

# State of Wyoming

## Benefits competitiveness for Certified Practicing Teachers

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# Project Scope

- At the request of the State of Wyoming, Hay Group has conducted an analysis of the benefits programs offered to teachers throughout the State to determine the level of competitiveness on an internal and external basis.
- Hay Group's review is based on benefits program gathered from the Wyoming Education Association 2010-2011 Salary and Benefits Research Book for Wyoming
- Teachers from all WY school districts have access to the same retirement program, are offered a menu of medical, dental, and vision plans plus life and disability programs offered by WEBT and WSBAIT, and maintain district specific leave of absence policies.
  - Hay Group's initial focus of the benefits analysis is on the internal equity of Wyoming teacher benefit programs based on district and NCES Locale code
  - As health care and retirement are the primary drivers of overall benefit program value, the internal equity review focuses on these 2 benefits.

# Project Scope

- Due to the variation of benefit programs by districts within the comparator States, Hay Group used State employee benefit program information as a proxy for teacher benefits for the external market comparison. The States comparator group consists of two state groupings all contained in Hay Group's Benefits database:
  - 12 US States used in State of Wyoming analyses
    - **Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, and Washington**
  - 6 US States typically used in State of Wyoming Teacher analyses
    - **Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nebraska, South Dakota, and Utah**
  - The second portion of the benefits analysis focuses on the external market competitiveness by comparing the prevalent Wyoming teacher benefits program to the States

# Internal Benefits Equity

## Health Care

- Cost sharing does not vary significantly by District
  - Variation is due to difference in enrollment patterns not a difference in overall benefit level – districts where most prevalent plan is an HSA plan have lower premium costs
- The cost of employee only coverage ranges from 0% to 14% of total premium, with a median of 10.45%
- The cost of family coverage ranges from 0% to 50% of total premium, with median of 11.11%
  - It is important to note that the District with a 50% family cost sharing has 0% for employee only coverage. Maintaining a more significant subsidy differential between single and family coverage is becoming typical general market practice

# Internal Benefits Equity

## Health Care (continued)

- Cost sharing does vary more based on locale; however, similar to the District variation, cost sharing differentials are due more to differences in the enrollment patterns
- For similar plan designs, the cost sharing range is narrow – 10% to 15%. For consumer driven plans (higher deductibles, out of pocket maximums, etc.), cost sharing is lower, typically 0% for employees.

| Most Common Locale Code | Most Common Locale                            | Coverage Tier | Average of District Portion | Average of Employee Portion | % District paid | % Employee paid |
|-------------------------|---|---------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 13                      | City, Small Territory                         | Family        | \$ 1,253                    | \$ 167                      | 88%             | 12%             |
|                         |   | Single        | \$ 465                      | \$ 54                       | 90%             | 10%             |
| 33                      | Town, Remote Territory                        | Family        | \$ 1,230                    | \$ 193                      | 86%             | 14%             |
|                         |   | Single        | \$ 521                      | \$ 47                       | 92%             | 8%              |
| 41                      | Rural, Fringe Census defined Rural Territory  | Family        | \$ 746                      | \$ 162                      | 82%             | 18%             |
|                         |   | Single        | \$ 495                      | \$ -                        | 100%            | 0%              |
| 42                      | Rural, Distant Census-defined Rural Territory | Family        | \$ 1,467                    | \$ 183                      | 89%             | 11%             |
|                         |   | Single        | \$ 663                      | \$ -                        | 100%            | 0%              |
| 43                      | Rural, Remote Census-defined Rural Territory  | Family        | \$ 1,042                    | \$ 124                      | 89%             | 11%             |
|                         |   | Single        | \$ 458                      | \$ 71                       | 87%             | 13%             |

# Internal Benefits Equity

## Retirement

- All teachers are eligible for the Wyoming Retirement System, which is a defined benefit pension plan.
  - The required total contribution is 14.12% - 12.69% employer / 1.43% employee
  - 40 of the reporting districts contribute the full 14.12% for employees
  - Seven districts make the 12.69% employer contribution, but require employees to contribute the 1.43%. Below is the distribution of these districts by locale code:

| Locale Code                                       | Number of Districts |
|---|---------------------|
| 43 - Rural, Remote Census-defined Rural Territory | 4                   |
| 33 - Town, Remote Territory                       | 2                   |
| 13 - City, Small Territory                        | 1                   |

- All teachers have access to a 457 Plan that permits employee pre-tax deferrals
- Several districts also provide a 403(b) plan that gives employees an additional pre-tax deferral option.
- Neither the 457 or 403(b) plans include an employer contribution, so no significant benefit disparity is created as a result of these plans.

# External Market Competitiveness

| Benefit Area / Market Position   | Above Market Provisions   | Below or At Market Provisions  |
|----------------------------------|---|--|
| <b>Health Care – At Market</b>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Employee coverage cost sharing is at market; however, family coverage cost above typical market practice – 15%-29% typical contribution range for family coverage in both State groups</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Although plan designs vary by district, deductibles, coinsurance, and copayments are within the market median range</li> </ul>  |
| <b>Retirement – Above Market</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Competitive benefit formula and vesting provisions 2.125%-2.25% for WY vs. 2% for in both State groups</li> <li>■ No Employee Contributions Required (with few exceptions) – is above market when compared to other States, as 4 of the 6 state group and 8 of the 12 state group require some employee contributions</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Deferred compensation (457 plan) offered to all districts through WRS</li> <li>■ A few districts offer a 403(b) plan</li> </ul> |

*Below Market = below market median practice, At Market = approximates the market median, Above Market = above market median practice*

# External Market Competitiveness

| Benefit Area / Market Position              | Above Market Provisions  | Below or At Market Provisions   |
|---|--|---|
| <b>Death –<br/>At Market</b>                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Basic life insurance benefit (median) of \$40,000 is above typical market practice of \$25,000</li> <li>■ Cost sharing applies to dependent life coverage, which is typically an employee paid benefit</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Some districts require cost sharing for the employee basic benefit, which not typical, as all 12 states pay 100% of the basic life insurance benefit</li> <li>■ Dependent life insurance benefits (median) of \$5,000 spouse and \$1,000 for a child below market – 50% provide \$10,000 or more for a spouse and 64% provide \$5,000 or more per child</li> </ul> |
| <b>Long Term Disability –<br/>At Market</b> |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Although plan designs vary by district, waiting periods, plan maximums and benefit levels are within the market median range</li> </ul>  |

*Below Market = below market median practice, At Market = approximates the market median, Above Market = above market median practice*



# Summary of Findings

- There are no significant benefit differences based on district or locale to create disparity among teachers within the State of Wyoming
- Based on the prevalent benefit practice for Wyoming teachers, benefits are competitive when compared to other States. Teachers are above market with regard to retirement and at market for health care, disability and life insurance
  - There are no remarkable differences between the two groups of comparator states
  - Refer to Appendix A for a comparison of Wyoming Teacher benefits to the 12 comparator states
  - Refer to Appendix B for a comparison of Wyoming Teacher benefits to the 6 comparator states.

