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Introduction

Cigna stands as one of the world's foremost managed healthcare and insurance companies, shaping the landscape of health and wellness for individuals, employers, and communities across the globe. From its foundations dating back to the dawn of the American insurance industry, Cigna's story is one of bold vision, strategic agility, and an enduring commitment to improving the lives it touches. This book, "Cigna: A Company Portrait," undertakes a comprehensive exploration of the company—its past, present, and potential future—providing a panoramic view of what has made and continues to make Cigna a pivotal player in the world of healthcare.

Tracing its roots to the Insurance Company of North America, founded in 1792, and to Connecticut General Life Insurance Company, established in 1865, Cigna's beginnings reflect the broader evolution of insurance and risk management in the United States. These two storied institutions not only shaped the contours of their own industries but also left marks on the historical trajectory of how individuals and enterprises alike perceive protection and security. Their merger in the early 1980s set the stage for the birth of a new kind of company—one capable of meeting the ever-changing demands of a global society.

Over the decades that followed, Cigna adapted to extraordinary change—from waves of deregulation and shifts in consumer expectations to groundbreaking advancements in medicine and digital technology. The company navigated strategic pivots, including a sharpened focus on healthcare and the expansion into international markets, while upholding its core promise: to help people live healthier, more secure lives. Today, with over 178 million relationships spanning more than 30 countries, and through its dual engines of Cigna Healthcare and Evernorth Health Services, the company is deeply intertwined with the health systems that serve millions worldwide.

Yet, behind the statistics and strategies are the people—leaders like David Cordani and teams across continents—whose vision and dedication drive innovation every day. Cigna's leadership has long recognized the importance of evolving not only with the marketplace but with the larger social contract around health and well-being. Their decisions, values, and aspirations are central to understanding what gives Cigna its distinct identity—and what might await in its next chapter.

This book will also examine the external forces at play: regulation, competition, technological transformation, and the relentless pursuit of value and quality for customers. Readers will be introduced to Cigna's approach to corporate social responsibility, its initiatives in environmental, social, and governance areas, and its responses to the controversies that inevitably accompany prominence and scale.

Through these discussions, the portrait of Cigna that emerges is layered, complex, and vibrant—mirroring the challenges and hopes of the healthcare sector itself.

As the global environment continues to change—with demographic shifts, new models of care, and mounting challenges to health equity—Cigna’s journey offers insights not only into a major corporation but also into the nature of innovation, leadership, and social responsibility in the 21st century. "Cigna: A Company Portrait" is thus both a chronicle and an exploration, mapping the course of one company as it helps shape the future of health for all.

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CHAPTER ONE: The Origins of Cigna: Foundations in American Insurance

The corporate entity known today as The Cigna Group, a global powerhouse in health services and insurance, did not spring into existence fully formed. Its story, like that of many enduring institutions, is a tapestry woven from older, distinct threads, stretching back not just decades, but centuries, to the very genesis of the American insurance industry. Before there was Cigna, there were two venerable companies, each charting its own course through the nascent and rapidly evolving economic landscape of the United States: the Insurance Company of North America, born in the bustling port city of Philadelphia at the tail end of the 18th century, and the Connecticut General Life Insurance Company, established in the fertile ground of Hartford, Connecticut, in the aftermath of the Civil War. Understanding Cigna requires first understanding the rich, individual histories of these two foundational pillars.

Let's begin with the elder statesman of the pair, the Insurance Company of North America, or INA as it would become widely known. Founded in 1792, just a few years after the U.S. Constitution was ratified, INA holds the distinction of being the first marine insurance company in the newly formed United States. Philadelphia was then a hive of commercial activity, its docks teeming with ships loading and unloading goods for both domestic and international trade. Maritime ventures were inherently risky - storms, pirates, and navigational hazards were constant threats. The need for a mechanism to mitigate these risks was acute, and INA stepped in to fill that vital role, insuring the ships and their valuable cargoes that powered the young nation's economy.

This was not merely the founding of a single company; it was a pioneering act that helped establish a crucial component of the American financial system. Before INA, merchants and shipowners often relied on ad-hoc agreements or foreign insurers. The creation of a domestic, stockholder-owned insurance company provided a more stable, predictable, and accessible means of managing risk. It was a business born directly from the practical needs of a trading nation, reflecting the entrepreneurial spirit of the era and the growing confidence in American commerce.

INA's initial focus on marine insurance was a natural fit for Philadelphia's economic structure, but the company quickly demonstrated an adaptability that would become a hallmark of its long history. As the American economy diversified and grew inland, so too did the risks faced by its businesses and citizens. Recognizing these evolving needs, INA began to expand its horizons beyond the sea. Fire was a perennial threat in cities built largely of wood, and INA soon became a significant provider of fire

insurance, protecting buildings and businesses from devastating loss.

