# Vanguardbenefats BECAUSE EMPLOYEES MATTER

The ABC's Of PEO

- PEO 101
- Why use a PEO?
- How to evaluate the PEO market
- What is co-employment?
- Will a PEO help in reducing my benefits costs?
- Recruiting benefits
- HR support

Agenda



# The ABC's Of PEO



### **Employer's Worksite Responsibilities:**

#### **Business Control**

- Business operations
- Employee direction
- Hiring & firing decisions
- Employee advancement

### WHAT IS A PEO?

A Professional Employer
Organization (PEO) provides small
group clients with cost–effective
outsourced human resource
services by assuming certain
employer rights, responsibilities, and
risk.



### **Shared Responsibilities:**

Regulatory Compliance Hiring & Termination Processing



### **PEO's Administrative Responsibilities**

#### **HR** Administration

- Payroll
- HR managements & compliance
- Personnel management
- Training

#### **Benefits**

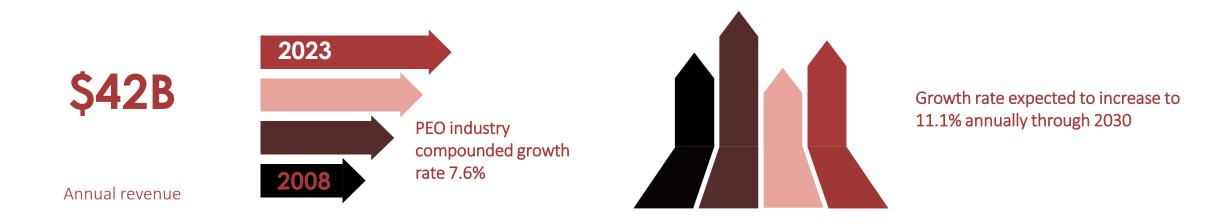
- Benefit sourcing
- Benefits administration

### Risk Management

- Workers' compensation
- Compliance



### Fastest Growing Business Service Industry





### What Is Co-Employment?

- The PEO relationship involves a contractual allocation and sharing of certain employer responsibilities between the PEO and the client, as delineated in a contract typically called a client service agreement (CSA).
- For the obligations a PEO agrees to take on with respect to its clients, the PEO assumes specific employer rights, responsibilities, and risks through the establishment and maintenance of a relationship with the workers of the client. More specifically, a PEO establishes a contractual relationship with its clients whereby the PEO:
- May assume certain employment responsibilities for specified purposes regarding the workers at the client locations.
- Shares or allocates employment responsibilities with the client in a manner consistent with the client maintaining its responsibility for its product or service.
- Remits wages and withholdings of the client's workers.
- Issues Form W-2s for the compensation paid under its Employer Identification Number.
- Reports, collects and deposits employment taxes with local, state and federal authorities.





#### **HR Services**

- HR Management Services
- Payroll & Tax Services
- Performance Management Services
- Recruiting Services
- Culture—Building Consulting
- Compensation Consulting





#### **Benefits Services**

- Healthcare Benefits
- ACA Compliance Services
- Life, Disability, Dental, and Vision

- 401(k) & Other Savings Plans
- Voluntary Benefits
- Complimentary Benefits



### **Risk & Compliance Services**

- Risk Services
- Compliance Services





# Why Use a PEO?

### TOP 4 REASONS EMPLOYERS WORK WITH A PEO

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## **Enable Focus on the Business**

- High-value activities get done
- PEO handles HR administration



## **Simplify Business Administration**

- Single-point-of-contact
- In-house experts
- No administrative burdens
- Effective HRIS capabilities



## **Gain Economies of Scale** and Control Costs

- Fortune 500 benefits at reasonable cost
- Operational efficiencies
- Integrated and vetted vendors