# Appendix A – Market Prevalence of Practice Report – 12 States

# Appendix B – Market Prevalence of Practice Report – 6 States

**APPENDIX A**

**SUMMARY**

|                                      | <b>12 Comparator States</b> | <b>WY Teachers</b>         |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| <b>DEATH BENEFITS</b>                |                             |                            |
| Basic Group Life                     | 100 % have a plan           | has a plan                 |
| Supplemental Group Life              | 100 % have a plan           | no plan                    |
| Dependent Group Life                 | 92 % have a plan            | has a plan                 |
| Group Survivor Income                | 0 % have a plan             | no plan                    |
| Basic Accidental Death               | 100 % have a plan           | has a plan                 |
| Supplemental Accidental Death        | 58 % have a plan            | no plan                    |
| Business Travel Accident             | 14 % have a plan            | no plan                    |
| <b>DISABILITY BENEFITS</b>           |                             |                            |
| Short Term Disability                | 100 % have a formal plan    | has a plan                 |
| Long Term Disability                 | 83 % have a plan            | has a plan                 |
| <b>HEALTH CARE BENEFITS</b>          |                             |                            |
| Hospital/Medical Plan                | 100 % have a plan           | has a plan                 |
| Retiree Coverage                     | 91 % have a plan            | has a plan                 |
| Separate Prescription Drug Plan      | 100 % have a plan           | has a plan                 |
| Dental Coverage                      | 100 % have a plan           | has a plan                 |
| Vision Care                          | 100 % have a plan           | has a plan                 |
| <b>RETIREMENT BENEFITS</b>           |                             |                            |
| DB Pension and Capital Accumulation  | 83 % have both              | has both                   |
| Defined Benefit Pension Plan         | 83 % have a plan            | has a plan                 |
| 401(k) or Pretax Savings Plan        | 33 % have a plan            | no plan                    |
| Thrift or Post-Tax Savings Plan      | 0 % have a plan             | no plan                    |
| Profit Sharing Plan                  | 0 % have a plan             | no plan                    |
| Employee Stock Ownership Plan (ESOP) | 0 % have a plan             | no plan                    |
| Money Purchase Plan                  | 25 % have a plan            | no plan                    |
| Discount Stock Purchase Plan         | 0 % have a plan             | no plan                    |
| 403(b) Plan                          | 8 % have a plan             | some districts have a plan |
| 457 Plan                             | 83 % have a plan            | has a plan                 |
| <b>HOLIDAYS</b>                      | 100 % provide               | provides                   |
| <b>VACATIONS</b>                     | 100 % provide               | provides                   |
| <b>FLEXIBLE BENEFITS PROGRAM</b>     | 100 % have a plan           | has a plan                 |

|  | <b>12 Comparator States</b>   | <b>WY Teachers</b>  |
|--|---|---|
| <b>BASIC GROUP LIFE</b>                                    | 100 % have a plan   | has plans (41 districts reporting)  |
| Eligibility  | 75 % have immediate eligibility<br>25 % have a waiting period; of these,<br>100 % are 3 months  | has immediate eligibility   |
| Cost   | 100 % are employer-paid   | 90% Employer paid / 10% Cost shared   |
| Basis of Benefit   | 83 % are based on a uniform flat dollar amount<br>17 % are based on a uniform earnings multiple   | based on a uniform flat dollar amount   |
| Amount of Benefit<br>(Plans based on a flat dollar amount) | 20 % provide less than \$15,000<br>10 % provide \$15,000<br>20 % provide \$20,000<br>40 % provide \$25,000<br>10 % provide greater than \$25,000  | Range of benefits from \$10,000 to \$100,000<br>Median = \$40,000<br>Average \$39,000 |
| Maximums   | 0 % have a maximum  | N/A   |
| Retirement Provisions                                      | 62 % cancel coverage<br>38 % continue coverage in full or at a reduced amount   |   |
| Cost of Retiree Coverage                                   | 100 % are retiree-paid  |   |
| <b>SUPPLEMENTAL GROUP LIFE</b>                             | 100 % have a plan   | no plans  |
| Eligibility  | 75 % have immediate eligibility<br>25 % have a waiting period; of these,<br>100 % are 3 months  |   |
| Cost   | 100 % are employee-paid   |   |
| Basis and Amount of Benefit                                | 17 % are based on an earnings multiple that is the employee's choice<br>75 % are based on a flat dollar amount that is the employee's choice (typically \$10,000 to \$350,000)<br>8 % are based on other criteria |   |
| Retirement Provisions                                      | 100 % cancel coverage   |   |

|  | 12 Comparator States  | WY Teachers  |
|--|---|--|
| <b>DEPENDENT GROUP LIFE</b>                                | 92 % have a plan  | has plans  |
| Cost   | 27 % are employer-paid<br>73 % are employee-paid  | 90% Employer paid / 10% Cost shared                          |
| Basis of Benefit   | 40 % are a uniform flat dollar amount<br>60 % are a flat dollar amount that is employee's choice                                    | based on a uniform flat dollar amount                        |
| Maximum Spouse Benefit                                     | 50 % provide \$5,000 or less<br>25 % provide \$10,000<br>25 % provide \$10,001 to \$49,999  | Range of benefit from \$2,000 to \$5,000<br>Median = \$5,000 |
| Maximum Benefit Per Child                                  | 36 % provide less than \$5,000<br>36 % provide \$5,000<br>28 % provide more than \$10,000   | Range of benefit from \$1,000 to \$4,000<br>Median = \$1,000 |
| <b>GROUP SURVIVOR INCOME</b>                               | 0 % have a plan   | no plan  |
| <b>BASIC ACCIDENTAL DEATH</b>                              | 100 % have a plan   |  |
| Cost   | 67 % are employer-paid<br>33 % are cost shared or employee-paid   |  |
| Basis of Benefit   | 64 % are based on a uniform flat dollar amount<br>18 % are based on a uniform earnings multiple<br>18 % are based on other criteria |  |
| Amount of Benefit<br>(Plans based on a flat dollar amount) | 20 % provide \$5,500 or less<br>10 % provide \$15,000<br>20 % provide \$25,000<br>40 % provide \$50,000                             |  |
| Maximums   | 20 % have a maximum   |  |

|                                      | <b>12 Comparator States</b>   | <b>WY Teachers</b>                      |
|--------------------------------------|---|---|
| <b>SUPPLEMENTAL ACCIDENTAL DEATH</b> | 58 % have a plan  | no plan                                 |
| Cost                                 | 100 % are employee-paid   |   |
| Basis and Amount of Benefit          | 72 % are based on a flat dollar amount that is the employee's choice (typically \$10,000 to \$300,000)    |   |
|                                      | 14 % are based on an earnings multiple that is the employee's choice (typically 1 to 3, 4 or 5 times pay) |   |
|                                      | 14 % are based on other criteria  |   |
| <b>BUSINESS TRAVEL ACCIDENT</b>      | 14 % have a plan  | no plan                                 |
| Cost                                 | 100 % are employer-paid   |   |
| <b>LIFE INSURANCE COMBINATIONS</b>   | 8 % provide Basic and Supplemental Group Life   | provides Basic and Dependent Group Life |
|                                      | 92 % provide Basic, Supplemental, and Dependent Group Life  |   |

| 12 Comparator States |   |
|----------------------|---|
| 100 %                | have a formal plan  |
| 42 %                 | are salary continuance plans only   |
| 58 %                 | are a combination   |
| 60 %                 | have immediate eligibility  |
| 40 %                 | have a waiting period; of these,<br>100 % are 3 months  |
| 100 %                | are based on an accumulation of days  |
| 8 %                  | provide 11 days or fewer per year   |
| 58 %                 | provide 12 days per year  |
| 17 %                 | provide 13 or 14 days per year  |
| 17 %                 | provide 15 or more days per year  |
| 17 %                 | have a maximum; of these,<br>100 % allow a maximum of fewer than 60 days  |
| 83 %                 | have no maximum   |
| 100 %                | are private plans or supplements to<br>statutory plans  |
| 57 %                 | are employer-paid   |
| 43 %                 | are employee-paid   |
| 86 %                 | are based on a uniform 60% to 65% of earnings   |
| 14 %                 | are based on a uniform 66% to 70% of earnings   |
| 100 %                | have a weekly maximum; of these,<br>33 % are less than \$750<br>17 % are \$750 to \$999<br>17 % are \$1,000 to \$1,999<br>33 % are \$2,000 to \$3,499 |
| 17 %                 | provide 13 weeks  |
| 17 %                 | provide 14 to 25 weeks  |
| 50 %                 | provide 26 weeks  |
| 16 %                 | provide more than 26 weeks  |

WY Teachers

**SHORT TERM DISABILITY  
(Sick Leave)**

Eligibility

Salary Continuance Plans  
(may include PTO days)  
Accumulation of Days

Insured STD Plans  
Basis of Plan

Cost

Amount of Benefit  
(uniform earnings percent plans)

