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SUMMARY AND KEY FINDINGS

This report provides an overview of group life and voluntary/worksite carriers' business and technology issues, data about the marketplace, and more than 10 examples of recent insurer technology investments. The key findings from this report follow:

- Sales growth is robust for voluntary lines. Critical illness, accident, and term life products show strong growth, as do dental and vision care.
- Insurer use of analytics for voluntary products is widespread. Applications include enrollment, identifying claims fraud, member conservation, sales reporting, and underwriting.
- Insurers are considering their next moves without clear standards for group life
 and voluntary benefits information exchange. LIMRA has worked with carriers and
 vendors on post-enrollment standards, and insuretech firms may also offer solutions.
 Data exchange can be a competitive differentiator for insurers as the importance of
 API strategies increases.
- Group and voluntary/worksite carriers are exploring partnerships or other relationships with benefits administration and enrollment players. This is based on a desire to differentiate through customer experience and combat potential disintermediation.

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