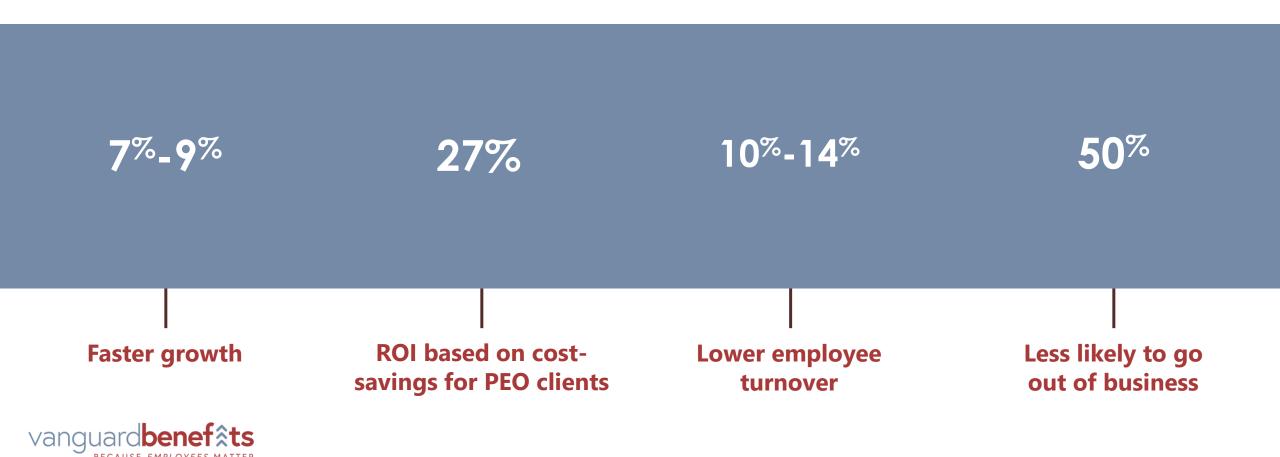


### **Reduce Employment Risk**

• Risk and liability are shared



# THE RESULTS ARE IMPRESSIVE



### Top Reasons Employers Select a PEO



**Medical Insurance** 



Workers' Compensation



**Integrated Systems** 



**Human Resources Support** 



### Top Reasons Employers Select a PEO: Medical Insurance



- Save 15%-35% with same carriers and plans
- Risk based pricing
- Buying power
- Avoid ACA rating and requirements



### Top Reasons Employers Select a PEO: Workers' Compensation



- Generally, 10-15% savings
- Risk and Safety management
- Pay as you go no audits



## Top Reasons Employers Select a PEO: Integrated Systems



- Integrated management of HR and benefits administration systems
  - o HRIS, Payroll, Benefits Administration
  - Time and Attendance Management
  - Employee Onboarding and Learning Management
  - 401(K), Voluntary Benefits Administration
  - Regulatory Filings



# Top Reasons Employers Select a PEO: Compliance & HR Support



- Revenue Generation
- Administrative Relief
- Net Profit Protection
- Employee Engagement





# **Evaluating PEO's**

### How to Shop and Compare Multiple PEOs at Once

How do you even start to find who is right for your firm?

















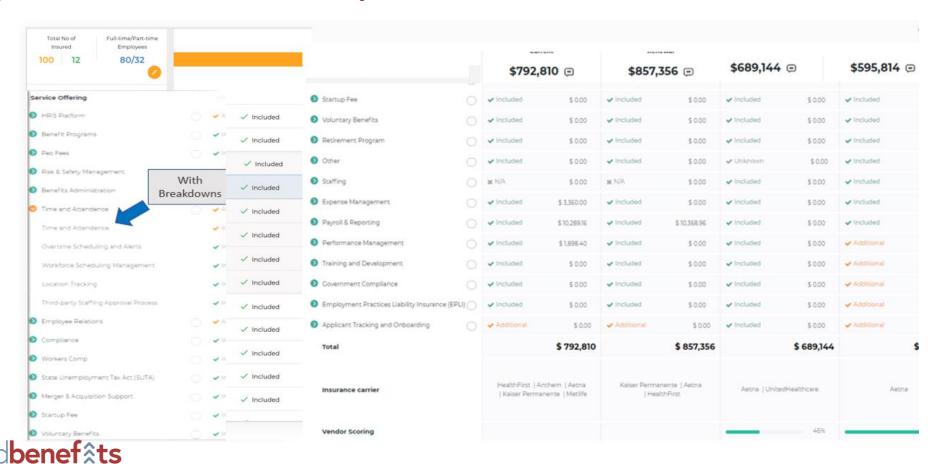






### How to Shop and Compare Multiple PEOs at Once

### **Easy to Understand Cost Summary with Detailed Service Breakdowns**





## What Do PEO's Cost?

# Percentage Of Payroll

- Includes Administrative costs, Workers Comp., and Taxes
- May be ideal for larger organizations with lowerwaged employees.
- Difficult to understand

## PEPM

- Flat fee per employee per month
- Ideal for smaller organizations with higherwaged employees.
- More transparent



# ESAC: THE INDUSTRY'S FINANCIAL RELIABILITY STANDARD



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- 5% of PEOs are ESAC accredited
- ESAC certification and bonding are the industry's gold standard for financial reliability
- Similar to FDIC, ESAC provides financial assurance:
  - \$15M in surety bonds back PEO performance in payment of wages, payroll taxes, employee benefits, and insurance premiums
- PEO participation is voluntary



# CPEO: CERTIFIED BY THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE



CERTIFIED
PROFESSIONAL
EMPLOYER
ORGANIZATION

- Around 6% of U.S. PEOs are Certified PEOs (CPEOs)
- To qualify for IRS certification, PEOs must meet specific tax compliance, background, experience, business location, independent financial review, reporting, bonding and other requirements
- CPEOs offer regulatory certainty not available through Non-Certified PEOs





# NAPEO: THE INDUSTRY'S TRADE ASSOCIATION

Source: www.NAPEO.org

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- Formed in 1984
- The Voice of the PEO Industry
- The Source for PEO Education®
- Promotes a Code of Ethics and best practices
- Create annual industry studies and quarterly reports





Which organizations are a good fit for PEO?

