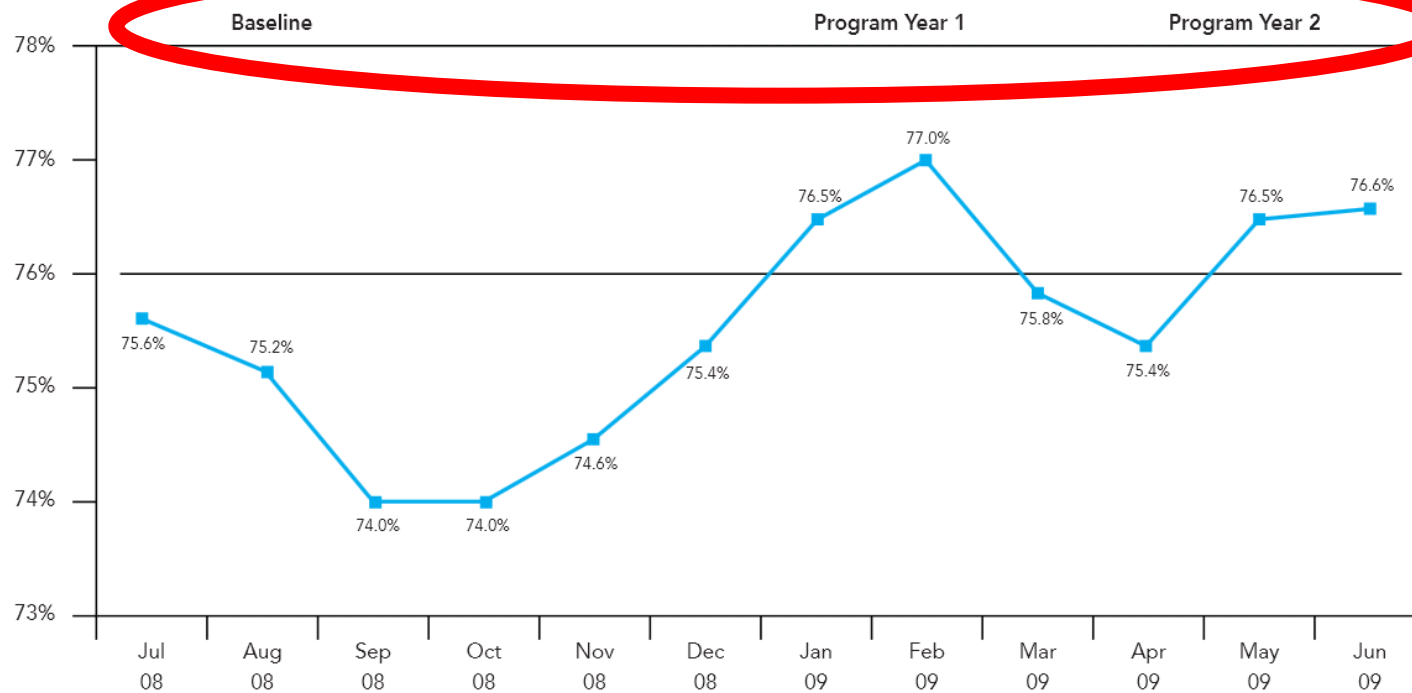


# Here's What Happens to That Slide When You Start the Y-Axis at 0%



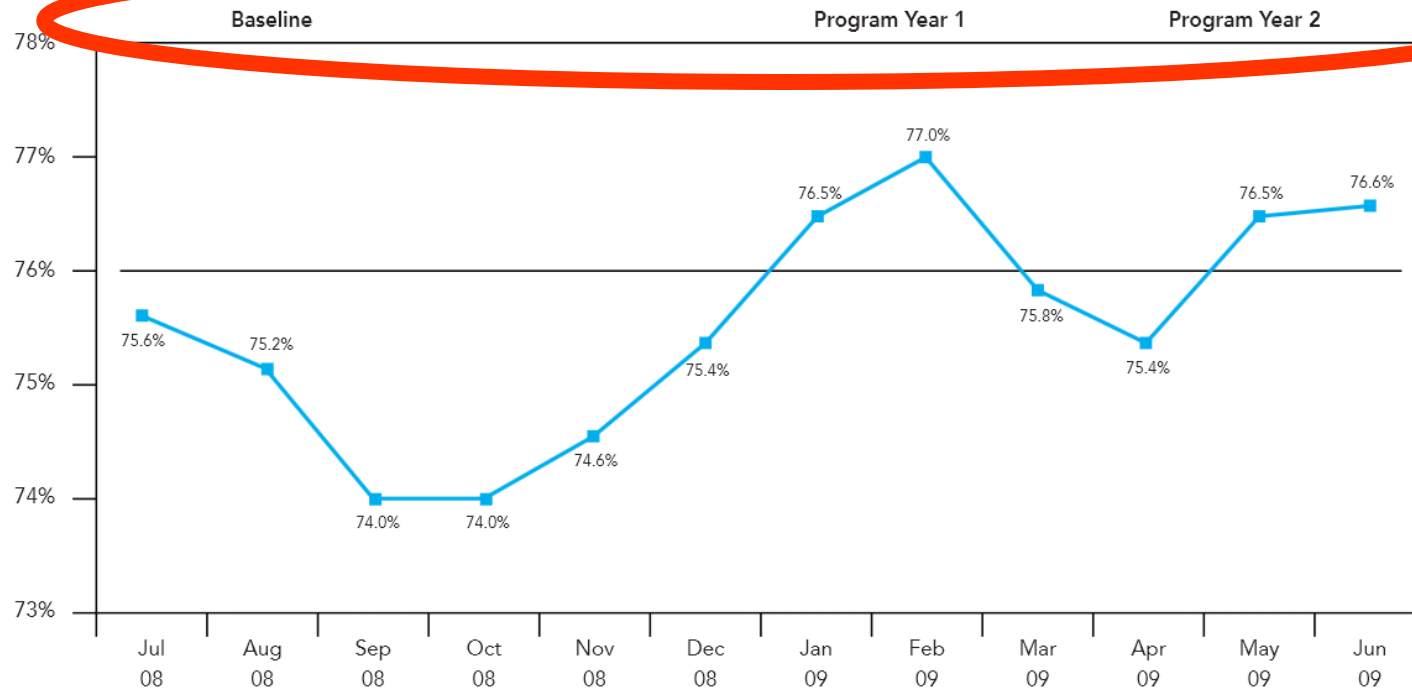
# What Else Do You Notice About This 3-Year Study?

