

Gaps In Care Member Interview Learnings

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TL;DR:

Members **want to be in control** of their data, regardless of what they think is sensitive. This includes the choice to **opt-in** rather than opt-out.

Members want **a simple explanation** of where their data comes from and what we're doing with it, along with **their rights** if we fail to protect it.

Our security layer sends a strong signal that we're **serious about protecting our members**. We should enhance this but be attentive to daily experience.

Interview Details

- 4 Members interviewed, recruited from the group that took our Survey (~500 Members) in the fall.
- We contacted Members that were wary of us using outside data **AND** offered well-written explanations.
- Questions all dealt with:
 - Thoughts on security/privacy in general
 - Thoughts on their trust of Virgin Pulse
 - Some questions on planned Gaps in Care functionality

Member Survey Reminder

Security was a major concern even for people who were comfortable with sharing. It was top of mind.

People were far more **scared of general security/data breaches** than they were of their employer or insurer.

Most common theme: **this is between me and my doctor.**

A small but vocal minority of Members *really* didn't want this. Allowing them to **opt out** is probably necessary to avoid a backlash that could negatively affect usage.

Identified Themes

1. What is Virgin Pulse?
2. Sensitive information
3. Trust
4. Informed consent/simple language
5. Opt-in

Theme 1: What is Virgin Pulse

All participants referred to us as some version of “**a (fun) activity & habit tracking program**”.

Most said that **what we’re planning made sense**, that it seemed like an expected move for us.

1 Member said she didn’t think we should do anything with healthcare because **it would “ruin” the platform if she was required to use it.**

Interpretation:

Most Members will be ok with our changes. Some will not be, but they already perceive our service as slightly burdensome to them.

Program design will need to offset some of this effect.

Theme 2: Sensitive Information

Everyone had different ideas of what sensitive information was, but **fear of it being “used against you”** was the common factor.

They all mentioned wanting **specific, granular control of that sharing.**

Interpretation:

Being in control makes people more comfortable.

Letting them control sharing removes the “creepy” factor we worried about, possibly because the Member gets to decide and do their own cost/benefit analysis.

Theme 3: Trust

Every participant places some level of trust in us. We show strong signals of trustworthiness.

They all said **they would believe us** if we told them in app that nothing would be shared with their employer. They also said that message should be repeated.

Every participant mentioned that a component of that trust was knowing that **they have recourse against us** through things like HIPAA if there was ever a problem.

Interpretation:

People have accepted that a certain level of abuse has become inevitable with all the data out there. They want to be in control and know what they can do about abuse.

Constant reinforcement of privacy and security messaging is a vital part of keeping trust.

Theme 4: Informed Consent/Simple Language

Everyone wanted to know exactly what was going on with their data, **explained to them in simple language**, as part of choosing what they would let us do with that information.

3 said that if they liked the explanation they'd let us use the info even though they were skeptical at first. 1 said she would never, but **if the explanation seemed aboveboard she wouldn't worry** about what we were doing, even if she wouldn't use it herself.

Interpretation:

Being clear and transparent increases trust, may increase utilization, and may decrease complaints.

Theme 5: Opt-in

Every participant preferred an opt-in model. This matched their stated need to be in control of their data.

Opt-in made the people who weren't comfortable with using the feature **comfortable with its existence** and reinforced their trust in us.

Offering **rewards changed people's minds** to opt-in, in both the survey and the interviews.

Interpretation:

Opt-in is the build option that preserves most Members' trust in us as a company. We should consider it as a platform-wide directive.

Reward-seeking behavior also seems to overcome some objections as long as a Member trusts us.