### Characteristics of a PEO Prospect



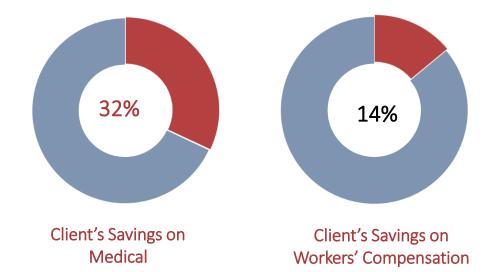


### Case Study

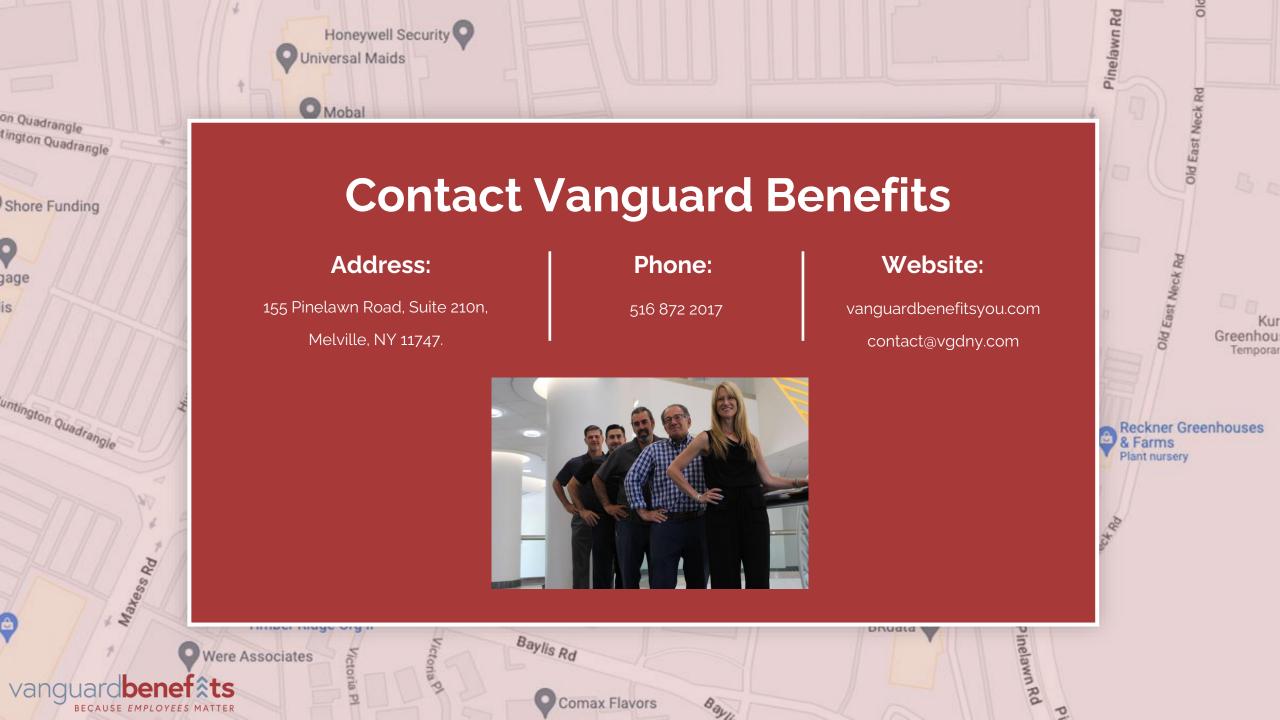
75-employee client was shopping open market benefits and was curious about PEO. USI brought in the Emerson Reid PEO Sales Desk to give a comparison:

- Emerson Reid handled quoting, sales support, and onboarding
- Client streamlined to a fully integrated payroll, HR and benefit solution
- Client saved 32% on medical with the PEO over open market and lowered workers' compensation by 18%

Emerson Reid will handle renewals going forward and will be able to assess if carving out medical will be prudent in the future.







# THANK YOU