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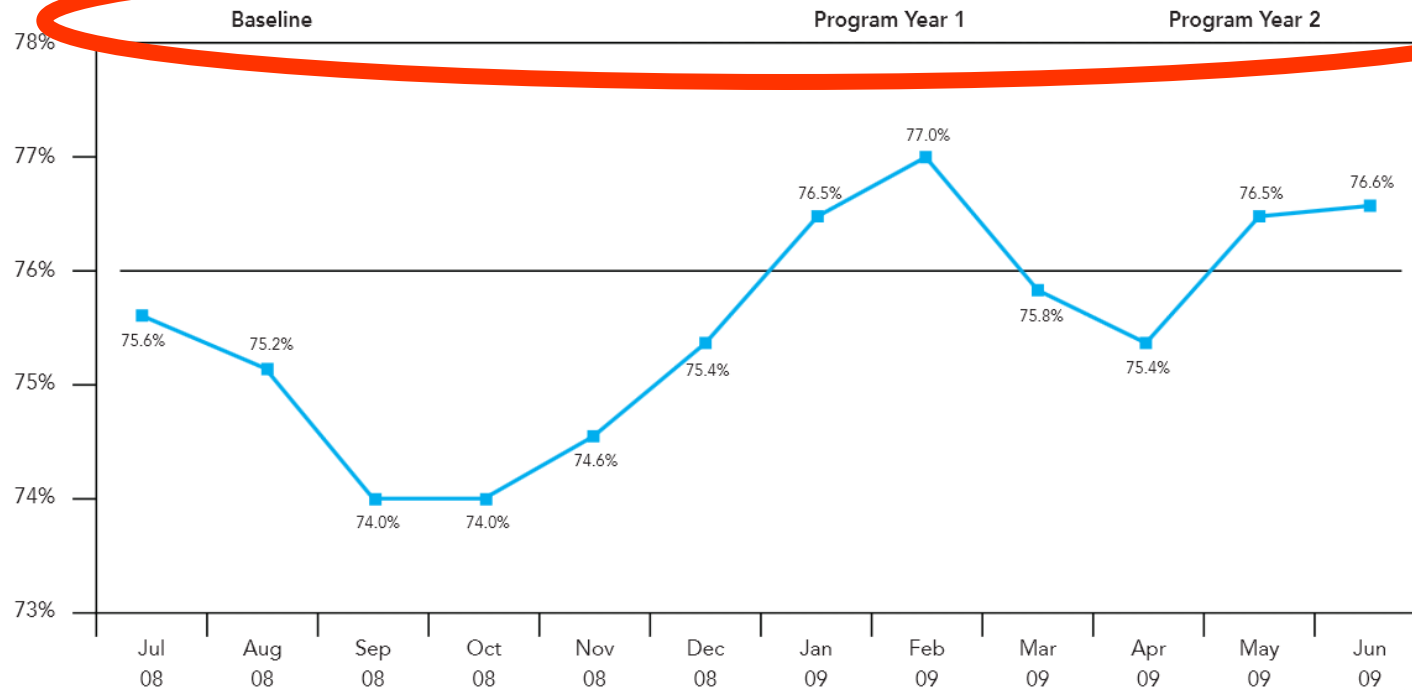
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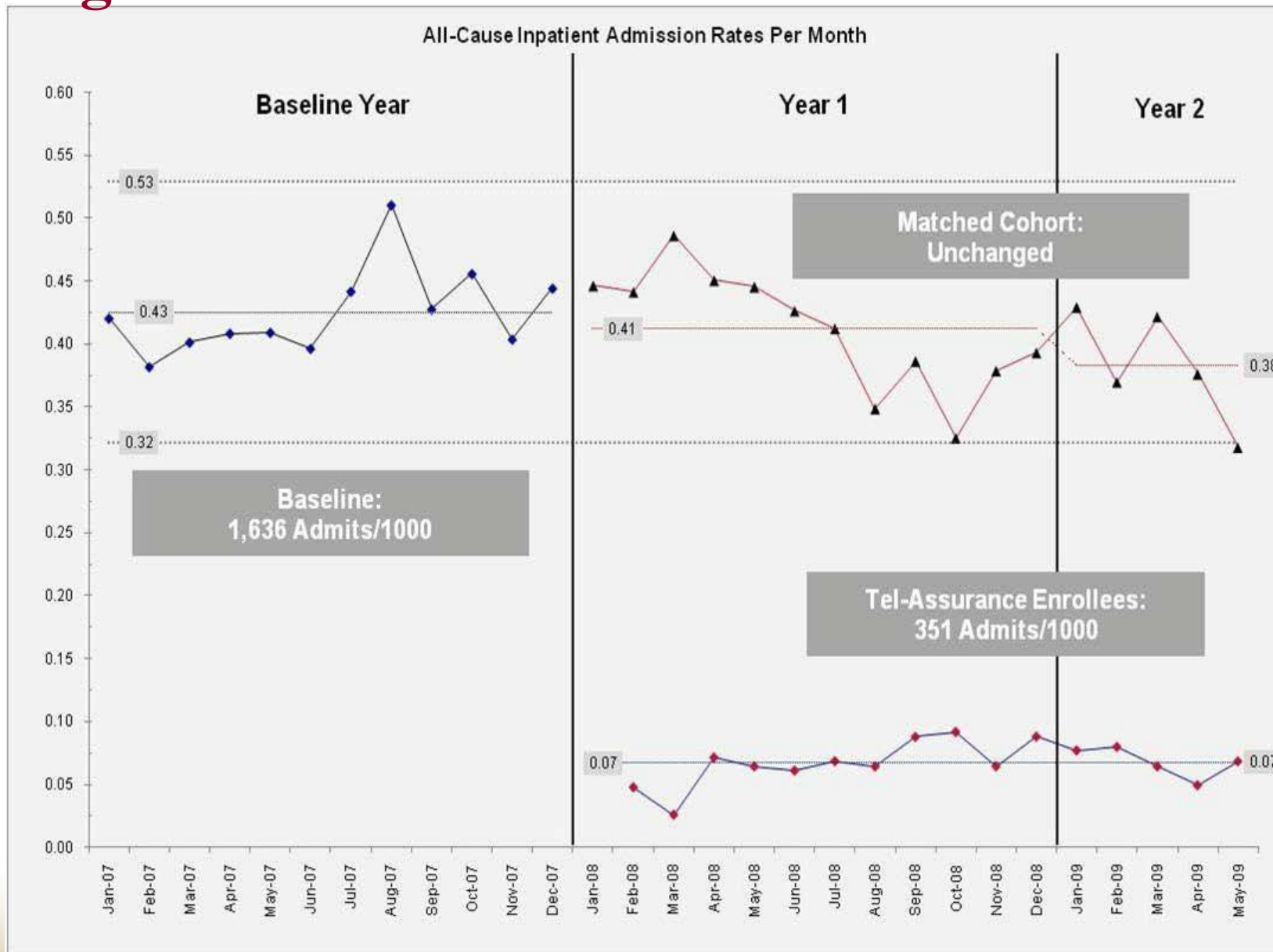
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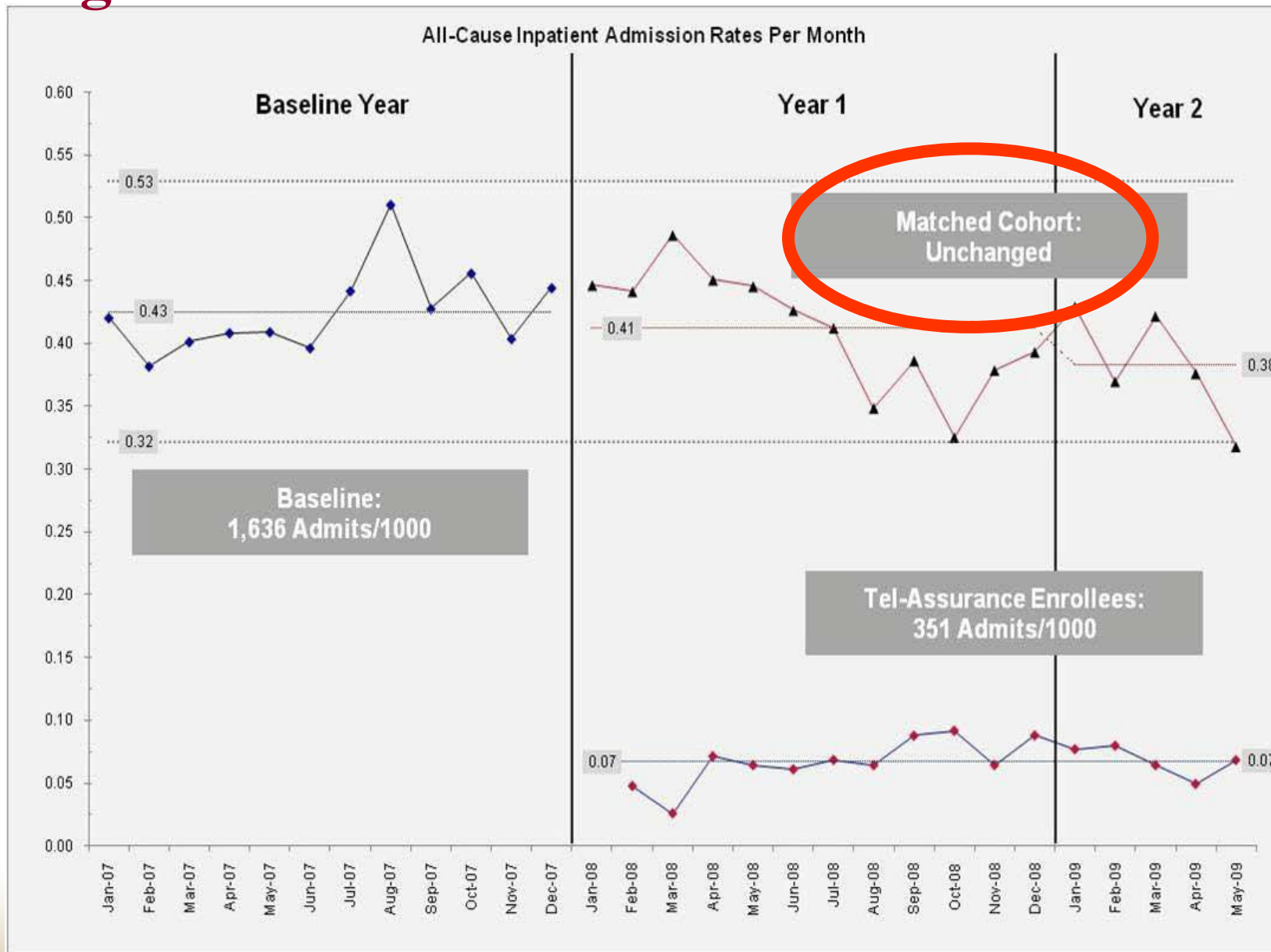