Maximum Benefit

Maximum Duration of Benefit

Leave of absence policies vary greatly  
by district



PREVALENCE OF BENEFITS PRACTICES  
**DISABILITY BENEFITS**

|   | <b>12 Comparator States</b>  | <b>WY Teachers</b>   |
|---|--|--|
| <b>LONG TERM DISABILITY</b>                                     |  |  |
| Eligibility   | 83 % have a plan<br>75 % have immediate eligibility<br>25 % have a waiting period  | has plans (37 districts reporting)   |
| Cost  | 73 % are employer-paid<br>27 % are employee-paid   | 81% employer-paid / 19% cost shared  |
| Exclusion Period<br>(for plans with a uniform number of months) | 29 % begin LTD benefits after 3 months of disability<br>71 % begin LTD benefits after 6 months of disability   | Range of 90 to 180 days  |
| Amount of Benefit   | 100 % base benefits on a flat percent of earnings; of these,<br>9 % provide 55% of pay or less<br>73 % provide 60% of pay<br>18 % provide 65% to 70% of pay                    | Monthly benefit maximum of \$1,000 to \$7,000<br>Percentage of Salary benefit 50% to 66 2/3% |
| Maximum Benefit   | 100 % have a monthly maximum; of these,<br>34 % are less than \$5,000<br>11 % are \$5,000<br>22 % are \$5,001 to \$9,999<br>22 % are \$10,000<br>11 % are \$10,001 to \$14,999 |  |
| Social Security Offset  | 100 % directly offset by family Social Security  | 62% offset by Social Security  |

**APPENDIX A**

**PREVALENCE OF BENEFITS PRACTICES  
HEALTH CARE BENEFITS**

| <b>HOSPITAL/MEDICAL PLAN</b> | <b>12 Comparator States</b>   | <b>WY Teachers</b>                         |
|------------------------------|---|--|
| Eligibility                  | 100 % have a plan<br><br>75 % have immediate eligibility<br>25 % have a waiting period  | have plans (46 districts reporting)        |
| Cost<br><br>Employee         | 92 % require the same contributions for all salary levels; of these,<br>33 % are employer-paid<br>67 % involve cost sharing; of these,<br>43 % require the employee to pay less than 15%<br>43 % require the employee to pay 15% to 29%<br>14 % require the employee to pay 30% or more | Most involve cost sharing of less than 15% |
| Dependents                   | 10 % are employer-paid<br>80 % involve cost sharing; of these,<br>14 % require the employee to pay less than 15%<br>43 % require the employee to pay 15% to 29%<br>43 % require the employee to pay 30% or more<br>10 % are employee-paid   | Most involve cost sharing of less than 15% |
| Prevalent Plan Type          | 42 % have an HMO as the prevalent plan<br>50 % have a PPO as the prevalent plan<br>8 % have a Point-of-Service as the prevalent plan  | PPO Plans                                  |

| HOSPITAL/MEDICAL PLAN (Continued) | 12 Comparator States  | WY Teachers |
|-----------------------------------|---|-------------|
| Hospitalization Benefits          |   |             |
| Deductible                        | 8 % have no deductible<br>50 % are subject to the medical plan deductible<br>42 % have a separate hospital deductible or copay  |             |
| Basis of Room and Board Benefit   | 100 % base coverage on a percent of recognized charges;<br>of these,<br>42 % pay 80% or less of semiprivate rate<br>17 % pay 81% to 89% of semiprivate rate<br>8 % pay 90% of semiprivate rate<br>33 % pay 100% of semiprivate rate |             |
| Maximum                           | 100 % have no maximum   |             |
| In Hospital Doctor's Visit        | 83 % base coverage on a percent of recognized charges;<br>of these,<br>55 % pay 80% or less<br>9 % pay 81% to 89%<br>9 % pay 90%<br>27 % pay 100%<br>17 % base coverage on a copay per visit or a<br>dollar schedule                |             |
| Psychiatric Care in the Hospital  | 100 % provide coverage  |             |
| Basis of Benefit                  | 30 % pay 80% or less of recognized charges<br>10 % pay 81% to 89% of recognized charges<br>10 % pay 90% of recognized charges<br>50 % pay 100% of recognized charges  |             |

| HOSPITAL/MEDICAL PLAN (Continued) | 12 Comparator States  | WY Teachers |
|-----------------------------------|---|-------------|
| Surgical Benefits                 |   |             |
| Deductible                        | 8 % are subject to a separate surgical deductible<br>50 % are subject to the medical plan deductible<br>42 % have no deductible   |             |
| Basis of Benefit                  | 92 % base coverage on a percent of recognized charges;<br>of these,<br>42 % pay 80% or less<br>16 % pay 81% to 89%<br>42 % pay 100%   |             |
| Doctor's Office Visits            | 100 % cover doctor's office visits  |             |
| Deductible/Copay                  | 92 % have a separate deductible or copay<br>8 % are subject to the medical plan deductible  |             |
| Copay                             | coverage is based on a percent of recognized charges<br>(typically 100%) after a copay; of these,<br>9 % have a copay of less than \$10<br>18 % have a copay of \$10<br>27 % have a copay of \$15<br>27 % have a copay of \$20<br>9 % have a copay of \$25<br>10 % have a copay of more than \$25 |             |
| Preventive Care                   |   |             |
| Well-baby Care                    | 100 % provide coverage  |             |
| Routine Doctor's Office Visits    | 100 % provide coverage  |             |

| HOSPITAL/MEDICAL PLAN (Continued)              | 12 Comparator States   | WY Teachers |
|--|--|-------------|
| Outpatient Psychiatric Care                    | 100 % provide coverage   |             |
| Deductible/Copay                               | 10 % have no deductible<br>10 % are subject to the medical plan deductible<br>80 % have a separate deductible or copay   |             |
| Basis of Benefit                               | 10 % pay 80% or less of recognized charges<br>10 % pay 81% to 89% of recognized charges<br>80 % pay 100% of recognized charges                                     |             |
| Outpatient Imaging/X-ray & Lab Tests           | 42 % pay 80% or less of recognized charges<br>8 % pay 81% to 89% of recognized charges<br>8 % pay 90% of recognized charges<br>42 % pay 100% of recognized charges |             |
| Skilled Nursing Home or Extended Care Facility | 62 % pay 100% of recognized charges<br>38 % pay less than 100% of recognized charges   |             |
| Emergency Accident/Illness Benefit             | 80 % have a separate deductible or copay<br>20 % are subject to the medical plan deductible  |             |
| Basis of Benefit                               | 20 % pay 80% of recognized charges<br>10 % pay 81% to 99% of recognized charges<br>70 % pay 100% of recognized charges   |             |

| HOSPITAL/MEDICAL PLAN (Continued)  | 12 Comparator States   | WY Teachers |
|--|--|-------------|
| Medical Plan Coverage  |  |             |
| Deductible   | 25 % have no deductible<br>75 % have a deductible; of these,   |             |
| Individual   | 100 % have a flat dollar individual deductible; of these,<br>22 % are \$200 or less<br>22 % are \$201 to \$299<br>11 % are \$300<br>34 % are \$301 to \$499<br>11 % are greater than \$700   |             |
| Family   | 100 % have a family maximum deductible; of these,<br>22 % are \$400 to \$500<br>45 % are \$501 to \$999<br>22 % are \$1,000 to \$1,499<br>11 % are \$1,500 or greater  |             |
| Coinsurance Design<br>(With or without stop loss limits)   | 42 % reimburse 80% of eligible charges<br>33 % reimburse 81% to 99% of eligible charges<br>25 % reimburse 100% of eligible charges   |             |
| Stop Loss Limits<br>Does not Include Deductibles<br>(One company can have both<br>individual and family<br>out-of-pocket maximums) | 8 % have uniform coinsurance<br>25 % provide out-of-pocket limits for copays only<br>67 % provide out-of-pocket limits above which 100%<br>of eligible charges are paid; of these,<br>100 % are based on the amount paid by an<br>individual; of these,<br>13 % are \$999 or less<br>13 % are \$1,000<br>37 % are \$2,001 to \$2,999<br>37 % are \$3,000 or greater<br>88 % are based on the amount paid by a<br>family; of these,<br>14 % are \$1,999 or less<br>14 % are \$2,000 to \$3,000<br>29 % are \$3,001 to \$4,999<br>29 % are \$6,000 to \$7,000<br>14 % are greater than \$7,000 |             |