Conclusions

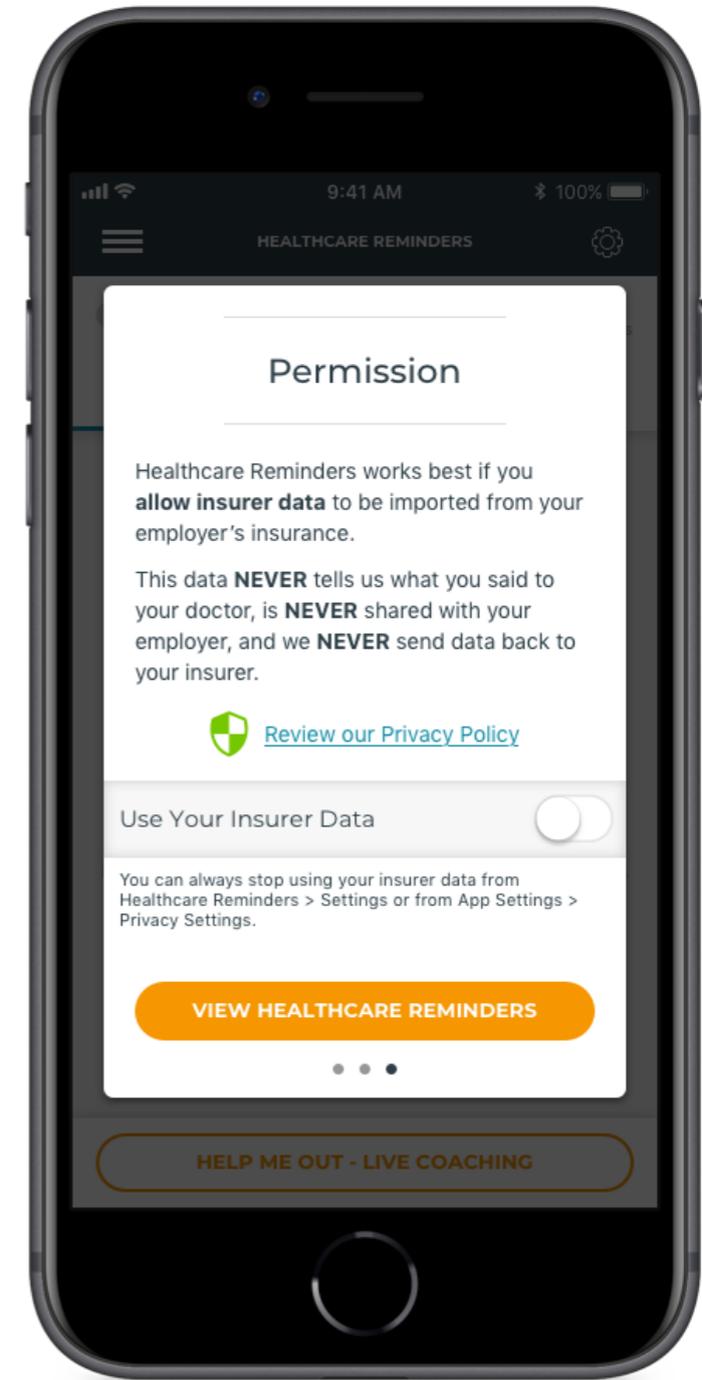
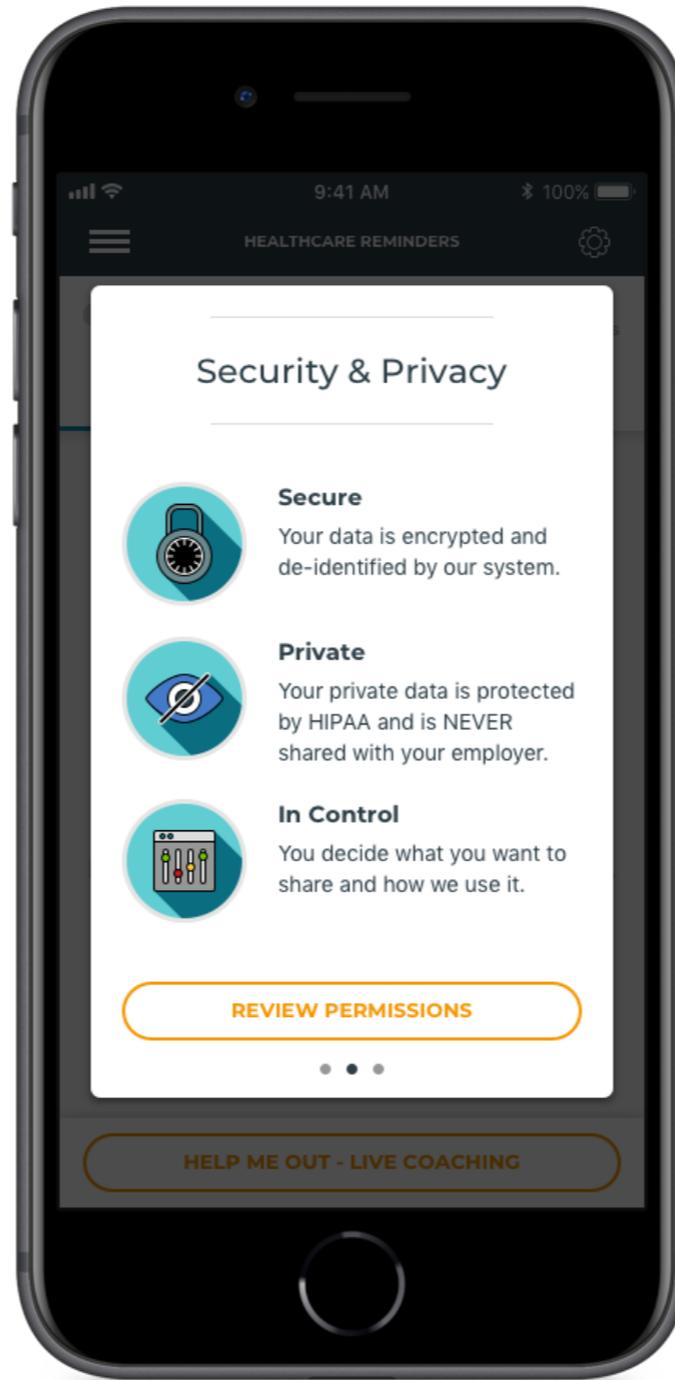