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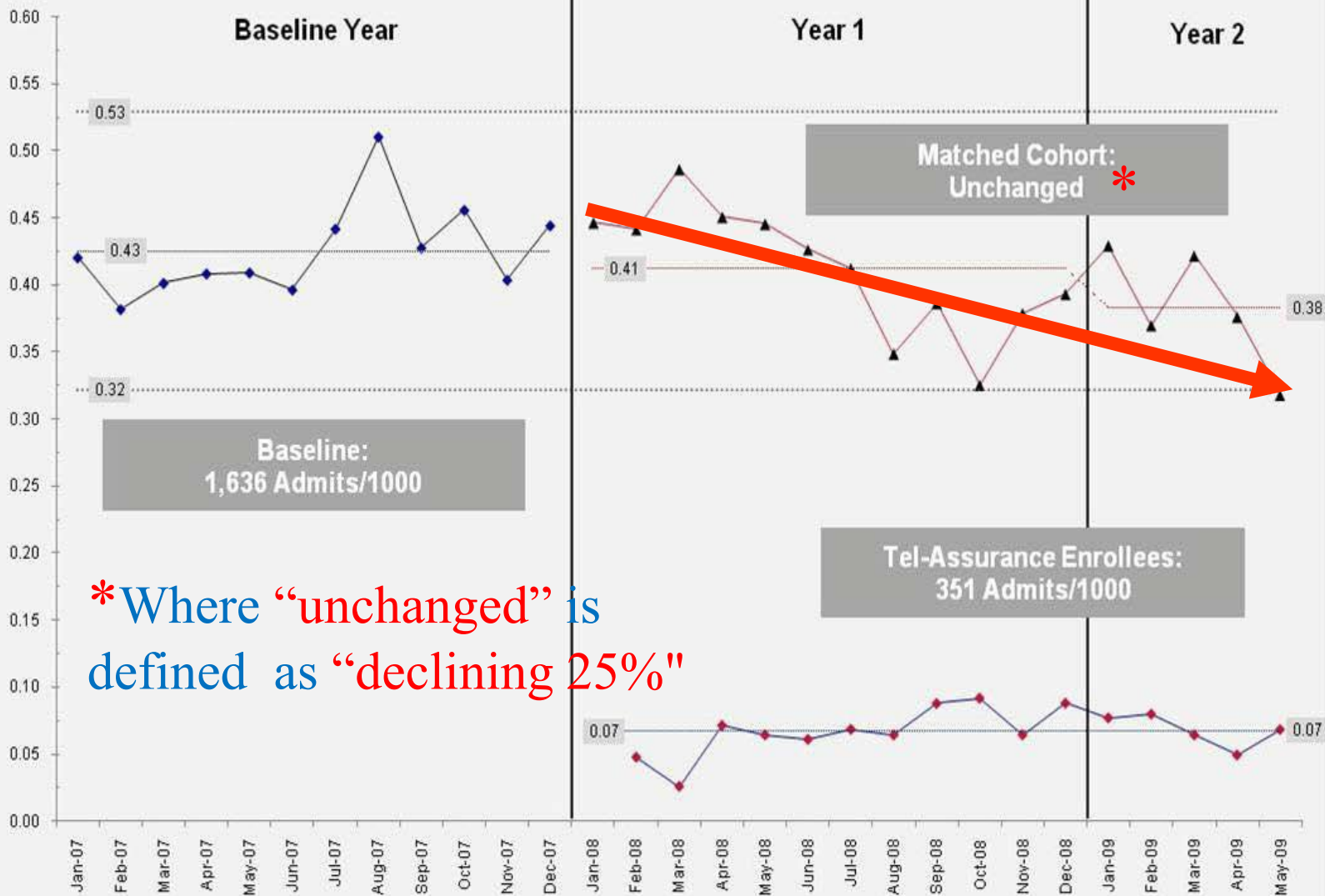
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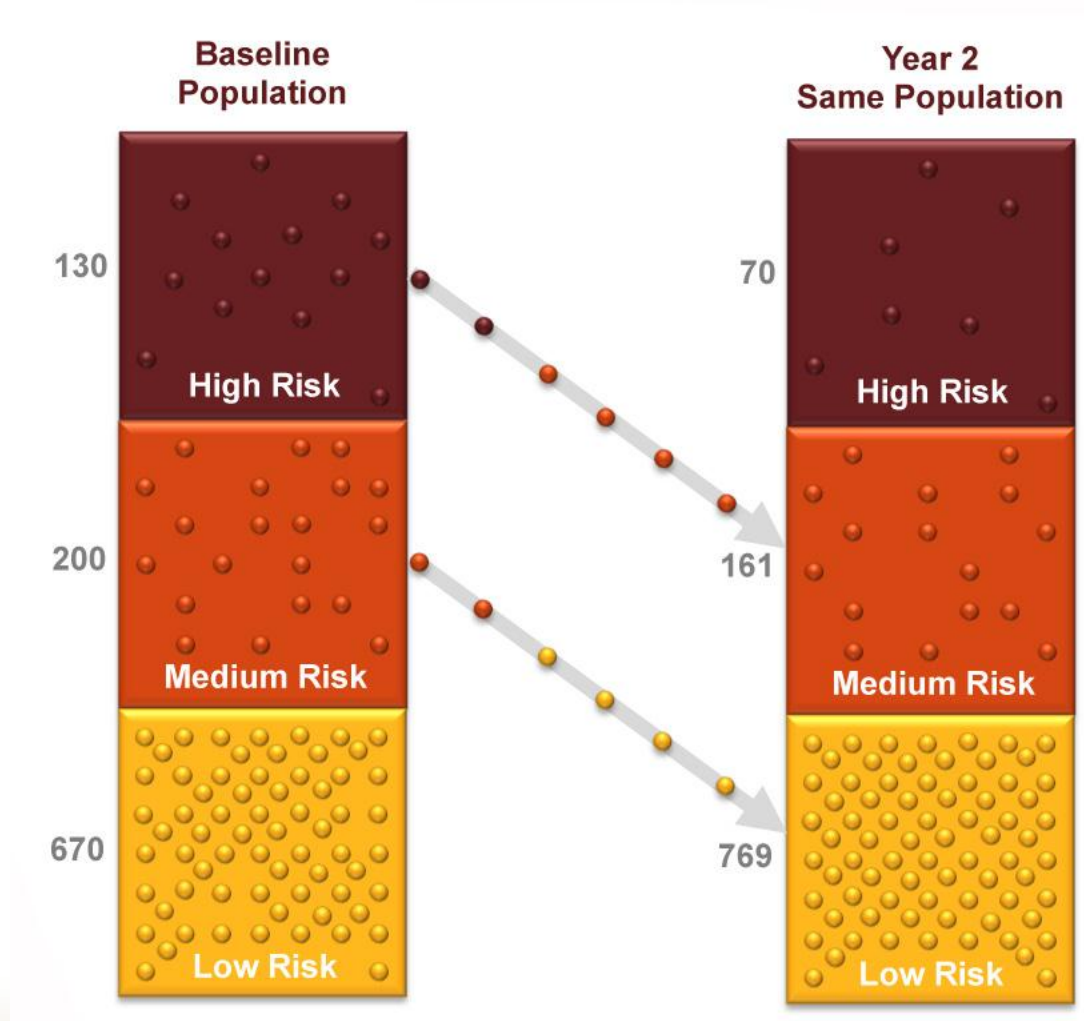


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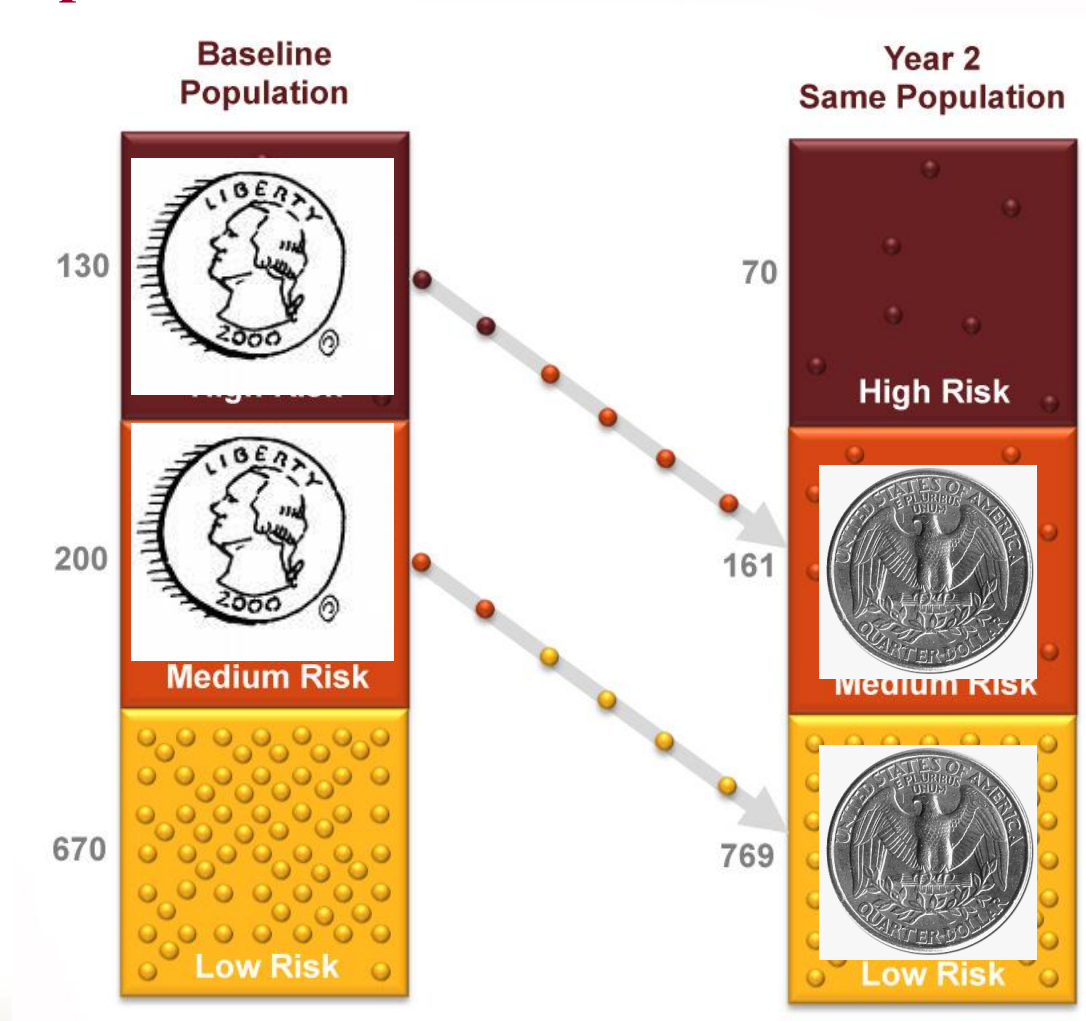
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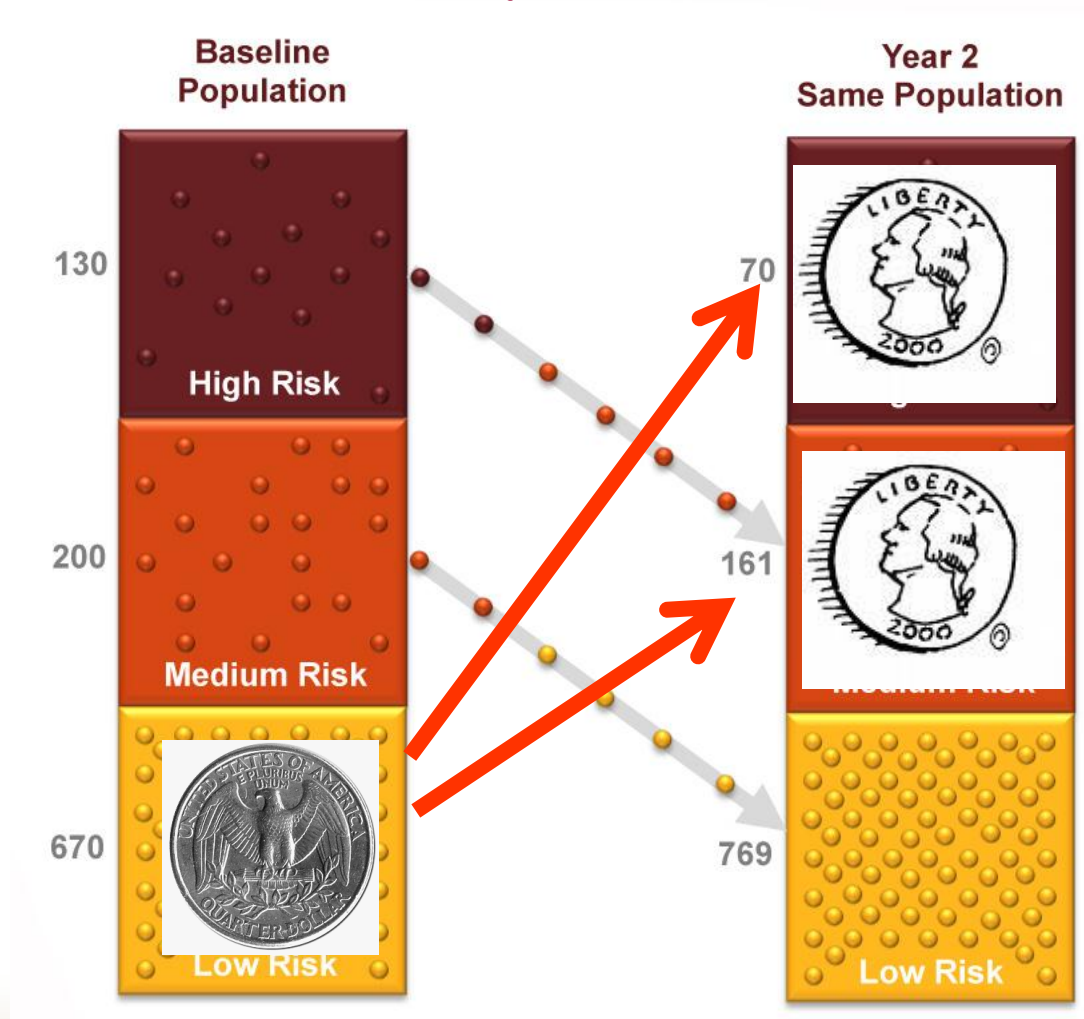