| HOSPITAL/MEDICAL PLAN (Continued)               | 12 Comparator States  | WY Teachers |
|---|---|-------------|
| Medical Plan Coverage (Continued)               |   |             |
| Maximum   | 50 % have a lifetime maximum; of these,<br>17 % are \$1,000,000<br>66 % are \$2,000,000<br>17 % are \$2,000,001 to \$4,999,999<br>50 % have no maximum  |             |
| <b>RETIREE COVERAGE</b>                         |   |             |
| Cost (Normal Retirees)<br>Retiree Coverage      | 8 % cover early retirees only<br>83 % cover both early and normal retirees<br>9 % cover neither   |             |
| Dependent Coverage                              | 44 % involve cost sharing<br>56 % are retiree-paid<br><br>44 % involve cost sharing<br>56 % are retiree-paid  |             |
| <b>PRESCRIPTION DRUGS</b>                       |   |             |
| Generic or Lowest Copay<br>(For separate plans) | 100 % cover under a separate plan<br><br>18 % have a copay of \$5<br>9 % have a copay of \$6 to \$9<br>18 % have a copay of \$10<br>46 % have a copay of \$11 to \$14<br>9 % have a copay of \$15 |             |
| Formulary Drug Copay<br>(For separate plans)    | 10 % have a copay of less than \$10<br>30 % have a copay of \$15 to \$19<br>30 % have a copay of \$20<br>30 % have a copay of \$25  |             |
| Brand Name Copay<br>(For separate plans)        | 9 % have a copay of \$15<br>9 % have a copay of \$25<br>18 % have a copay of \$26 to \$34<br>9 % have a copay of \$35<br>46 % have a copay of \$40<br>9 % have a copay of \$50                    |             |

| DENTAL COVERAGE   | 12 Comparator States   | WY Teachers       |
|---|--|-------------------|
| Eligibility   | 100 % covered under a separate plan<br><br>40 % have a waiting period; of these,<br>50 % are 1 month<br>50 % are 3 months<br>60 % have immediate eligibility   | provides coverage |
| Cost  |  |                   |
| Employee  | 10 % are employer-paid<br>30 % are employee-paid<br>10 % are included in medical cost<br>50 % involve cost sharing; of these,<br>25 % require the employee to pay less than 20%<br>50 % require the employee to pay 20% to 39%<br>25 % require the employee to pay 40% or more |                   |
| Dependents  | 10 % are employer-paid<br>30 % are employee-paid<br>10 % are included in medical cost<br>50 % involve cost sharing; of these,<br>25 % require the employee to pay less than 20%<br>25 % require the employee to pay 20% to 39%<br>50 % require the employee to pay 40% or more |                   |
| Basis of Coverage   | 17 % have a uniform coinsurance<br>83 % coinsurance varies by type of expense  |                   |
| Coinsurance<br>(dollar schedules have been converted to percentage of recognized charges) | 91 % reimburse 100% for preventive<br>91 % reimburse 80% for basic restorative<br>77 % reimburse 50% for major restorative   |                   |
| Deductible  | 90 % have a deductible; of these,<br>12 % are \$25<br>88 % are \$50  |                   |



| DENTAL COVERAGE (Continued) | 12 Comparator States  | WY Teachers                                |
|-----------------------------|---|--|
|                             | Waiver of Deductible  | 100 % waive deductible for preventive care |
| Maximum                     | 91 % have a separate non-orthodontic annual maximum; of these,<br>11 % are less than \$1,000 per year<br>34 % are \$1,000 per year<br>11 % are \$1,001 to \$1,499 per year<br>22 % are \$1,500 per year<br>22 % are greater than \$1,500 per year |  |
| Orthodontia                 |   |  |
| Coverage                    | 67 % cover orthodontia; of these,<br>88 % base coverage on 50% of recognized charges  |  |
| Maximum                     | 100 % have a lifetime orthodontic maximum; of these,<br>12 % are \$1,000<br>50 % are \$1,500<br>12 % are \$1,501 to \$1,999<br>25 % are \$2,000   |  |
| <b>VISION CARE</b>          | 100 % covered under a separate plan   |  |

| <b>DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION AND CAPITAL ACCUMULATION PLAN COMBINATIONS</b> | <b>12 Comparator States</b>  | <b>WY Teachers</b>  |
|---|--|---|
| Qualified   | 8 % have a defined benefit pension plan and capital accumulation plan(s) w/ employer contribution<br>75 % have a defined benefit pension plan and capital accumulation plan(s) w/o employer contribution<br>17 % have a capital accumulation plan(s) only w/ employer contribution | defined benefit pension plan and capital accumulation plan w/o employer contribution (47 districts reporting) |
| Nonqualified  | 100 % have neither   |   |
| <b>DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN</b>                                       |  |   |
| Qualified Plan  | 83 % have a plan   | has a plan  |
| Eligibility   | 67 % have immediate eligibility<br>33 % have a minimum age of 21 only  | immediate eligibility   |
| Cost  | 20 % are employer-paid<br>80 % require some employee contributions   | 85% of districts pay full 14.12%<br>15% require employee contribution - 1.43%                                 |
| Vesting   | 67 % have full vesting after 5 years of service<br>33 % have other vesting requirements  | full vesting after 4 years of service   |
| Disability Benefit  | 25 % continue service accrual<br>% have no disability provision<br>75 % reduced or unreduced benefit payable   | provides reduced accrued benefit payable immediately  |
| Early Retirement Provision  | 100 % provide reduced and unreduced  | reduced and unreduced early retirement  |
| COLA (in Last 10 Years)   | 88 % provide   | provides  |
| Basis of Benefit  | 100 % are final average pay plans  | final average pay plan  |
| Type of Formula (Final Average Plans)                                     | 80 % uniform percent of pay per years of service<br>20 % flat percent after specified years of service   | percent that varies according to years of service   |

| DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN (Continued)                   | 12 Comparator States   | WY Teachers   |
|--|--|---|
| Qualified Plan (Continued)                                 |  |   |
| Basis of Final Average Formula                             | 78 % are based on highest or final 3 years<br>22 % are based on highest or final 5 years | is based on highest or final 3 years                          |
| Accrual for Uniform Plans<br>(average 2.00%)               | 25 % accrue less than 1.75%<br>50 % accrue 2.00%<br>25 % accrue more than 2.00%          | accrues 2.12% for the first 15 years of service<br>then 2.25% |
| Accrual below Integration Level<br>(Step-Rate Plans)       | 100 % accrue 1.50% or more   |   |
| Add'l Accrual above Integration Level<br>(Step-Rate Plans) | 100 % accrue 1.00% or more   |   |
| Integration Level<br>(Step-Rate Plans)                     | 100 % are a specified amount other than Social Security                                  |   |
| Social Security Offset                                     | 100 % do not have an offset  | has no offset   |

