Pre-Tax Implementation Update

Item 7 – Group Insurance Board

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Informational Item Only

No Board action is required.

Contract Negotiation

- ETF and TASC teams started negotiation in early April 2025:
 - Health Savings Account (HSA) ETD0052
 - Section 125 Cafeteria Plan, Employee Reimbursement Account (ERA), and Commuter Fringe Benefits (Section 125/ERA) – ETD0053
- Both contracts were signed on April 29, 2025:
 - Performance Standards and Guarantees (Implementation)
 - Additional Requirements (Reporting and Administrative Support for IAS)



TASC Implementation Timeline

March 31

 ETF and TASC Implementation team meets weekly

May 15

 TASC Implementation Kickoff Meeting

May 29

 TASC Implementation Project Plan received

June 5

 Benefitfocus onboarding TASC

August 2025

 TASC provides 2026 Open Enrollment Kickoff Meeting



TASC Implementation Project Plan

1

Phase I: Initiation

(Completed)

- Finalize and sign contracts
- Schedule and hold initial planning calls
- Conduct implementation kickoff meeting

2

Phase II: Planning

(In-progress)

- Collect employer contact information
- Set up benefit plan details
- Define implementation requirements
- Establish banking and financial setup

3

Phase III: Execution

(In-progress)

- Prepare and co-brand materials
- Communicate vendor transition
- Integrate TASC with Benefitfocus (UW)
- Conduct file testing

4

Phase IV: Closing

(Not started)

- Final wrap-up and project closure activities
- This phase is expected to begin mid-2026



Benefitfocus (TASC Implementation)

Completed Discovery session

Currently in User Acceptance Testing (internal and structure file testing)

TASC continue to adhere to current existing file specs

File Specification Testing

Table 1: Go-live January 1, 2026

TASC File Testing with Benefitfocus and Payroll Centers

	Benefitfocus (UW)	Payroll Centers
Census File	x	X
Enrollment File	x	x
Contribution File		x

Table 2: Post Go-live TBD, 2026

TASC File Testing with Benefitfocus to Onboard Remaining Payroll Center

	Benefitfocus (Remaining Payroll Centers)	
Census File	x	
Enrollment File	x	
Contribution File		



Optum Transition

Staff change in Optum leadership team

Dedicated Optum transition team to assist with the transition

Experienced challenges through transition deliverables

Finalizing Transition Project Plan and deliverables



Optum Transition Challenges



Communication Delay

Optum will send a vendor transition notice



Employee
Reimbursement
Account (ERA)
Rollover

- Batch 1: Finalized by mid-April 2026
- Batch 2: FSA claims with payroll withholding roll over to TASC by mid-May 2026



HSA Assets Transfer

- HSA bulk transfer versus individual transfer
- More details to come from TASC



Communication Strategy

ETF Communication

Enrollment and education materials

ETF website, Decision Guide, Open Enrollment

Send notifications (E-alerts, newsletter, etc.)

Optum Communication

Vendor Transition Notice (August)

Claims substantiation (Nov-Dec)

TASC Communication

New Administrator Notice (August)

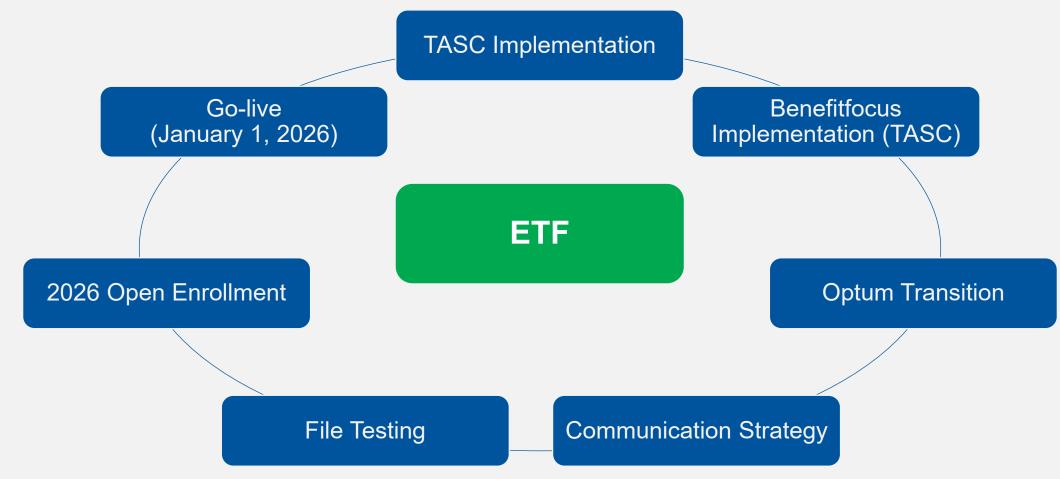
New microsite (September)

Open Enrollment (October)

HSA Transfer Reminder (Oct-Dec)



ETF Next Steps



Conclusion



TASC and
Benefitfocus
implementation
going as expected



Communications expected to go between August-December



Preparation for 2026 Open Enrollment



Questions?

Thank you











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