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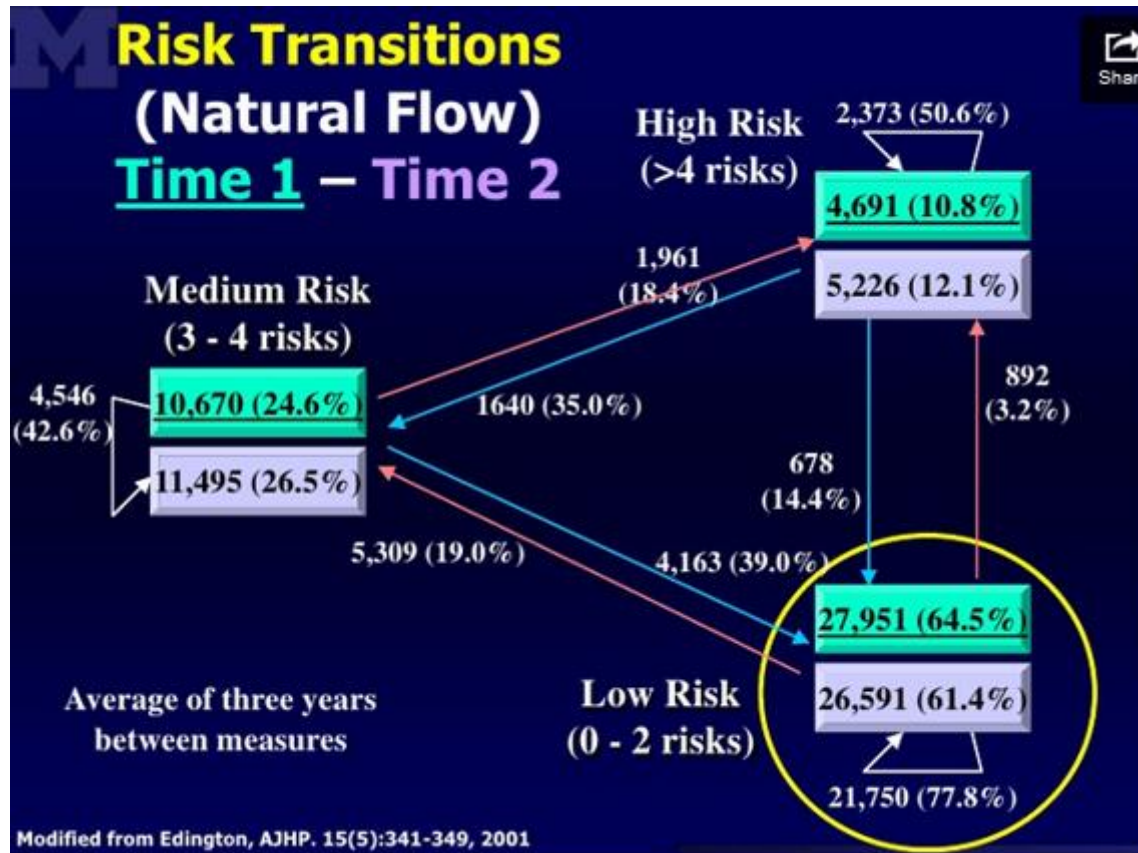




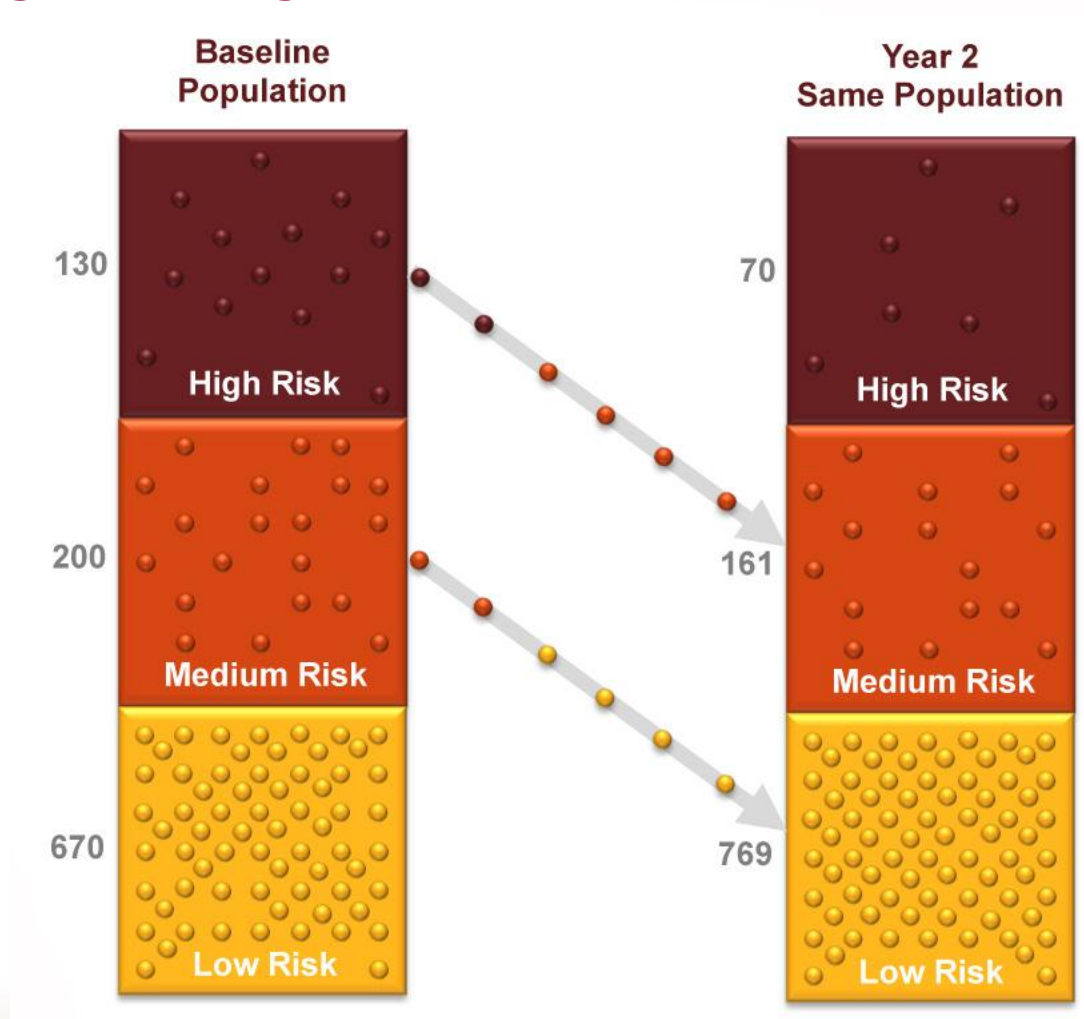
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# Risk factors go up and down on their own: Dee Edington's “natural flow”



# Third question: Should Cigna have drawn the 670-person low-risk segment larger than the 200 and 130?



# Example from Wellness using Cigna methodology: Smoking Cessation

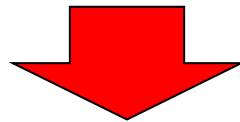


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This methodology would find a 100% reduction  
Every year even though the smoking rate remains unchanged

Are you **ready to**  
**improve the health**  
of your employees?

**Better Health. Guaranteed.<sup>SM</sup>**

A promise only CIGNA can make.

