

Three ways to support employee health

Leave programs are growing and impacting workplace benefits. Here's what employers should consider as they provide leave support that fills a range of needs—and that uses employee input to help bridge their perception gaps.

### 1: PROVIDE SUPPORT WHILE WORKING

#### **Perception:**

Generations who say employers must support employee mental health in the workplace:



Gen Z



#### Reality:

Employees across all generations agree ...

#### ... but just



of employers offer an EAP1 or behavioral/mental health support beyond an EAP.



It's true that caregiving is a growing struggle for employees...





1 in 4 employers say they offer resources to support employees who are caregivers.

#### How employers can help employees:

• Make benefits available to support employees at work, such as mental health and caregiving resources.

## 2: ASSESS THE LEAVE LANDSCAPE

### **Perception:**

Mandatory FMLA gives employees what they need ...



### Reality:

... but unpaid leave like FMLA is often not enough/may not be enough.



of employees who needed to take a leave also could not afford it and kept working.2

## How employers can help employees:

- Discover their leave needs and align employer policies to help address them.
- Look to carriers and brokers for support around changing legislation.

# 3: GAUGE THE IMPACT OF LEAVE

## **Perception:**

Employees are aware of actions employers take to provide support when a coworker goes out on leave.



# Reality:



of employers report taking action to address employee leaves.

... but only



of employees report their employer has taken an action.

## How employers can help employees:

- Consider offering tools and support to assist the covering employees.
- Re-evaluate how you communicate the support you already provide them.

Find out more about benefits perceptions and realities in *Benefits & Beyond*.

For more information, please contact your Prudential representative.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Employee assistance program

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Benefits & Beyond did not ask survey respondents if this leave was federal or employer sponsored. Responses are based on their perception.