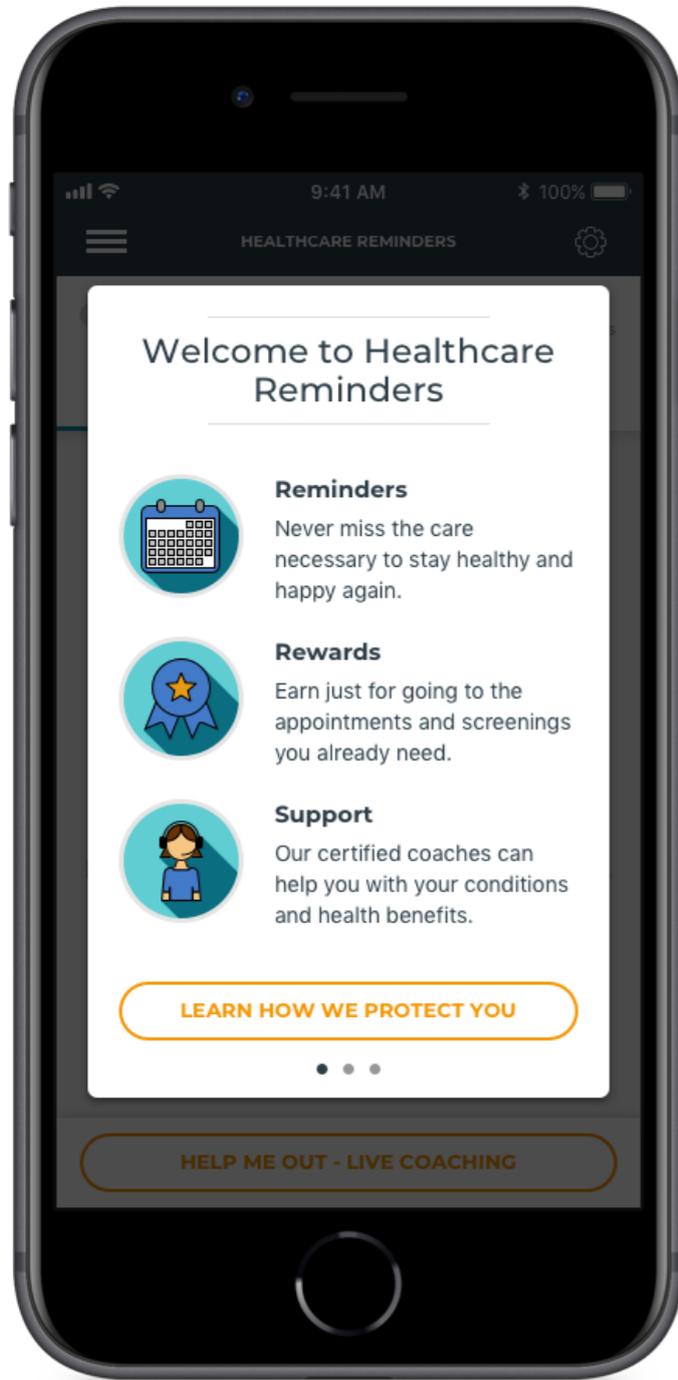
Members **trust** us already, but it will be very easy to lose that trust.