# The best example of a vendor misunderstanding Dee Edington

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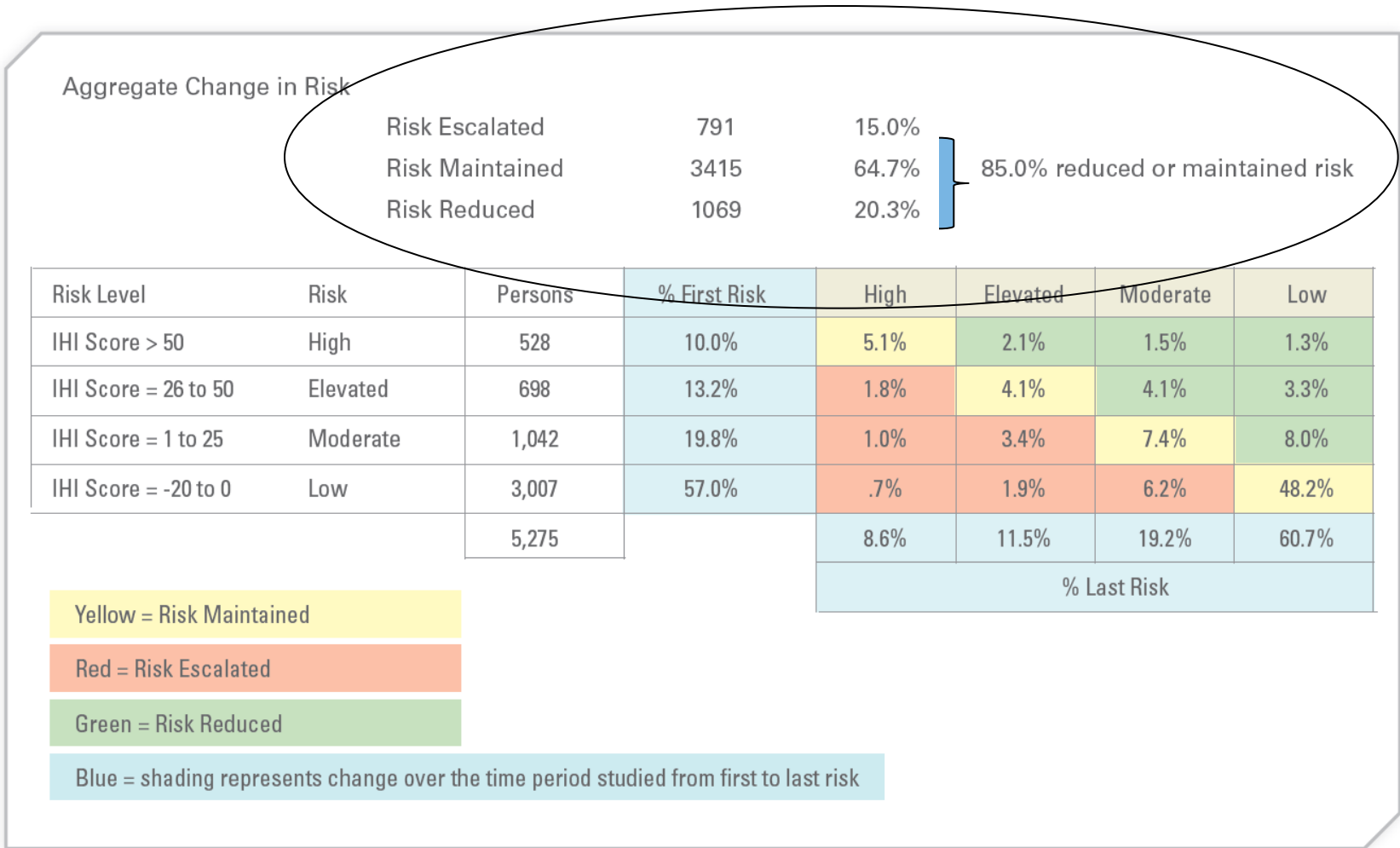
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# Watch how data can be interpreted...

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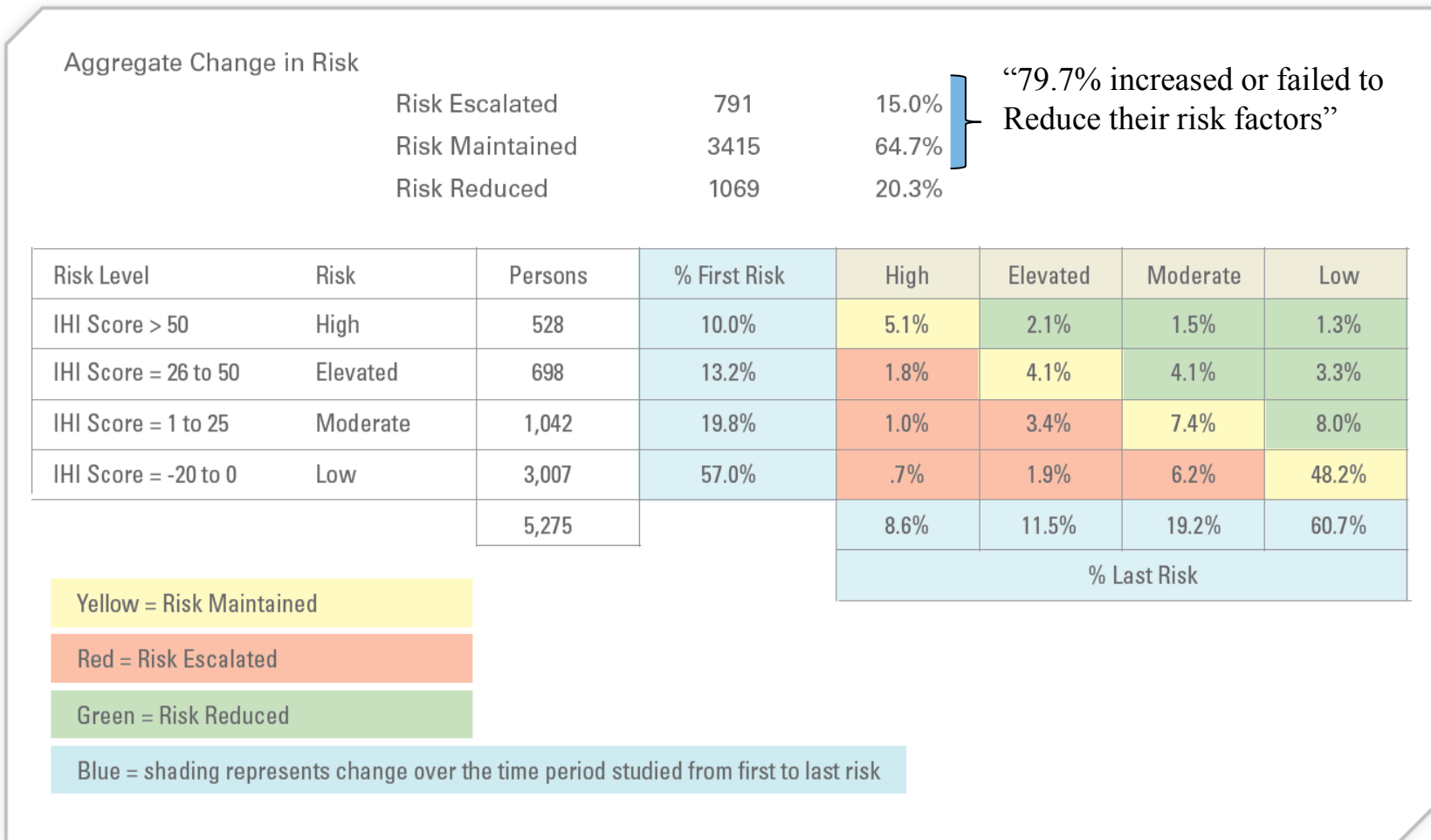
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# But couldn't you also say...

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Net % people reducing risk

$20.3\% - 15.0\% = 5.3\%$

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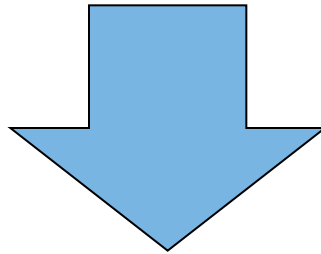
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**Somehow even though the net change in risk factors was only 5% (among ACTIVE participants and excluding dropouts and non-participants) they got a massive savings**

- “The results showed a 6% average annual cost trend reduction with 85% of the population maintaining or improving their health risk level over the study period.” (\$972/person in savings)



# Net Risk Change translated into Cost change

- a. 5.3% more people reduced than increased risk factors
- b. \$972 savings/person (on all people combined)



- c.  $(b/a)$  \$18,339/person in savings for each participant whose risks went down


# The biggest liars of all: Nebraska and Health Fitness Corporation



It's [REDACTED]