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**PREVALENCE OF BENEFITS PRACTICES  
RETIREMENT BENEFITS**

| <b>CAPITAL ACCUMULATION</b>          | <b>12 Comparator States</b>  | <b>WY Teachers</b>  |
|--------------------------------------|--|---|
| 401(k) or Pretax Savings Plan        | 33 % have a plan   | no plan   |
| Employer Contributions               | 25 % provide an employer match   |   |
| Thrift or Post-Tax Savings Plan      | 0 % have a separate plan<br>0 % have a plan that is a provision of the pretax plan         | no plan   |
| Profit Sharing Plan                  | 0 % have a plan  | no plan   |
| Employee Stock Ownership Plan (ESOP) | 0 % have a plan  | no plan   |
| Money Purchase Plan                  | 25 % have a plan   | no plan   |
| Employee Contributions               | 50 % do not require or allow employee contributions<br>50 % require employee contributions |   |
| Discount Stock Purchase Plan         | 0 % have a plan  | no plan   |
| 403(b) Plan                          | 8 % have a plan  | Some districts have a plan  |
| 457 Plan                             | 83 % have a plan<br>0 % provide an employer match  | districts have access to the 457 plan offered through the WRS<br>no match |

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**PREVALENCE OF BENEFITS PRACTICES  
HOLIDAYS AND VACATIONS**

|  | <b>12 Comparator States</b>   | <b>WY Teachers</b> |
|--|---|--------------------|
| <b>HOLIDAYS</b>                                      |   |                    |
| Total (Fixed and Floating)<br>(may include PTO days) | 100 % provide holidays; of these,<br>33 % provide 10 holidays<br>33 % provide 11 holidays<br>33 % provide 12 holidays   | Data not provided  |
| Floating Holidays                                    | 8 % provide floating holidays or personal holiday   |                    |
| <b>VACATIONS</b>                                     |   |                    |
| Vacation Days<br>(may include PTO days)              | 67 % provide 11 to 14 days at 2 years of service<br>50 % provide 15 days at 5 years of service<br>40 % provide 15 days at 10 years of service<br>50 % provide 20 days at 10 years of service<br>60 % provide 21 to 24 days at 15 years of service<br>70 % provide 21 to 24 days at 20 years of service<br>74 % provide a maximum of 21 to 24 days | Data not provided  |
| Sabbatical/Long Service Vacation                     | 0 % provide   |                    |
| Special Executive Vacation Schedule                  | 0 % provide special vacation schedules for executives   |                    |

|  | 12 Comparator States   | WY Teachers       |
|--|--|-------------------|
| <b>TUITION REIMBURSEMENT</b>   | 40 % have a policy; of these,<br>50 % are paid in full<br>50 % are based on grade  | Data not provided |
| <b>CHILD CARE</b><br>(Each company may provide more than one service)                      | 100 % have a policy; of these,<br>100 % permit pretax contributions to an FSA<br>17 % provide a referral service<br>17 % provide a subsidized off-site facility<br>33 % provide discounts  |                   |
| <b>ON-SITE CAFETERIA</b>   | 0 % have a cafeteria   |                   |
| <b>COMMUTING ASSISTANCE</b><br>(Each company may provide more than one form of assistance) | 40 % have a plan; of these,<br>100 % reimburse or pre-pay transportation system expenses; transit checks (with employer contributions)<br>50 % provide company vans, buses, or carpools<br>50 % coordinate employee carpools<br>50 % provide some other form of assistance |                   |
| <b>FLEXIBLE BENEFITS PROGRAM</b>   | 100 % have a plan; of these,<br>100 % have flexible spending accounts<br>0 % have a full cafeteria plan  |                   |

**APPENDIX B**

**SUMMARY**

|                                      | <b>6 Comparator States</b> | <b>WY Teachers</b>         |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| <b>DEATH BENEFITS</b>                |                            |                            |
| Basic Group Life                     | 100 % have a plan          | has a plan                 |
| Supplemental Group Life              | 100 % have a plan          | no plan                    |
| Dependent Group Life                 | 83 % have a plan           | has a plan                 |
| Group Survivor Income                | 0 % have a plan            | no plan                    |
| Basic Accidental Death               | 100 % have a plan          | has a plan                 |
| Supplemental Accidental Death        | 33 % have a plan           | no plan                    |
| Business Travel Accident             | 0 % have a plan            | no plan                    |
| <b>DISABILITY BENEFITS</b>           |                            |                            |
| Short Term Disability                | 100 % have a formal plan   | has a plan                 |
| Long Term Disability                 | 83 % have a plan           | has a plan                 |
| <b>HEALTH CARE BENEFITS</b>          |                            |                            |
| Hospital/Medical Plan                | 100 % have a plan          | has a plan                 |
| Retiree Coverage                     | 83 % have a plan           | has a plan                 |
| Separate Prescription Drug Plan      | 100 % have a plan          | has a plan                 |
| Dental Coverage                      | 100 % have a plan          | has a plan                 |
| Vision Care                          | 100 % have a plan          | has a plan                 |
| <b>RETIREMENT BENEFITS</b>           |                            |                            |
| DB Pension and Capital Accumulation  | 83 % have both             | has both                   |
| Defined Benefit Pension Plan         | 83 % have a plan           | has a plan                 |
| 401(k) or Pretax Savings Plan        | 50 % have a plan           | no plan                    |
| Thrift or Post-Tax Savings Plan      | 0 % have a plan            | no plan                    |
| Profit Sharing Plan                  | 0 % have a plan            | no plan                    |
| Employee Stock Ownership Plan (ESOP) | 0 % have a plan            | no plan                    |
| Money Purchase Plan                  | 33 % have a plan           | no plan                    |
| Discount Stock Purchase Plan         | 0 % have a plan            | no plan                    |
| 403(b) Plan                          | 16 % have a plan           | some districts have a plan |
| 457 Plan                             | 83 % have a plan           | has a plan                 |
| <b>HOLIDAYS</b>                      |                            |                            |
|                                      | 100 % provide              | provides                   |
| <b>VACATIONS</b>                     |                            |                            |
|                                      | 100 % provide              | provides                   |
| <b>FLEXIBLE BENEFITS PROGRAM</b>     |                            |                            |
|                                      | 100 % have a plan          | has a plan                 |

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**PREVALENCE OF BENEFITS PRACTICES  
DEATH BENEFITS**

|  | <b>6 Comparator States</b>   | <b>WY Teachers</b>  |
|--|--|---|
| <b>BASIC GROUP LIFE</b>                                    |  |   |
|  | 100 % have a plan  | has plans (41 districts reporting)  |
| Eligibility  | 50 % have immediate eligibility<br>50 % have a waiting period; of these,<br>100 % are 3 months   | has immediate eligibility   |
| Cost   | 100 % are employer-paid  | 90% Employer paid / 10% Cost shared   |
| Basis of Benefit   | 67 % are based on a uniform flat dollar amount<br>33 % are based on a uniform earnings multiple  | based on a uniform flat dollar amount   |
| Amount of Benefit<br>(Plans based on a flat dollar amount) | 50 % provide between \$10,000 and \$24,999<br>50 % provide \$25,000<br>100 % provide 1 times pay   | Range of benefits from \$10,000 to \$100,000<br>Median = \$40,000<br>Average \$39,000 |
| Maximums   | 0 % have a maximum   | N/A   |
| Retirement Provisions                                      | 75 % cancel coverage<br>25 % continue coverage in full or at a reduced amount  |   |
| Cost of Retiree Coverage                                   | 100 % are retiree-paid   |   |
| <b>SUPPLEMENTAL GROUP LIFE</b>                             | 100 % have a plan  | no plans  |
| Eligibility  | 50 % have immediate eligibility<br>50 % have a waiting period; of these,<br>100 % are 3 months   |   |
| Cost   | 100 % are employee-paid  |   |
| Basis and Amount of Benefit                                | 33 % are based on an earnings multiple that is the employee's choice<br>50 % are based on a flat dollar amount that is the employee's choice (typically \$10,000 to \$500,000)<br>17 % are based on other criteria |   |
| Retirement Provisions                                      | 100 % cancel coverage  |   |