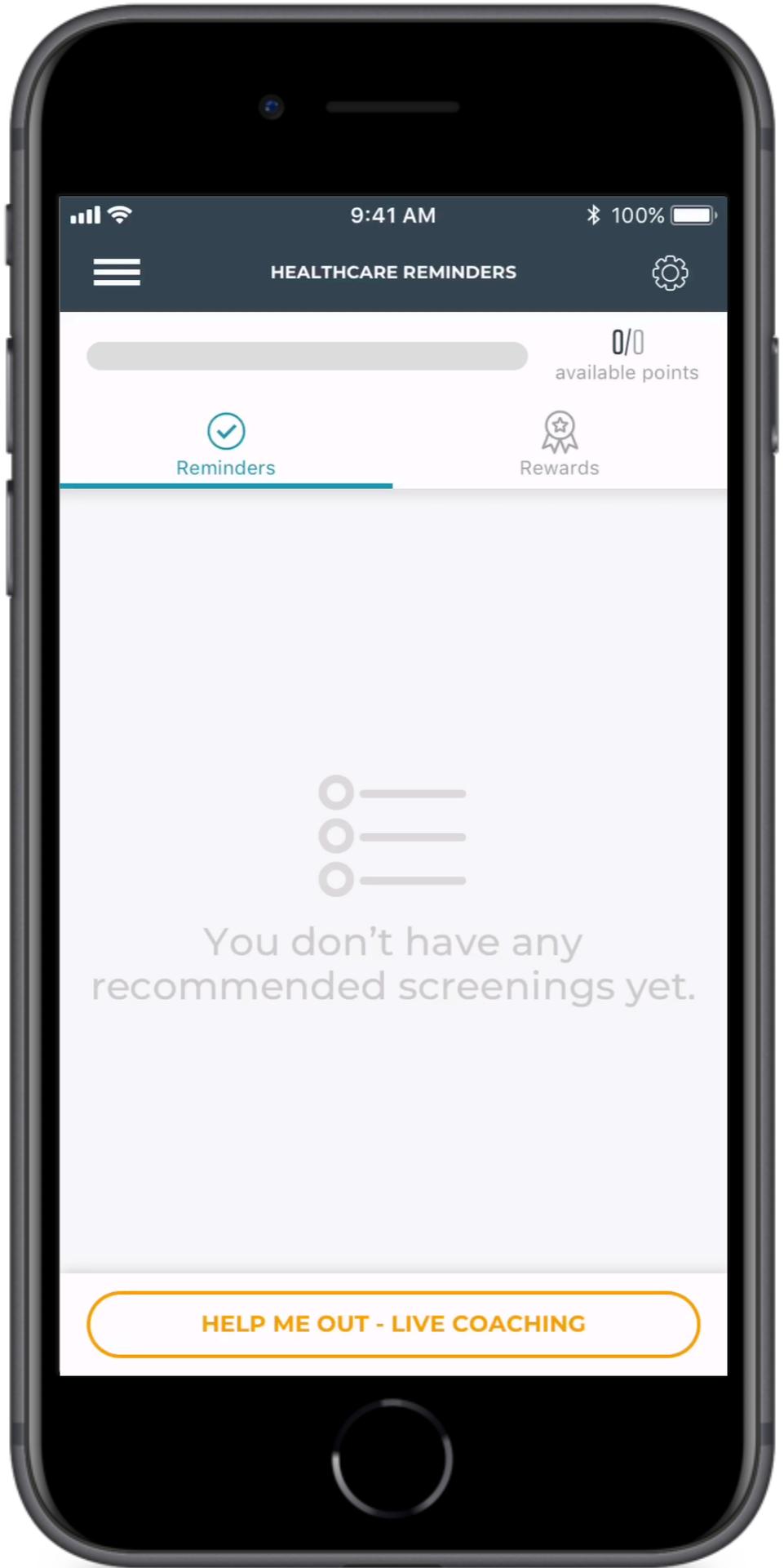
Member want to be **informed**, and to give or revoke their consent based on that information.