## COLONOSCOPY REMINDER

<b>It's time.</b> You should get a colonoscopy at least once every ten years (and more often if you're high risk), according to trusted national guidelines.	<b>It's free.</b> Your portion will be: \$0 In-Network (covered 100%)* Covered at 100% per Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA) guidelines. If services are outside the National Health Care Reform guidelines, they are not covered.	<b>It's easy.</b> Call your doctor to set up a colon cancer screening. For help finding an in-network doctor, call (877) 263-0911 or visit <a href="http://www.myuhc.com">www.myuhc.com</a> .
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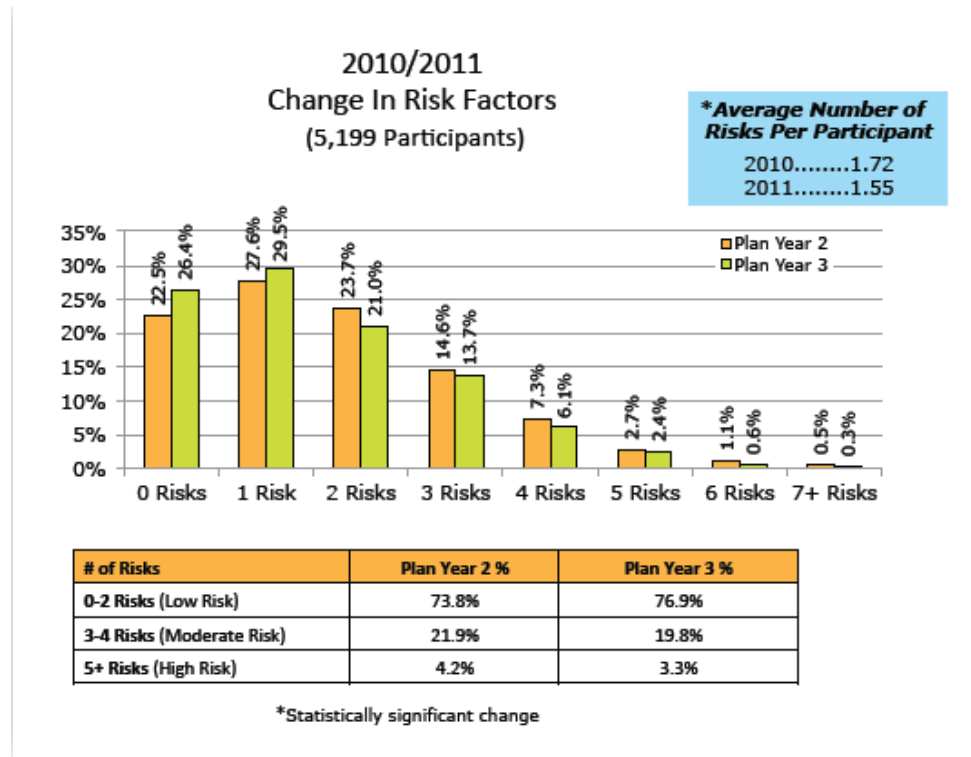
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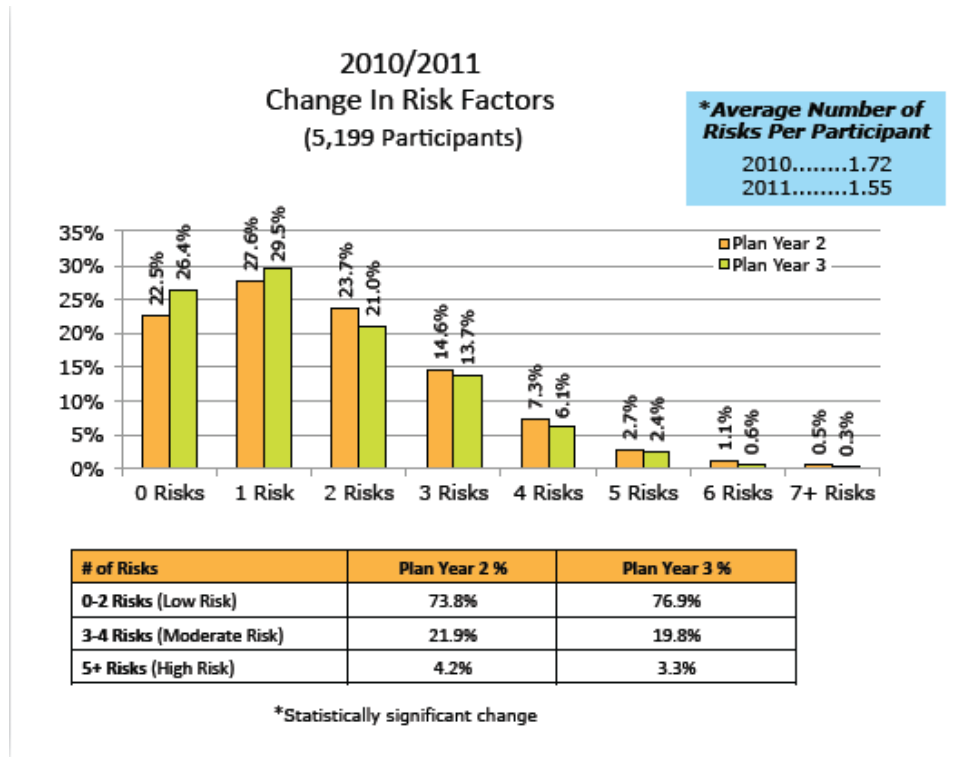


# Compare Nebraska's risk reduction to the savings



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# How do you save \$4.2-million when only about 160 active participants reduced a risk factor?



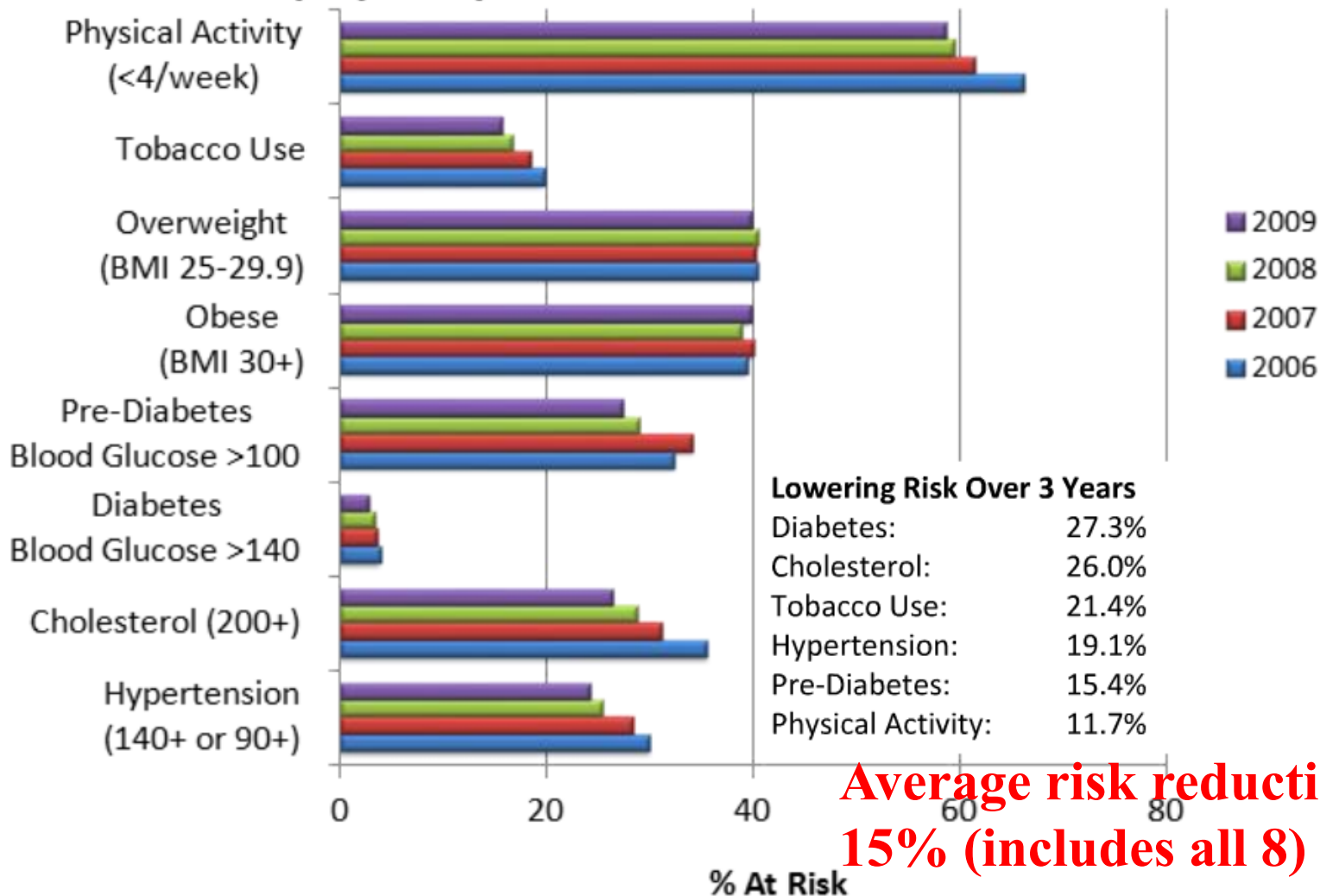
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# How does risk reduction translate into cost savings in reality?

- Use the following formula
- You can vary it a little depending on your situation

# Start out with the change in risk levels (Eastman Chemical and Health Fitness)

Employee Population Risk Levels 2006-2009



**Lowering Risk Over 3 Years**

Diabetes:	27.3%
Cholesterol:	26.0%
Tobacco Use:	21.4%
Hypertension:	19.1%
Pre-Diabetes:	15.4%
Physical Activity:	11.7%

**Average risk reduction:  
15% (includes all 8)**

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Category	Factor (in %)
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Risk-Sensitive Hospital/ER Events	
Hospital/ER Events as a % of Total Spend	
Total Savings	

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Hospital/ER Events as a % of Total Spend	
Total Savings	

\*Heart events and diabetes events combined account for about 7%. Let's assume generously that another 13% just can't be found but are happening

# How Risk Reduction Drives Cost Reduction

Category	Factor (in %)
Risk Reduction	15% achieved
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Hospital/ER Events as a % of Total Spend	50% calculated (approx.)
Total Savings	

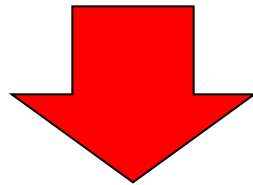
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Hospital/ER Events as a % of Total Spend	50% calculated
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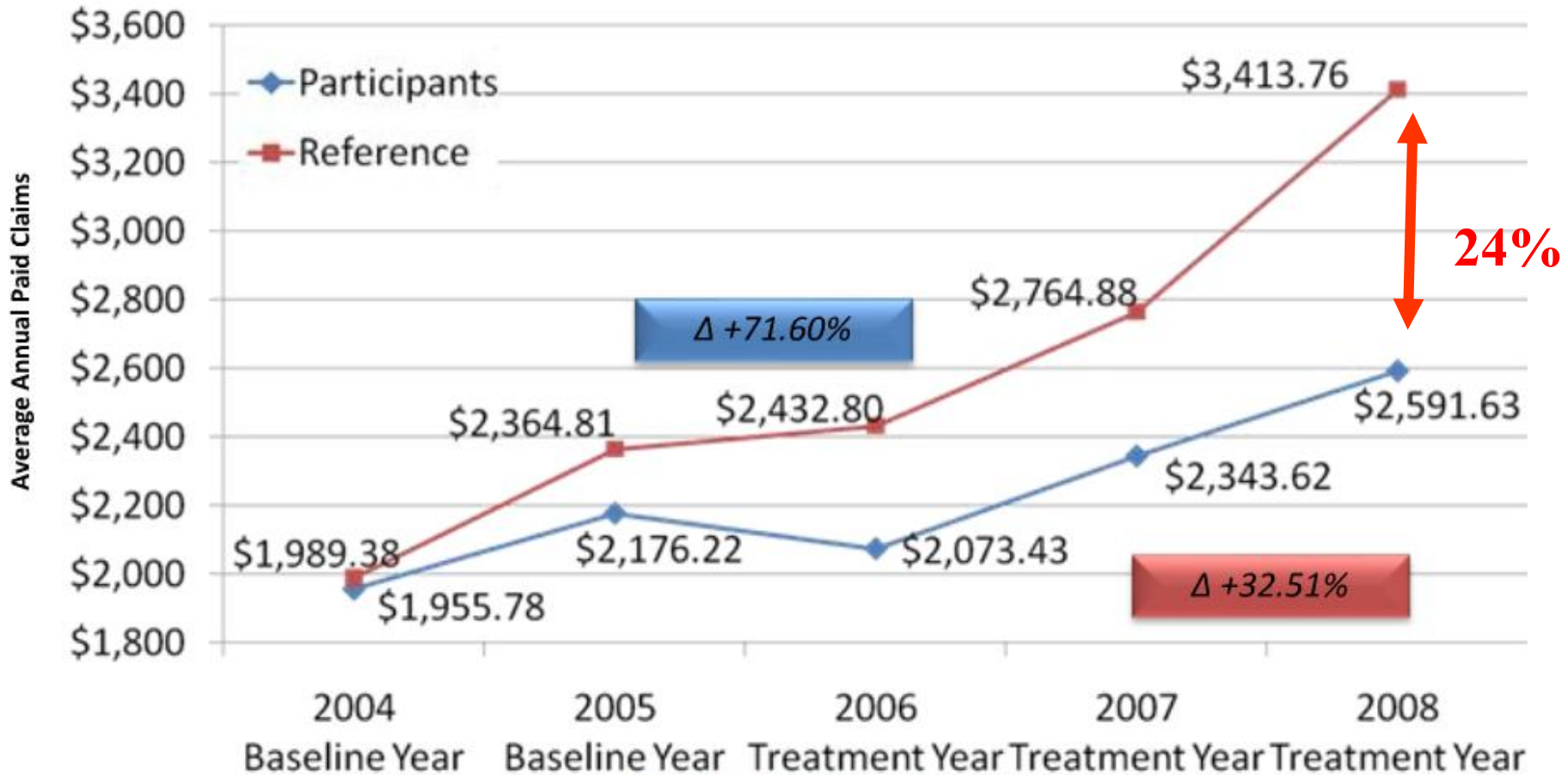
Simplified biostatistical “mediation analysis” translates 15% risk reduction into 1.5% cost reduction -- unless you are...