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DEATH BENEFITS**

|  | <b>6 Comparator States</b>  | <b>WY Teachers</b>   |
|--|---|--|
| <b>DEPENDENT GROUP LIFE</b>                                |   |  |
|  | 83 % have a plan  | has plans  |
| Cost   | 20 % are employer-paid<br>80 % are employee-paid  | 90% Employer paid / 10% Cost shared                          |
| Basis of Benefit   | 50 % are a uniform flat dollar amount<br>50 % are a flat dollar amount that is employee's choice                                    | based on a uniform flat dollar amount                        |
| Maximum Spouse Benefit                                     | 67 % provide \$2,000<br>33 % provide \$10,000   | Range of benefit from \$2,000 to \$5,000<br>Median = \$5,000 |
| Maximum Benefit Per Child                                  | 40 % provide less than \$1,000<br>20 % provide \$5,000<br>40 % provide \$10,000   | Range of benefit from \$1,000 to \$4,000<br>Median = \$1,000 |
| <b>GROUP SURVIVOR INCOME</b>                               | 0 % have a plan   | no plan  |
| <b>BASIC ACCIDENTAL DEATH</b>                              | 100 % have a plan   |  |
| Cost   | 50 % are employer-paid<br>50 % are cost shared or employee-paid   |  |
| Basis of Benefit   | 50 % are based on a uniform flat dollar amount<br>33 % are based on a uniform earnings multiple<br>17 % are based on other criteria |  |
| Amount of Benefit<br>(Plans based on a flat dollar amount) | 33 % provide less than \$10,000<br>67 % provide between \$20,000 and \$50,000   |  |
| Maximums   | 25 % have a maximum   |  |

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DEATH BENEFITS**

|                                      | <b>6 Comparator States</b>  | <b>WY Teachers</b>                      |
|--------------------------------------|---|---|
| <b>SUPPLEMENTAL ACCIDENTAL DEATH</b> | 33 % have a plan  | no plan                                 |
| Cost                                 | 100 % are employee-paid   |   |
| Basis and Amount of Benefit          | 50 % are based on a flat dollar amount that is the employee's choice (typically \$10,000 to \$300,000)    |   |
|                                      | 50 % are based on an earnings multiple that is the employee's choice (typically 1 to 3, 4 or 5 times pay) |   |
| <b>BUSINESS TRAVEL ACCIDENT</b>      | 0 % have a plan   | no plan                                 |
| Cost                                 |   |   |
| <b>LIFE INSURANCE COMBINATIONS</b>   | 17 % provide Basic and Supplemental Group Life  | provides Basic and Dependent Group Life |
|                                      | 83 % provide Basic, Supplemental, and Dependent Group Life  |   |

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**PREVALENCE OF BENEFITS PRACTICES  
DISABILITY BENEFITS**

|   | <b>6 Comparator States</b>  | <b>WY Teachers</b>                                    |
|---|---|---|
| <b>SHORT TERM DISABILITY<br/>(Sick Leave)</b>         |   |   |
|   | 100 % have a formal plan  |   |
|   | 50 % are salary continuance plans only  |   |
|   | 50 % are a combination  |   |
| Eligibility   | 33 % have immediate eligibility   |   |
|   | 67 % have a waiting period; of these,<br>100 % are 3 months                   |   |
| Salary Continuance Plans<br>(may include PTO days)    | 100 % are based on an accumulation of days                                    | Leave of absence policies vary greatly<br>by district |
| Accumulation of Days                                  | 16 % provide 11 days or fewer per year  |   |
|   | 34 % provide 12 days per year   |   |
|   | 34 % provide 13 or 14 days per year   |   |
|   | 16 % provide 15 or more days per year   |   |
|   | 17 % have a maximum; of these,<br>100 % allow a maximum of fewer than 60 days |   |
|   | 83 % have no maximum  |   |
| Insured STD Plans                                     |   |   |
| Basis of Plan   | 100 % are private plans or supplements to<br>statutory plans                  |   |
| Cost  | 67 % are employer-paid  |   |
|   | 33 % are employee-paid  |   |
| Amount of Benefit<br>(uniform earnings percent plans) | 100 % are based on a uniform 60% to 65% of earnings                           |   |
| Maximum Benefit                                       | 100 % have a weekly maximum; of these,<br>50 % are less than \$750            |   |
|   | 50 % are \$2,000 to \$3,499   |   |
| Maximum Duration of Benefit                           | 67 % provide 26 weeks   |   |
|   | 33 % provide more than 26 weeks   |   |

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DISABILITY BENEFITS**

|   | <b>6 Comparator States</b>   | <b>WY Teachers</b>   |
|---|--|--|
| <b>LONG TERM DISABILITY</b>                                     |  |  |
| Eligibility   | 83 % have a plan<br>75 % have immediate eligibility<br>25 % have a waiting period  | has plans (37 districts reporting)   |
| Cost  | 50 % are employer-paid<br>50 % are employee-paid   | 81% employer-paid / 19% cost shared  |
| Exclusion Period<br>(for plans with a uniform number of months) | 25 % begin LTD benefits after 3 months of disability<br>75 % begin LTD benefits after 6 months of disability   | Range of 90 to 180 days  |
| Amount of Benefit   | 100 % base benefits on a flat percent of earnings; of these,<br>17 % provide 55% of pay or less<br>66 % provide 60% of pay<br>17 % provide 65% to 70% of pay | Monthly benefit maximum of \$1,000 to \$7,000<br>Percentage of Salary benefit 50% to 66 2/3% |
| Maximum Benefit   | 100 % have a monthly maximum; of these,<br>25 % are less than \$5,000<br>25 % are \$5,000<br>25 % are \$5,001 to \$9,999<br>25 % are \$10,000                |  |
| Social Security Offset  | 100 % directly offset by family Social Security  | 62% offset by Social Security  |

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**PREVALENCE OF BENEFITS PRACTICES  
HEALTH CARE BENEFITS**

|                              | <b>6 Comparator States</b>   | <b>WY Teachers</b>                         |
|------------------------------|--|--|
| <b>HOSPITAL/MEDICAL PLAN</b> | 100 % have a plan  | have plans (46 districts reporting)        |
| Eligibility                  | 50 % have immediate eligibility<br>50 % have a waiting period  |  |
| Cost                         | 100 % require the same contributions for all salary levels; of these,<br>33 % are employer-paid<br>67 % involve cost sharing; of these,<br>67 % require the employee to pay less than 15%<br>33 % require the employee to pay 15% to 29% | Most involve cost sharing of less than 15% |
| Employee                     |  |  |
| Dependents                   | 0 % are employer-paid<br>80 % involve cost sharing; of these,<br>33 % require the employee to pay less than 15%<br>33 % require the employee to pay 15% to 29%<br>34 % require the employee to pay 30% or more<br>20 % are employee-paid | Most involve cost sharing of less than 15% |
| Prevalent Plan Type          | 17 % have an HMO as the prevalent plan<br>67 % have a PPO as the prevalent plan<br>16 % have a Point-of-Service as the prevalent plan  | PPO Plans                                  |

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HEALTH CARE BENEFITS**

| <b>HOSPITAL/MEDICAL PLAN (Continued)</b> | <b>6 Comparator States</b>  | <b>WY Teachers</b> |
|--|---|--------------------|
| Hospitalization Benefits                 |   |                    |
| Deductible                               | 0 % have no deductible<br>83 % are subject to the medical plan deductible<br>17 % have a separate hospital deductible or copay  |                    |
| Basis of Room and Board Benefit          | 100 % base coverage on a percent of recognized charges;<br>of these,<br>50 % pay 80% or less of semiprivate rate<br>33 % pay 81% to 89% of semiprivate rate<br>17 % pay 90% of semiprivate rate<br>0 % pay 100% of semiprivate rate |                    |
| Maximum                                  | 100 % have no maximum   |                    |
| In Hospital Doctor's Visit               | 83 % base coverage on a percent of recognized charges;<br>of these,<br>55 % pay 80% or less<br>9 % pay 81% to 89%<br>9 % pay 90%<br>27 % pay 100%<br>17 % base coverage on a copay per visit or a<br>dollar schedule                |                    |
| Psychiatric Care in the Hospital         | 100 % provide coverage  |                    |
| Basis of Benefit                         | 40 % pay 80% or less of recognized charges<br>20 % pay 81% to 89% of recognized charges<br>20 % pay 90% of recognized charges<br>20 % pay 100% of recognized charges  |                    |