Any use of Member data, regardless of the source, should be opt-in to keep them in **control**.

All of these factors will add up to building and maintaining the trust of our Members.

Ideas: Feature Intro





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Reminders



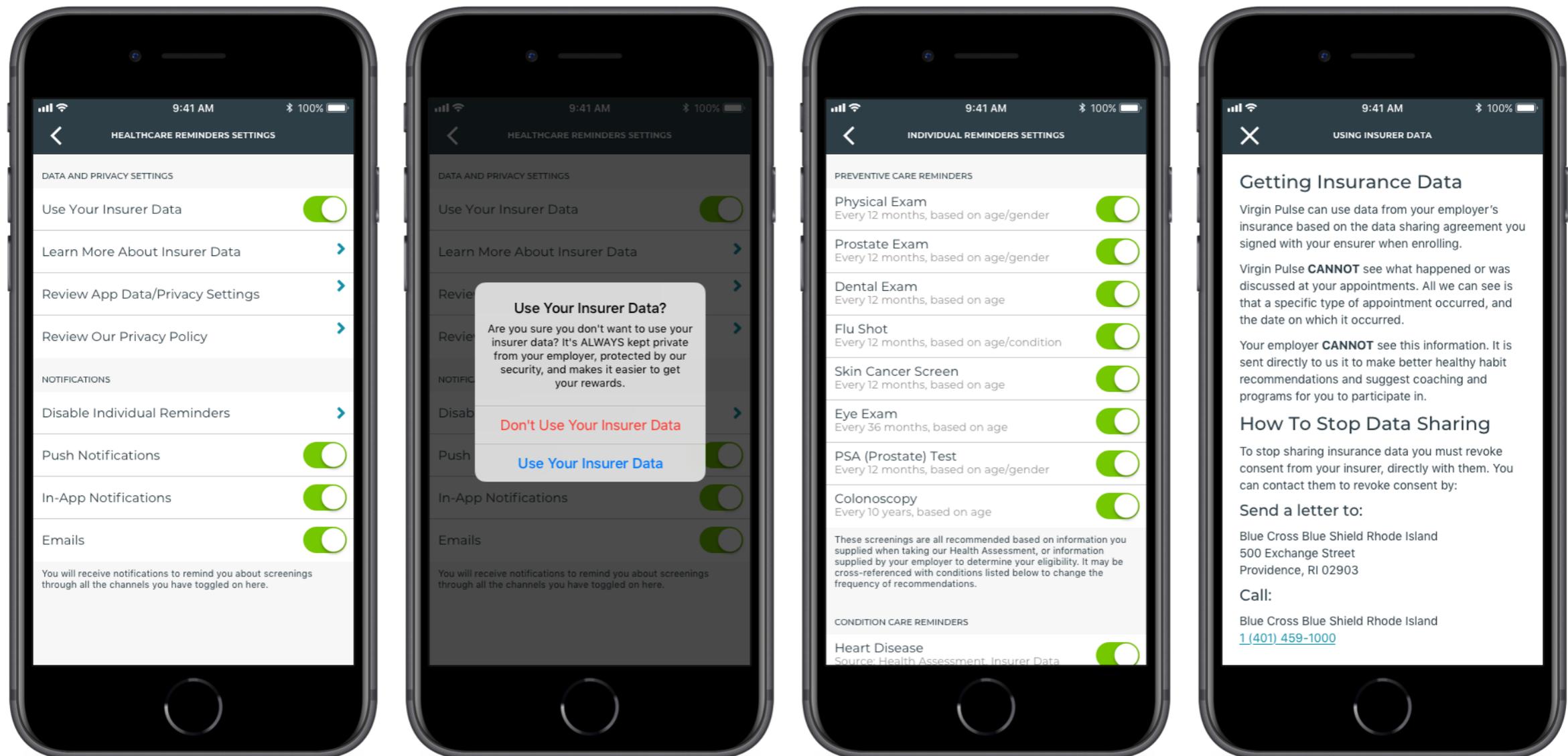
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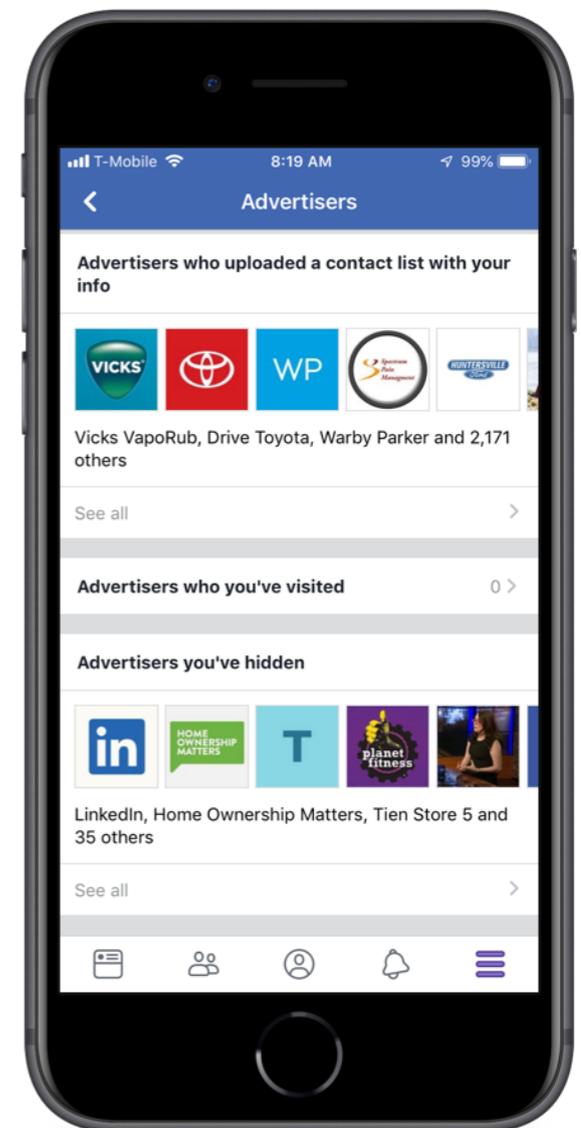
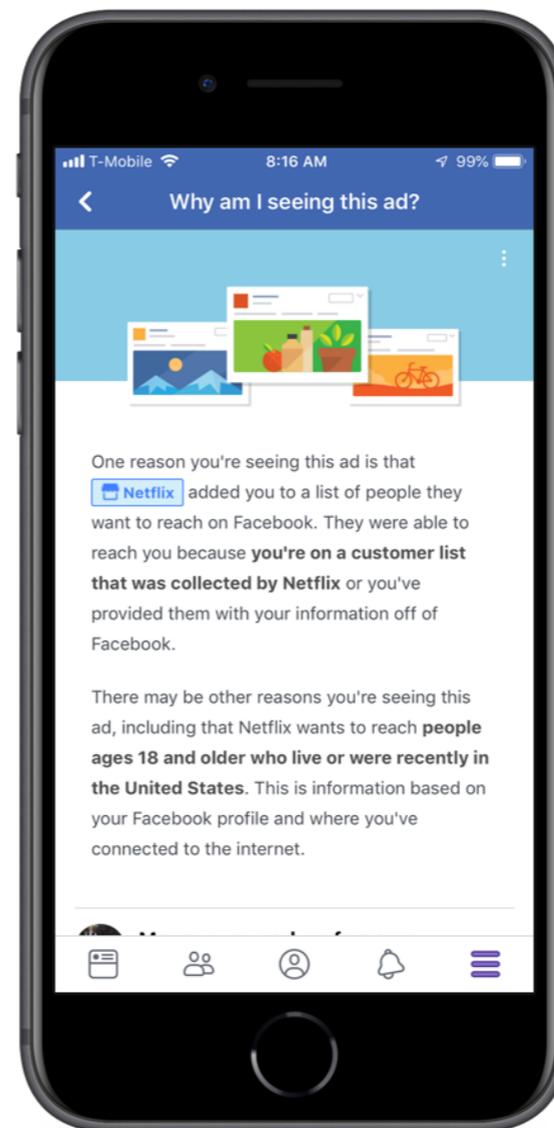
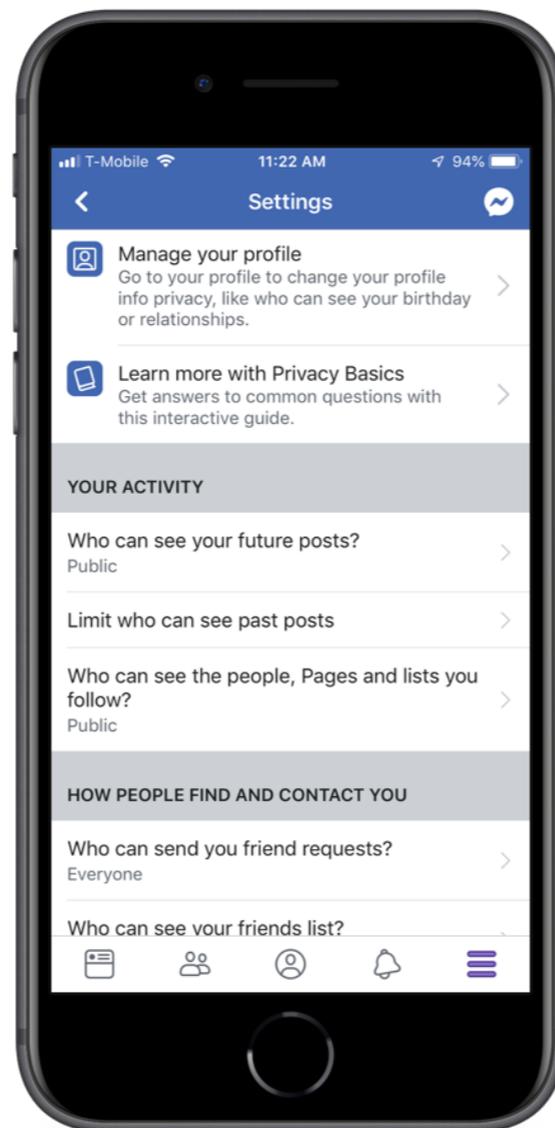