...Eastman Chemical and Health Fitness Corp...

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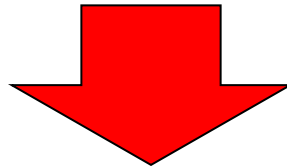
PMPY savings: \$460

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## Lie #3 (cont'd): Phony Control Groups

- You can't split a group into active motivated participants vs. non-participants
  - The latter will always outperform the former (the “volunteer effect”)



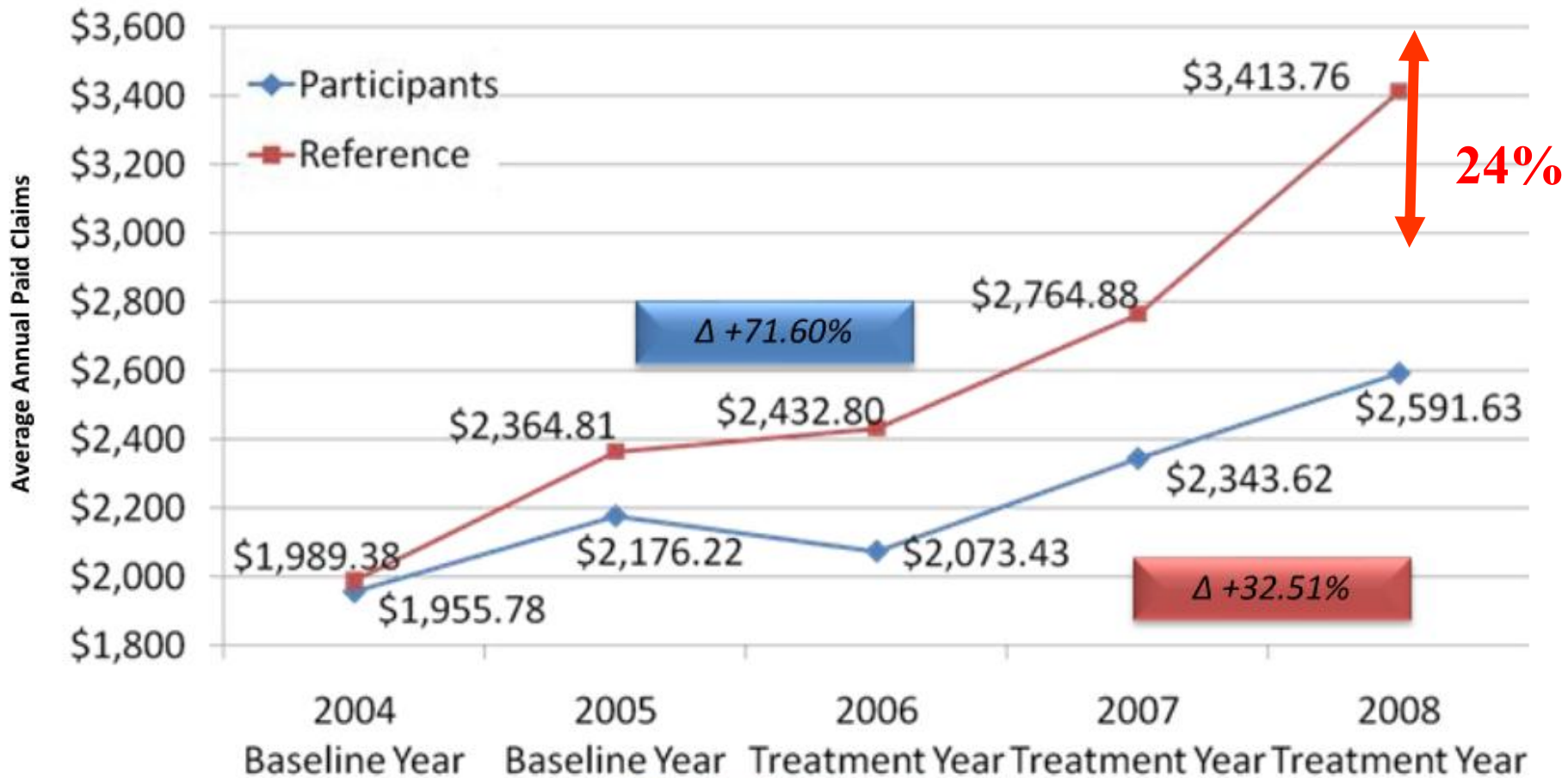
- Let's pick up the Koop Award-winning Eastman Chemical-Health Fitness Corp example

Anyone notice anything curious about the separation of participants and non-participants?

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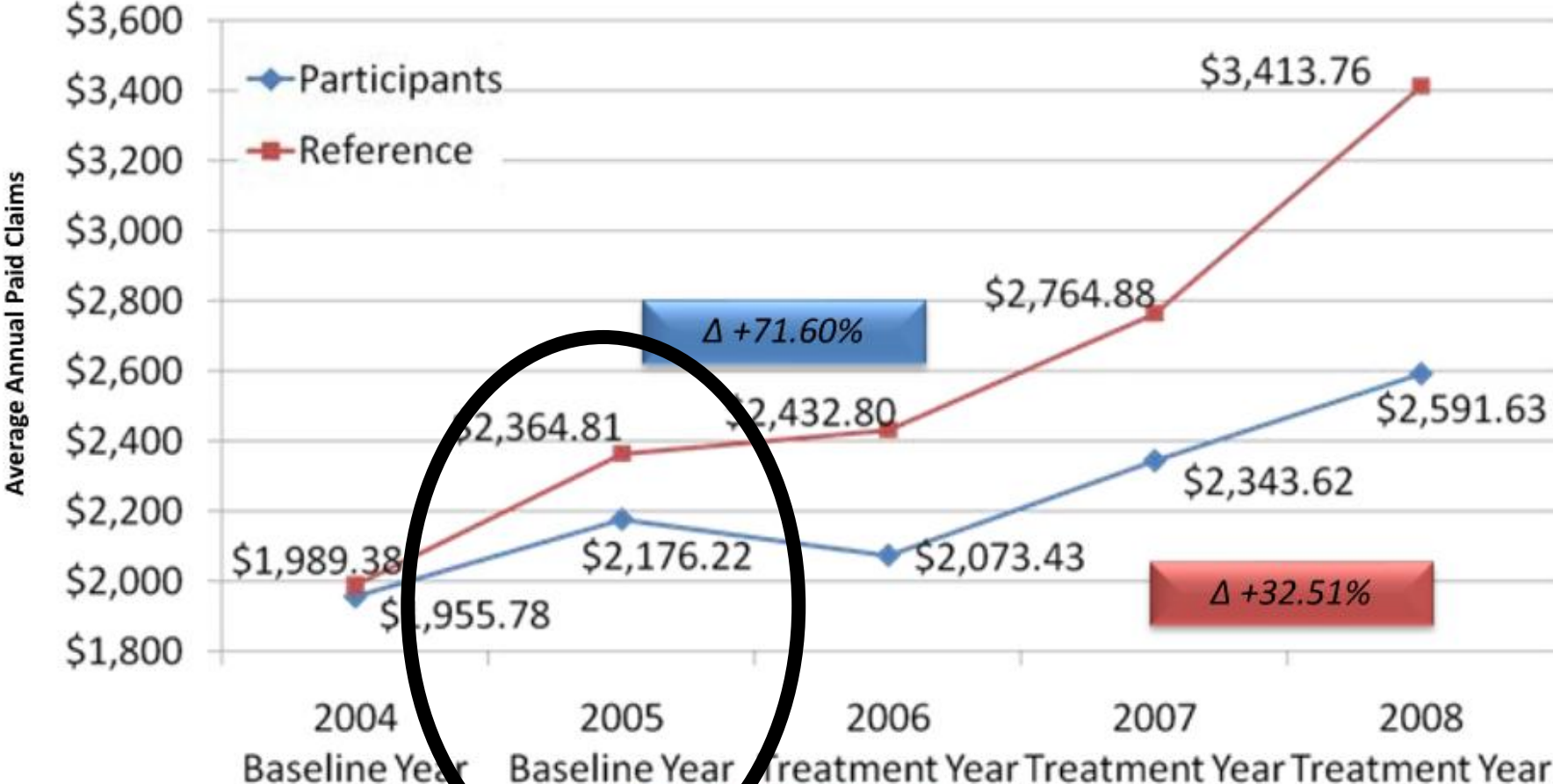


“Matched controls” don’t control for participants’ motivation

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# Example: Paladina Health

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## CHALLENGE

A self-insured employer with a large billing office in Washington was experiencing annual healthcare cost increases of 7-8%. This employer had previously implemented a wellness program and a consumer-driven health plan with an HSA feature, but it was unclear whether these programs had delivered the promised savings or health improvements. Costs continued to rise and employees' overall health was declining, with continued high prevalence of obesity and hypertension. Moreover, employee productivity and quality-of-life were suffering. Having already implemented the most popular tactics, the employer was looking for a new strategy that would have a more tangible and long-lasting impact.