The expansion into fire insurance wasn't just about offering a new product; it required developing new expertise and infrastructure. Assessing fire risk in various types of buildings and locations demanded different skills than evaluating the seaworthiness of a vessel or the value of its cargo. INA's successful pivot into this area showcased its capacity for growth and its commitment to serving a broader spectrum of the emerging American economy, solidifying its position as a multifaceted risk underwriter.

INA's reputation was forged not only by its ability to offer a range of insurance products but also by its performance when disaster struck. Insurance companies are ultimately judged by their willingness and ability to pay claims, especially in the face of widespread catastrophe. Two pivotal moments in American history served as stern tests for the insurance industry, and INA's response to them became legendary, cementing its image as a reliable and responsible insurer.

The Great Chicago Fire of 1871 was a conflagration that devastated large swathes of the rapidly growing city, leaving thousands homeless and businesses in ruins. The scale of destruction was immense, posing an existential challenge to many insurers who had underwritten properties in the area. Similarly, the San Francisco Earthquake and subsequent fire in 1906 inflicted catastrophic damage on the major West Coast metropolis, again testing the solvency and integrity of insurance companies.

In both instances, amidst the rubble and despair, INA distinguished itself. While some insurers faltered or attempted to limit their payouts, INA famously honored its commitments, paying claims in full. This decision, though financially challenging at the time, sent a powerful message about the company's strength, integrity, and dedication to its policyholders. It wasn't just good business; it was a clear demonstration of the fundamental promise of insurance – providing financial security when it's needed most.

Meanwhile, on the other side of the burgeoning nation, in the state of Connecticut, another insurance story was unfolding. Hartford, often dubbed the "Insurance Capital of the World," was becoming a center for the burgeoning life insurance industry. It was here, in 1865, just as the costly and devastating Civil War was drawing to a close, that the Connecticut General Life Insurance Company was established. The nation was rebuilding, and families were acutely aware of the fragility of life and the importance of financial planning for the future.

Connecticut General (CG) initially carved out a unique niche for itself. While many existing life insurers were hesitant to cover individuals deemed to be at higher risk – perhaps due to occupation, health history, or other factors – CG adopted a different approach. It initially focused on providing "substandard" insurance, offering coverage

to those who might have been declined elsewhere, albeit at appropriately adjusted rates to reflect the higher risk. This strategy allowed CG to serve a market segment that was underserved and build a reputation for innovation and a willingness to take on calculated risks.

This early focus on "substandard" insurance highlighted CG's analytical capabilities and its confidence in its actuarial science. It wasn't simply accepting greater risk blindly; it was about accurately assessing that risk and pricing it appropriately. This sophisticated approach allowed the company to grow by addressing the needs of a specific market, demonstrating a foresight that would characterize its later expansions.

As the life insurance market matured and expanded, CG also broadened its product portfolio. Recognizing the interconnectedness of financial security and personal well-being, the company moved beyond traditional life insurance to offer a wider range of protection products. Accident and health insurance became significant components of its business, providing coverage for medical expenses and income loss due to injury or illness. Disability insurance followed, offering crucial financial support when individuals were unable to work.

This expansion into health and disability lines positioned CG squarely in the realm of protecting individuals not just against the finality of death, but against the everyday uncertainties and potential disruptions to health and income. It reflected a growing societal recognition of the importance of health coverage and income protection as essential elements of financial security, anticipating the complex health benefits landscape that would emerge in the following century.

Thus, by the mid-20th century, INA and Connecticut General stood as two pillars of the American insurance industry, albeit with different origins and primary focuses. INA, with its roots in marine and property insurance, had grown into a diversified insurer with a significant international presence, known for its reliability in major property claims. Connecticut General, born out of the life insurance hub of Hartford, had become a major player in life, health, and disability insurance, focused on providing financial protection to individuals and groups against health-related risks.

They represented different traditions and geographical centers – Philadelphia and Hartford – but both had demonstrated resilience, adaptability, and a fundamental commitment to the principles of insurance: pooling risk and providing financial security. Their individual journeys, spanning over a century for INA and nearly a century for CG by the late 20th century, had equipped them with deep expertise, extensive networks, and established reputations within their respective spheres. They were substantial companies, each with its own culture, leadership, and strategic direction, operating in an increasingly complex and competitive market.

Their paths had run parallel for decades, occasionally intersecting in certain product lines or market segments. Both had navigated economic cycles, regulatory changes, and societal shifts. They had built large customer bases and sophisticated operations. While their histories were distinct, the complementary nature of their businesses – INA strong in property/casualty and international, CG strong in life/health and group benefits – suggested a potential synergy, a possibility that would eventually lead to one of the most significant mergers in the history of the American insurance industry. But that pivotal moment, the union that would create Cigna, was still on the horizon. This chapter serves as the prologue, detailing the separate, impressive foundations upon which that future enterprise would be built.

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