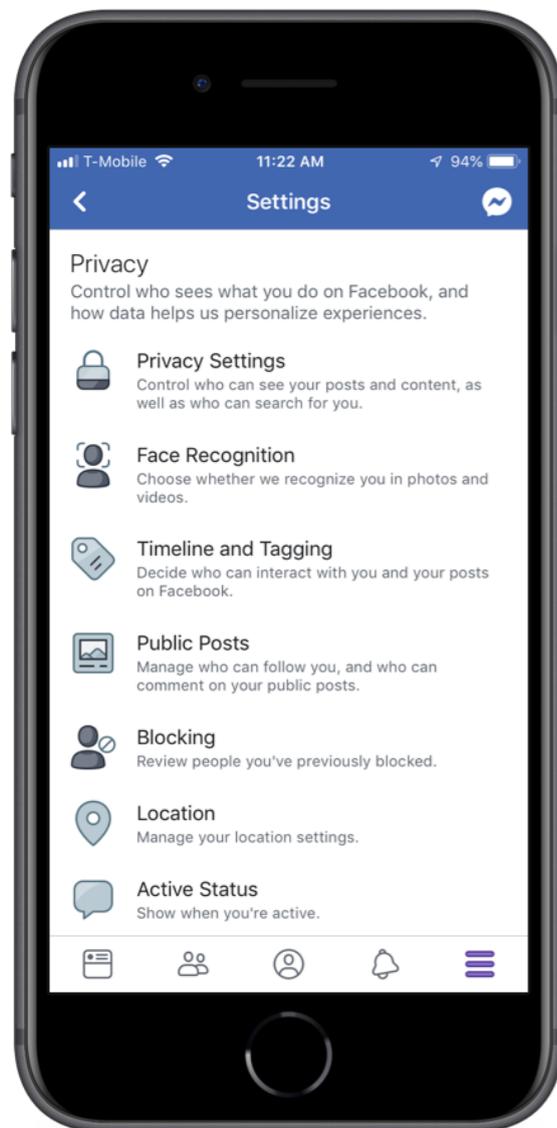
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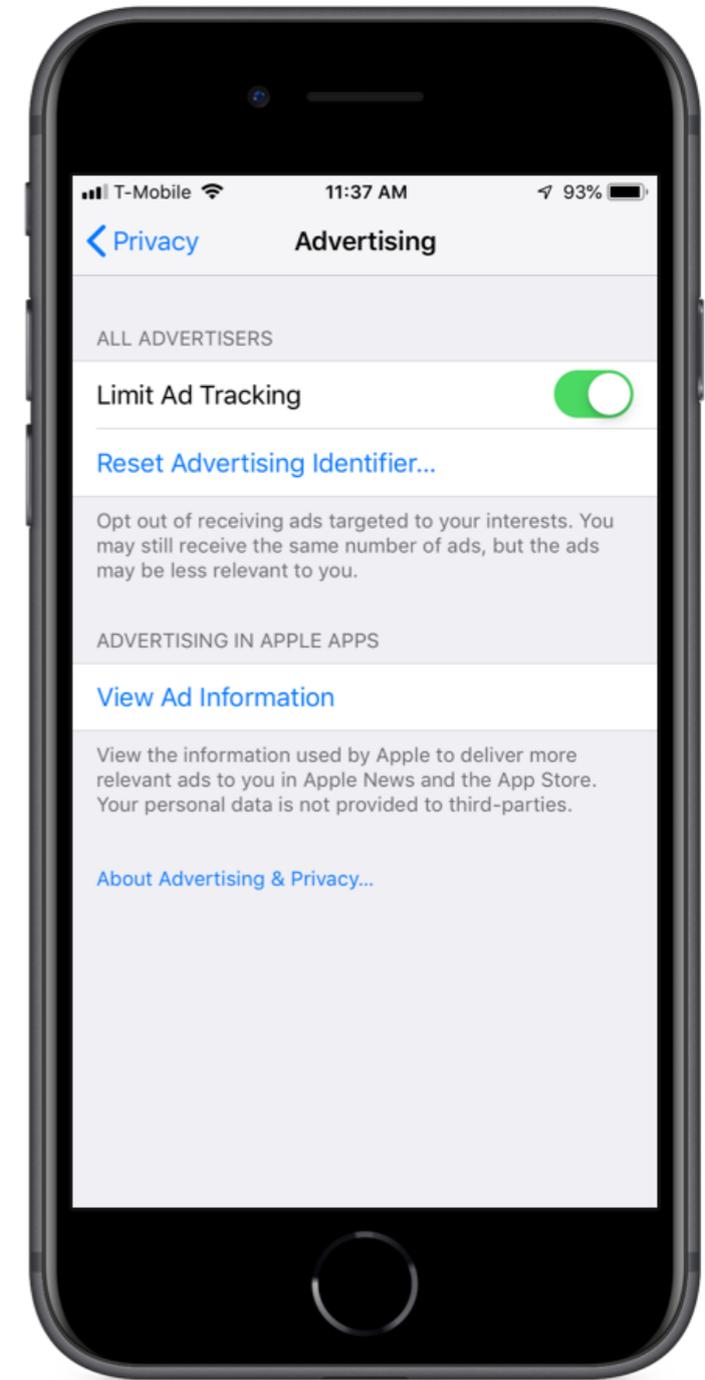
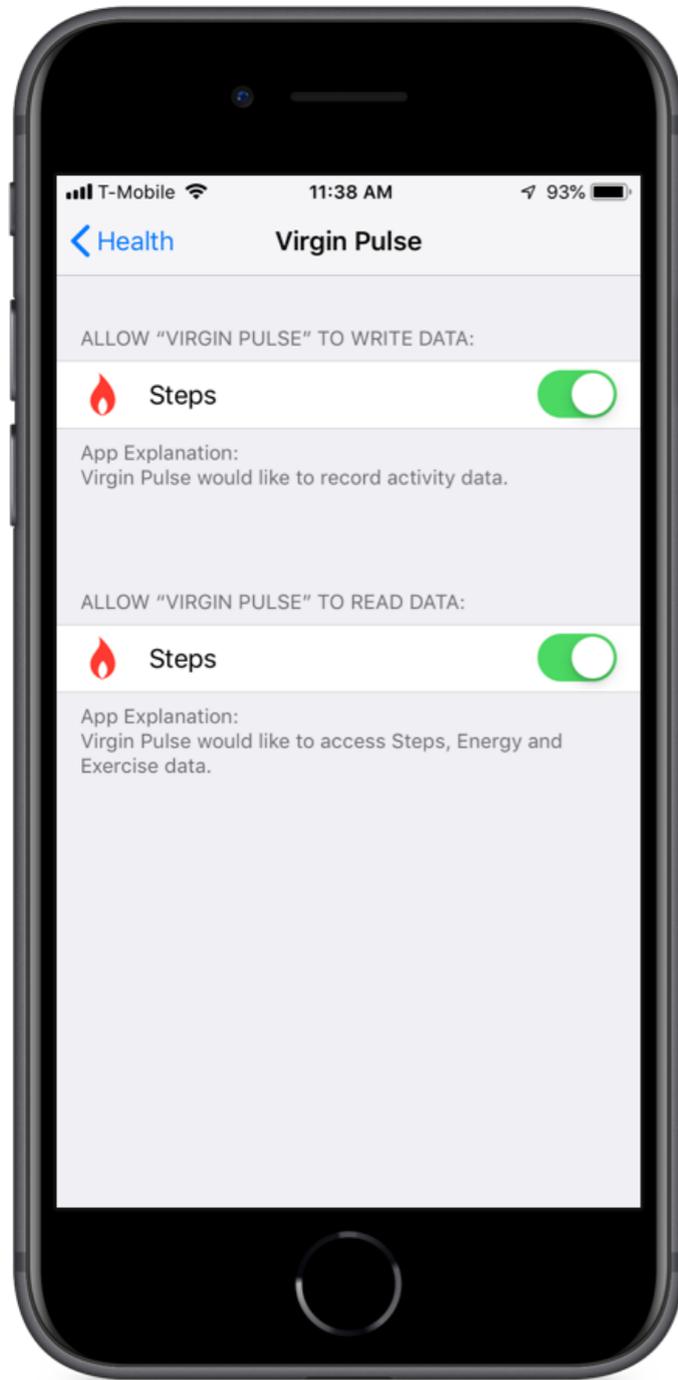
Ideas: Privacy Settings



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This is a **platform-wide problem**. Privacy can't be solved on individual features.

If we don't plan and build for the platform now, we're going to **fragment the experience further** in a really detrimental way.

This is a big swing. It's a project on its own. And we have more just like it coming. It really can't be handled by a single lane and successfully used across.

More Related Platform Problems

- Security presentation layer
- Privacy/data controls (in-feature and app settings)
- Communications traffic controller

I can dedicate design time to these problems, but we need to build them across the platform.

Another Item

- Improving lag time came up during the roadshow:
 - One participant works for a hospital group, gets instantaneous gaps confirmation from their EMR (through a few layers including Conifer Data Warehouse).
 - Employees are generally comfortable with this.
 - BUT they work for a healthcare organization. They're experts and understand what's happening.
- Wide EMR integration is probably a holy grail for us. Really hard, really expensive, really valuable.
 - There are vendors that can do this (Redox Engine).

See the results yourself:

[Member Interviews: Gaps In Care \(Confluence\)](#)