## THE SOLUTION

Employer implemented a Paladina Health near-site clinic that was located 2 blocks from the corporate office and offered no-cost memberships to all employees and dependents enrolled in their group health plan. Approximately 600 members initially enrolled (50% of eligible) and the members who enrolled were older with a higher incidence of chronic disease than those who did not enroll. Members used the Paladina Health medical home for their primary, preventive, wellness and basic urgent care needs and for help in finding the most appropriate outside care.

## RESULTS

- Healthcare costs decreased by 10% for members enrolled in Paladina Health vs. a 28% increase for non-members
- > 50% decline in inpatient costs

### RESULTS: HEALTH AND SERVICE EXPERIENCE

MEDICAL HOME IMPROVED CHRONIC DISEASE CONDITIONS FOR MEMBERS

#### CHRONIC DISEASE IMPACT

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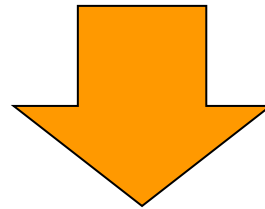
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- Average **-10%** and **+28%** = **9%** trend now

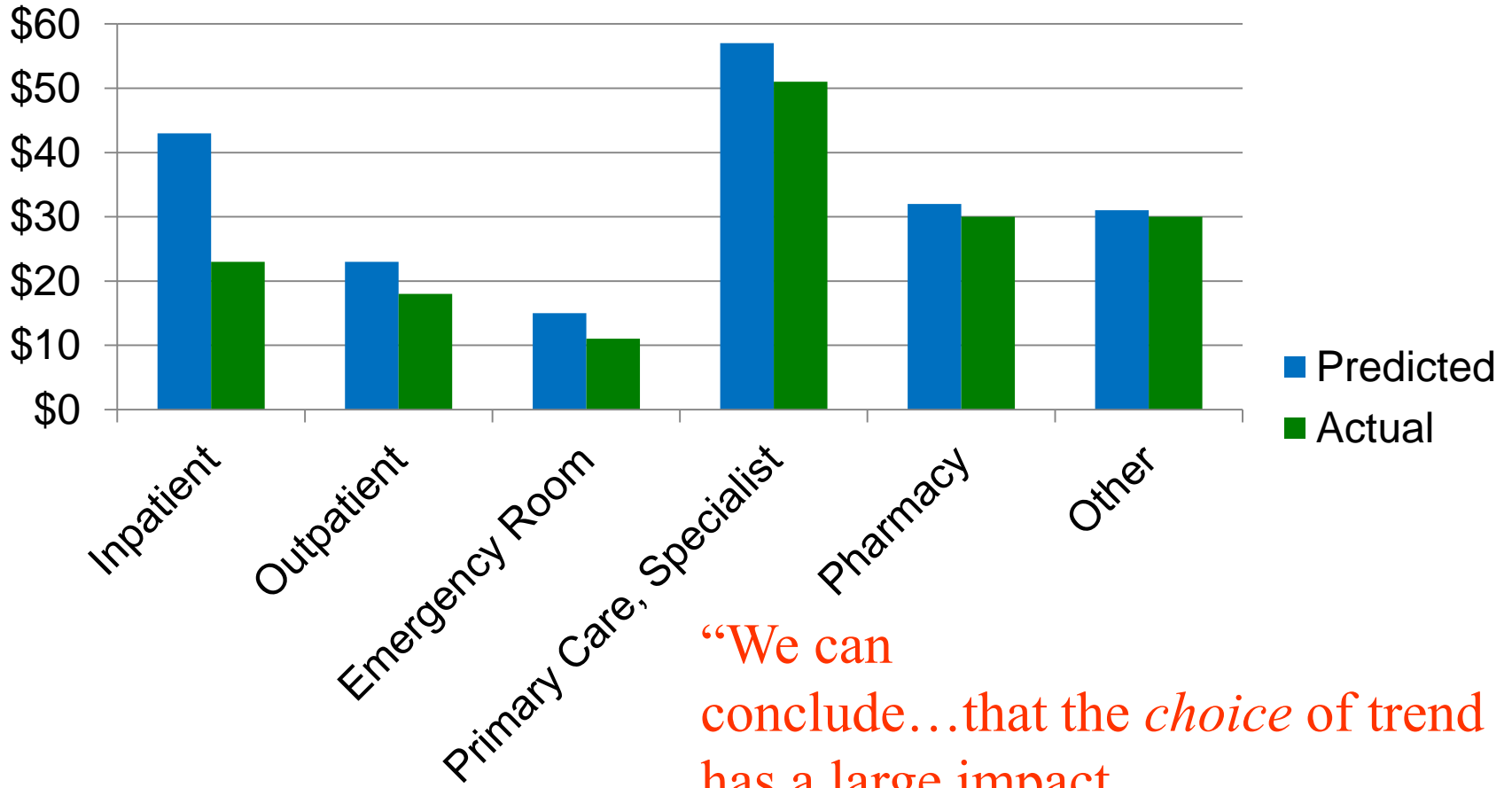


# Vitality Healthcare Takes Inactive vs. Active Study Design a Step Further



*The analysis looks at individual risk factor transitions using a consistent base of members within each risk factor. To be included, members must have at least two recorded measurements on file with at least 90 days between the first and last measurements for all 10 risk factors (BMI, systolic blood pressure, diastolic blood pressure, total cholesterol, fasting glucose, physical activity, tobacco use, nutrition, alcohol and stress). High-risk individuals are characterized as having five or more risks out of range.*

**Predicted vs. Actual PMPM Results for North Carolina:**  
**“Trend” means what the vendor/consultant chooses it to mean**



“We can conclude...that the *choice* of trend has a large impact on estimates of financial savings.”

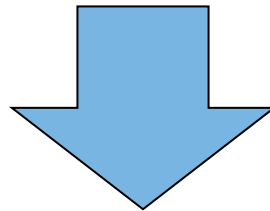
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# You've now seen 3 big lies

- Mathematically impossible reductions
- Made-up numbers
- Misstating “natural flow of risk, comparingh participants to non-participants and making up trends



- See how many lies you can spot on your own

# You could do a whole class just on this 18-week Highmark weight loss program by ShapeUp\*

## Results & Benefits

- **Wellness Participation:** 46% of Highmark's employees participated in the program.
- **Improved Health:** Average weight loss was 5.6 pounds per participant. 163 employees lowered their BMI status from obese to overweight or from overweight to healthy weight.

\*Highmark has 19,600 employees

# Wellnet and Cumulus Media

## KEY FACTS

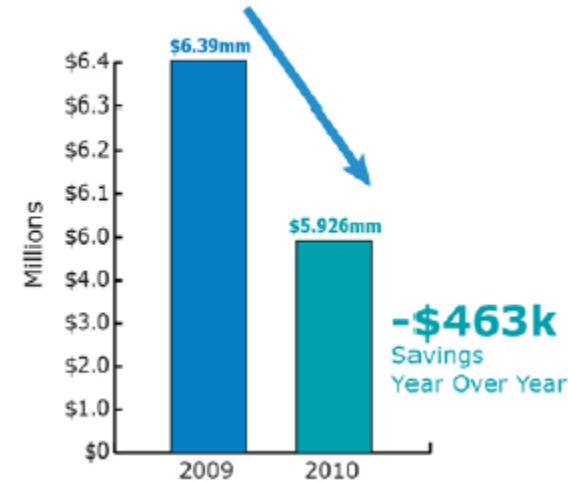
Headquarters:	Atlanta, Georgia
Start Date:	January, 2009
Business:	National Radio Station Operator
Population:	1,454 ee's/2,572 members
Executive Endorsement:	Strong
Member Participation:	79%
Member Communication:	Ongoing
Incentive:	Premium Reduction
Medical Plan Trend Reduction:	8% to .06%

**RETURN ON INVESTMENT: 18:1**

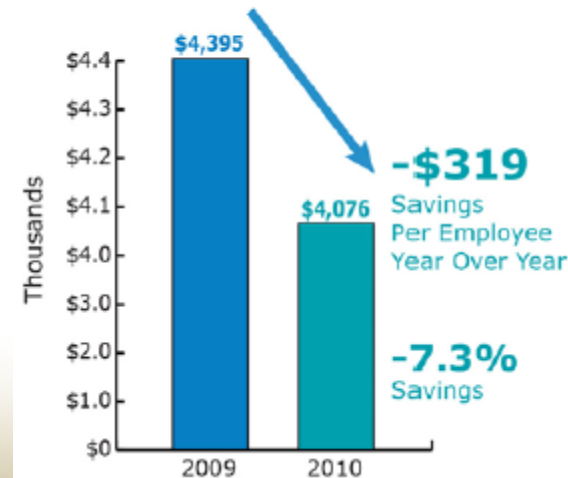
## INTEGRATED CARE MANAGEMENT

High Risk Members:	55 members 2% of population 5.5 conditions per member \$4mm in undetected claims cost
Medium Risk Members:	453 members 18% of population 3 conditions per member \$17mm in undetected claims cost

### MEDICAL/Rx PAID CLAIMS



### MEDICAL/Rx PER EMPLOYEE PER YEAR



# Savings by Category of Utilization per 1000 members per month – Study Year vs. Baseline Year

(note: The *difference* between the bars is the savings)