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HEALTH CARE BENEFITS**

| <b>HOSPITAL/MEDICAL PLAN (Continued)</b> | <b>6 Comparator States</b>   | <b>WY Teachers</b> |
|--|--|--------------------|
| Surgical Benefits                        |  |                    |
| Deductible                               | 0 % are subject to a separate surgical deductible<br>67 % are subject to the medical plan deductible<br>33 % have no deductible  |                    |
| Basis of Benefit                         | 83 % base coverage on a percent of recognized charges;<br>of these,<br>60 % pay 80% or less<br>40 % pay 81% to 89%<br>0 % pay 100%   |                    |
| Doctor's Office Visits                   | 100 % cover doctor's office visits   |                    |
| Deductible/Copay                         | 83 % have a separate deductible or copay<br>17 % are subject to the medical plan deductible  |                    |
| Copay                                    | coverage is based on a percent of recognized charges<br>(typically 100%) after a copay; of these,<br>0 % have a copay of less than \$10<br>0 % have a copay of \$10<br>40 % have a copay of \$15<br>40 % have a copay of \$20<br>0 % have a copay of \$25<br>20 % have a copay of more than \$25 |                    |
| Preventive Care                          |  |                    |
| Well-baby Care                           | 100 % provide coverage   |                    |
| Routine Doctor's Office Visits           | 100 % provide coverage   |                    |

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| <b>HOSPITAL/MEDICAL PLAN (Continued)</b>       | <b>6 Comparator States</b>  | <b>WY Teachers</b> |
|--|---|--------------------|
| Outpatient Psychiatric Care                    | 100 % provide coverage  |                    |
| Deductible/Copay                               | 0 % have no deductible<br>20 % are subject to the medical plan deductible<br>80 % have a separate deductible or copay   |                    |
| Basis of Benefit                               | 20 % pay 80% or less of recognized charges<br>20 % pay 81% to 89% of recognized charges<br>60 % pay 100% of recognized charges                                      |                    |
| Outpatient Imaging/X-ray & Lab Tests           | 50 % pay 80% or less of recognized charges<br>16 % pay 81% to 89% of recognized charges<br>0 % pay 90% of recognized charges<br>34 % pay 100% of recognized charges |                    |
| Skilled Nursing Home or Extended Care Facility | 67 % pay 100% of recognized charges<br>33 % pay less than 100% of recognized charges  |                    |
| Emergency Accident/Illness Benefit             | 60 % have a separate deductible or copay<br>40 % are subject to the medical plan deductible   |                    |
| Basis of Benefit                               | 20 % pay 80% of recognized charges<br>20 % pay 81% to 99% of recognized charges<br>60 % pay 100% of recognized charges  |                    |



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| <b>HOSPITAL/MEDICAL PLAN (Continued)</b>   | <b>6 Comparator States</b>  | <b>WY Teachers</b> |
|--|---|--------------------|
| Medical Plan Coverage  |   |                    |
| Deductible   | 25 % have no deductible<br>75 % have a deductible; of these,  |                    |
| Individual   | 100 % have a flat dollar individual deductible; of these,<br>0 % are \$200 or less<br>33 % are \$201 to \$299<br>17 % are \$300<br>34 % are \$301 to \$499<br>16 % are greater than \$700   |                    |
| Family   | 100 % have a family maximum deductible; of these,<br>20 % are \$400 to \$500<br>40 % are \$501 to \$999<br>20 % are \$1,000 to \$2,999<br>20 % are \$3,000 or greater   |                    |
| Coinsurance Design<br>(With or without stop loss limits)   | 50 % reimburse 80% of eligible charges<br>50 % reimburse 81% to 99% of eligible charges<br>0 % reimburse 100% of eligible charges   |                    |
| Stop Loss Limits<br>Does not Include Deductibles<br>(One company can have both<br>individual and family<br>out-of-pocket maximums) | 16 % have uniform coinsurance<br>0 % provide out-of-pocket limits for copays only<br>84 % provide out-of-pocket limits above which 100%<br>of eligible charges are paid; of these,<br>100 % are based on the amount paid by an<br>individual; of these,<br>0 % are \$999 or less<br>20 % are \$1,000<br>60 % are \$2,000 to \$2,999<br>20 % are \$3,000 or greater<br>67 % are based on the amount paid by a<br>family; of these,<br>0 % are \$1,999 or less<br>25 % are \$2,000 to \$3,000<br>50 % are \$3,001 to \$5,000<br>25 % are \$6,000 to \$7,000<br>0 % are greater than \$7,000 |                    |

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HEALTH CARE BENEFITS**

|   | <b>6 Comparator States</b>  | <b>WY Teachers</b> |
|---|---|--------------------|
| <b>HOSPITAL/MEDICAL PLAN (Continued)</b>        |   |                    |
| Medical Plan Coverage (Continued)               |   |                    |
| Maximum   | 67 % have a lifetime maximum; of these,<br>25 % are \$1,000,000<br>50 % are \$2,000,000<br>25 % are \$2,000,001 to \$4,999,999  |                    |
|   | 33 % have no maximum  |                    |
| <b>RETIREE COVERAGE</b>                         |   |                    |
|   | 16 % cover early retirees only  |                    |
|   | 67 % cover both early and normal retirees   |                    |
|   | 17 % cover neither  |                    |
| Cost (Normal Retirees)<br>Retiree Coverage      | 20 % involve cost sharing<br>80 % are retiree-paid  |                    |
| Dependent Coverage                              | 20 % involve cost sharing<br>80 % are retiree-paid  |                    |
| <b>PRESCRIPTION DRUGS</b>                       |   |                    |
| Generic or Lowest Copay<br>(For separate plans) | 17 % have a copay of \$5 or less<br>17 % have a copay of \$6 to \$9<br>50 % have a copay of \$10<br>16 % have a copay of \$11 to \$14<br>0 % have a copay of \$15               |                    |
| Formulary Drug Copay<br>(For separate plans)    | 20 % have a copay of less than \$10<br>20 % have a copay of \$15 to \$19<br>20 % have a copay of \$20<br>40 % have a copay of \$25  |                    |
| Brand Name Copay<br>(For separate plans)        | 0 % have a copay of \$15<br>25 % have a copay of \$25<br>25 % have a copay of \$26 to \$34<br>0 % have a copay of \$35<br>50 % have a copay of \$40<br>0 % have a copay of \$50 |                    |

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|  | <b>6 Comparator States</b>   | <b>WY Teachers</b> |
|--|--|--------------------|
| <b>DENTAL COVERAGE</b>   |  |                    |
|  | 100 % covered under a separate plan  | provides coverage  |
| Eligibility  | 40 % have a waiting period; of these,<br>50 % are 1 month<br>50 % are 3 months<br>60 % have immediate eligibility  |                    |
| Cost   |  |                    |
| Employee   | 17 % are employer-paid<br>33 % are employee-paid<br>17 % are included in medical cost<br>33 % involve cost sharing; of these,<br>25 % require the employee to pay less than 20%<br>50 % require the employee to pay 20% to 39%<br>25 % require the employee to pay 40% or more |                    |
| Dependents   | 10 % are employer-paid<br>30 % are employee-paid<br>10 % are included in medical cost<br>50 % involve cost sharing; of these,<br>50 % require the employee to pay less than 20%<br>50 % require the employee to pay 20% to 39%<br>0 % require the employee to pay 40% or more  |                    |
| Basis of Coverage  | 33 % have a uniform coinsurance<br>67 % coinsurance varies by type of expense  |                    |
| Coinsurance<br>(dollar schedules have been converted<br>to percentage of recognized charges) | 80 % reimburse 100% for preventive<br>80 % reimburse 80% for basic restorative<br>80 % reimburse 50% for major restorative   |                    |
| Deductible   | 80 % have a deductible; of these,<br>25 % are \$25<br>75 % are \$50  |                    |

