# Public Company Planning Opportunities





## **2008 Corporate Environment**

### U.S. companies are refocusing on the future

- In late 2008, the financial crisis created a liquidity crunch at many companies
  - Banks increased lending standards and the spread between their cost of funds and loan rates
  - Companies were not be able to do the everyday, short-term borrowing they had become accustomed to
  - Significantly stressed payrolls and inventory purchases

## **2012 Corporate Environment**

### U.S. companies currently holding more cash than ever

- Firms built up cash reserves in reaction to liquidity crunch
- Now nonfinancial companies have more than \$1.84 trillion in cash and other liquid assets
  - Up 26% from 2009
  - Largest-ever increase in going back to 1952
  - Cash comprises 7% of all company assets, including factories and financial investments, the highest level since 1963
  - 29 companies have more cash than U.S. Treasury as of July
  - Short term rates are still near historic lows
- HR and finance executives are once again proactively looking at things instead of reacting

## Insurance Opportunities for Benefit Funding

### Public Company case study 1: existing client

- Provided administration and informal funding (COLI) for Client's deferred compensation plan
- Opportunity
  - Client had implemented a SERP in 2001 providing additional retirement benefits for 100 key employees equal to 1% of their final average compensation for each year in the plan
  - Unfunded liability of \$54,000,000 and growing
  - Nearly \$1 billion of cash on their balance sheet "earning next to nothing"

## Insurance Opportunities for Benefit Funding

### Public Company case study 1: Continued

- Action/Outcome
  - Finance agreed that it made sense to informally fund this liability based on their overall cash position
  - Significant number of COLI contracts analyzed and multiple runs at different funding levels
  - Client decided to contribute \$54 million to a rabbi trust and move the money into COLI over a five year period
  - Long term investment strategy of 60% equities / 40% fixed income

## Insurance Opportunities for Benefit Funding

### Public Company case study 2: take over deferral plan

- Prior consultant had done a poor job of managing the plan
- Opportunity
  - Plan liabilities continue to grow at a greater rate than plan assets
  - Plan has a funding shortfall of \$1.4 million
  - Participants continue to contribute at a greater rate than company
  - There is a significant asset / liability mismatch in the plan
  - Participant investments have earned \$100,000 more in 2012 due to investment mismatch
- Action / Outcome
  - New COLI policies will be written to allow additional contributions

### **Current Environment, Events, Legislation**

### **Executive benefits outlook**

- Corporations are coming out of the recession stronger and better capitalized
- Executive benefits and COLI supported by Congress and codified
- Creates great opportunities for NQDCP, COLI and supplemental disability plans
  - Earnings strength leads to:
    - Salary increases
    - Bonus increases
    - Executive benefit additions

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# **Executive Disability Benefits**

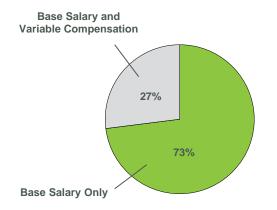




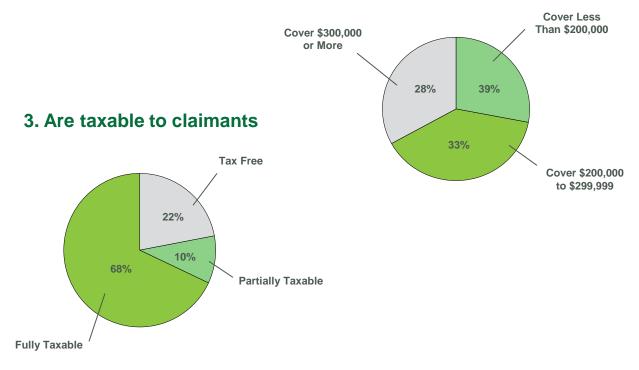
# Public Company Opportunities Executive Disability Benefit – Market Potential

The vast majority of employers have Group Long Term Disability benefits with some shortfalls for executives. For example, the plan benefits:





## 2. Cover less than \$300,000 of compensation

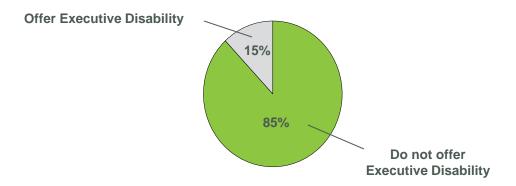


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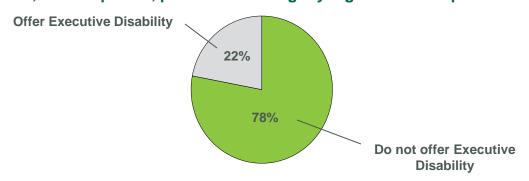
# Public Company Opportunities Executive Disability Benefit – Market Potential

The market for Executive Disability is underpenetrated.

In a survey of 3,000 employers of varying sizes, only 15% offer Executive Disability to their higher paid employees.



Among larger Fortune 1,000 companies, penetration is slightly higher but still quite low overall.



The above metrics are taken from a recent survey conducted by MassMutual and The American College and Aon's 2010 Benefits Study

# Public Company Opportunities Executive Disability Benefit – Unlocking the Potential

Survey result: 94% of corporate benefits managers know about executive disability benefits with individual disability policies

Question: If there is a need and a known solution, why is the market so underpenetrated?

# Public Company Opportunities Executive Disability Benefit – Unlocking the Potential

Major objections to implementing an executive disability benefit:

- Inertia
  - Support of Senior Executive
  - Senior most human resource executive
- Executives can get this coverage on their own
  - Guaranteed issue coverage
  - Discounts of 20% 35%
- Concerns with enrollment and administration
  - Carriers not built for top shelf service
  - NFPEB Nation's leader in enrollment and administration
  - Client roster and references

# Public Company Opportunities Case Study – Data Management Company

### **Goal:** Provide more protection to employees

### For Executive Class Employer-Paid

#### Individual

Base Salary and Bonus \$10,000 per month

Employer Paid (Taxable)

#### Group

Base Salary Only

\$15,000 per month

Employer Paid (Taxable)

- No coverage on bonus
- > Group LTD benefits are taxable
- Low plan maximum relative to executives' compensation

#### Group

Base Salary Only

\$15,000 per month

Employer Paid (Taxable)

- ➤ Increases benefit by 67%
- Covers bonus compensation and provides portability

### For those earning \$100,000 or more Voluntary

#### Individual

Base Salary and Bonus \$6,000 per month Employee Paid (Tax Free)

#### Group

Base Salary Only

\$15,000 per month

Employer Paid (Taxable)

- Portable individual policies provide coverage on bonus
- Individual coverage is voluntary and thus boosts after-tax benefit
- 650 employees obtain individual policies

# Public Company Opportunities Case Study – Large Financial Services Company

**Goal:** Save money and provide a better benefit

#### Group

Base Salary and Bonus

\$35,000 per month

- > High maximum benefit
- Rates for all reflect premium for shock claims



#### Individual

Base Salary and Bonus \$15,000 per month

#### Group

Base Salary and Bonus

\$20,000 per month

- All employees get reduced Group LTD rate
- Highly compensated employees get enhanced benefit – 3,000 policies
- Volatile risk moved out of Group LTD