

HCM vs. outsourced benefits administration:

Choosing the best fit for your company



Human capital management systems (HCM)



Broad HR functionality, including payroll, talent management, and compliance



One of many HR modules, often lacking customization and compliance depth



Limited support for regulations like ACA, COBRA, and dependent verification



Generalized HR technology; may require manual workarounds for benefits



Basic self-service options, often lacking decision-support tools



Cost-effective for broad HR needs, but may not optimize benefits administration ROI



Limited flexibility in benefits design and vendor coordination

Outsourced benefits administration



Dedicated benefits expertise, automation, and compliance support



Specialized in benefits management, ensuring accuracy and compliance



Comprehensive regulatory expertise and risk management



Advanced automation, seamless integration with payroll, HRIS, and carriers



Personalized benefits experiences, self-service portals, and decision tools



Higher initial investment, but better long-term ROI through accuracy and automation



Fully customizable solutions tailored to company needs



Choosing the right solution for your organization

Before making a decision, HR leaders should assess:

- **Complexity of benefits administration:** Do you need customized solutions for wellness programs, leave administration, and retiree benefits?
- **Integration needs:** Does your system need to connect seamlessly with multiple vendors, carriers, and payroll platforms?
- **Employee experience:** Does your workforce require decision-support tools and clear communication?
- **Compliance and risk management:** Can your team handle ACA reporting, COBRA, and other regulatory requirements internally?
- **Cost vs. value:** Are you paying for broad HR functionalities, or would a dedicated benefits administrator provide better ROI?

How **WEX** can help

Managing HR processes efficiently is a priority for any organization, but when it comes to benefits administration, a one-size-fits-all approach may not be the best solution. WEX offers industry-leading expertise, automation, and compliance support, ensuring HR teams can simplify benefits management without sacrificing accuracy or employee experience.

By integrating seamlessly with existing HR systems, WEX provides a dedicated, flexible, and technology-driven approach to benefits administration, helping organizations reduce administrative burdens, stay compliant, and enhance employee engagement.

Discover how WEX can support your benefits administration needs.

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