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**PREVALENCE OF BENEFITS PRACTICES  
HEALTH CARE BENEFITS**

| <b>DENTAL COVERAGE (Continued)</b> | <b>6 Comparator States</b>  | <b>WY Teachers</b> |
|------------------------------------|---|--------------------|
| Waiver of Deductible               | 100 % waive deductible for preventive care  |                    |
| Maximum                            | 83 % have a separate non-orthodontic annual maximum;<br>of these,<br>20 % are less than \$1,000 per year<br>40 % are \$1,000 per year<br>20 % are \$1,001 to \$1,499 per year<br>20 % are \$1,500 per year<br>0 % are greater than \$1,500 per year |                    |
| Orthodontia                        |   |                    |
| Coverage                           | 67 % cover orthodontia; of these,<br>100 % base coverage on 50% of recognized charges   |                    |
| Maximum                            | 100 % have a lifetime orthodontic maximum; of these,<br>25 % are \$1,000<br>50 % are \$1,500<br>0 % are \$1,501 to \$1,999<br>25 % are \$2,000  |                    |
| <b>VISION CARE</b>                 | 100 % covered under a separate plan   |                    |

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**PREVALENCE OF BENEFITS PRACTICES  
RETIREMENT BENEFITS**

|   | <b>6 Comparator States</b>  | <b>WY Teachers</b>  |
|---|---|---|
| <b>DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION AND CAPITAL ACCUMULATION PLAN COMBINATIONS</b> |   |   |
| Qualified   | 16 % have a defined benefit pension plan and capital accumulation plan(s) w/ employer contribution<br>66 % have a defined benefit pension plan and capital accumulation plan(s) w/o employer contribution<br>16 % have a capital accumulation plan(s) only w/ employer contribution | defined benefit pension plan and capital accumulation plan w/o employer contribution (47 districts reporting) |
| Nonqualified  | 100 % have neither  |   |
| <b>DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN</b>                                       |   |   |
| Qualified Plan  | 83 % have a plan  | has a plan  |
| Eligibility   | 67 % have immediate eligibility<br>33 % have a minimum age of 21 only   | immediate eligibility   |
| Cost  | 33 % are employer-paid<br>67 % require some employee contributions  | 85% of districts pay full 14.12%<br>15% require employee contribution - 1.43%                                 |
| Vesting   | 60 % have full vesting after 5 years of service<br>40 % have other vesting requirements   | full vesting after 4 years of service   |
| Disability Benefit  | 25 % continue service accrual<br>% have no disability provision<br>75 % reduced or unreduced benefit payable  | provides reduced accrued benefit payable immediately  |
| Early Retirement Provision  | 100 % provide reduced and unreduced   | reduced and unreduced early retirement  |
| COLA (in Last 10 Years)   | 83 % provide  | provides  |
| Basis of Benefit  | 100 % are final average pay plans   | final average pay plan  |
| Type of Formula (Final Average Plans)                                     | 100 % uniform percent of pay per years of service<br>0 % flat percent after specified years of service  | percent that varies according to years of service   |

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RETIREMENT BENEFITS**

|  | <b>6 Comparator States</b>   | <b>WY Teachers</b>  |
|--|--|---|
| <b>DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN (Continued)</b>            |  |   |
| Qualified Plan (Continued)                                 |  |   |
| Basis of Final Average Formula                             | 66 % are based on highest or final 3 years<br>33 % are based on highest or final 5 years | is based on highest or final 3 years                          |
| Accrual for Uniform Plans<br>(average 2.00%)               | 25 % accrue less than 1.75%<br>75 % accrue 2.00%<br>0 % accrue more than 2.00%           | accrues 2.12% for the first 15 years of service<br>then 2.25% |
| Accrual below Integration Level<br>(Step-Rate Plans)       | 100 % accrue 1.50% or more   |   |
| Add'l Accrual above Integration Level<br>(Step-Rate Plans) | 100 % accrue 1.00% or more   |   |
| Integration Level<br>(Step-Rate Plans)                     | 100 % are a specified amount other than Social Security                                  |   |
| Social Security Offset                                     | 100 % do not have an offset  | has no offset   |

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RETIREMENT BENEFITS**

|                                      | <b>6 Comparator States</b>   | <b>WY Teachers</b>  |
|--------------------------------------|--|---|
| <b>CAPITAL ACCUMULATION</b>          |  |   |
| 401(k) or Pretax Savings Plan        | 50 % have a plan   | no plan   |
| Employer Contributions               | 33 % provide an employer match   |   |
| Thrift or Post-Tax Savings Plan      | 0 % have a separate plan<br>0 % have a plan that is a provision of the pretax plan         | no plan   |
| Profit Sharing Plan                  | 0 % have a plan  | no plan   |
| Employee Stock Ownership Plan (ESOP) | 0 % have a plan  | no plan   |
| Money Purchase Plan                  | 33 % have a plan   | no plan   |
| Employee Contributions               | 50 % do not require or allow employee contributions<br>50 % require employee contributions |   |
| Discount Stock Purchase Plan         | 0 % have a plan  | no plan   |
| 403(b) Plan                          | 16 % have a plan   | Some districts have a plan  |
| 457 Plan                             | 83 % have a plan<br>0 % provide an employer match  | districts have access to the 457 plan offered through the WRS<br>no match |

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**PREVALENCE OF BENEFITS PRACTICES  
HOLIDAYS AND VACATIONS**

|  | <b>6 Comparator States</b>   | <b>WY Teachers</b> |
|--|--|--------------------|
| <b>HOLIDAYS</b>                                      |  |                    |
| Total (Fixed and Floating)<br>(may include PTO days) | 100 % provide holidays; of these,<br>33 % provide 10 holidays<br>17 % provide 11 holidays<br>50 % provide 12 holidays  | Data not provided  |
| Floating Holidays                                    | 0 % provide floating holidays or personal holiday  |                    |
| <b>VACATIONS</b>                                     |  |                    |
| Vacation Days<br>(may include PTO days)              | 67 % provide 11 to 14 days at 2 years of service<br>50 % provide 11 to 14 days at 5 years of service<br>50 % provide 15 days at 10 years of service<br><br>50 % provide 21 to 24 days at 15 years of service<br>67 % provide 21 to 24 days at 20 years of service<br>67 % provide a maximum of 21 to 24 days | Data not provided  |
| Sabbatical/Long Service Vacation                     | 0 % provide  |                    |
| Special Executive Vacation Schedule                  | 0 % provide special vacation schedules for executives  |                    |



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**PREVALENCE OF BENEFITS PRACTICES  
OTHER BENEFITS**

|  | <b>6 Comparator States</b>   | <b>WY Teachers</b> |
|--|--|--------------------|
| <b>TUITION REIMBURSEMENT</b>   | 33 % have a policy; of these,  | Data not provided  |
| <b>CHILD CARE</b><br>(Each company may provide more than one service)                      | 100 % have a policy; of these,<br>100 % permit pretax contributions to an FSA<br>33 % provide a referral service<br>0 % provide a subsidized off-site facility<br>0 % provide discounts  |                    |
| <b>ON-SITE CAFETERIA</b>   | 0 % have a cafeteria   |                    |
| <b>COMMUTING ASSISTANCE</b><br>(Each company may provide more than one form of assistance) | 40 % have a plan; of these,<br>11 % reimburse or pre-pay transportation system expenses; transit checks (with employer contributions)<br>11 % provide company vans, buses, or carpools<br>0 % coordinate employee carpools<br>11 % provide some other form of assistance |                    |
| <b>FLEXIBLE BENEFITS PROGRAM</b>   | 100 % have a plan; of these,<br>100 % have flexible spending accounts<br>0 % have a full cafeteria plan  |                    |