Pharmacy Benefit Manager Payment Models Item 10 – Group Insurance Board

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Why are we talking about this?

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Agenda Informational Only – No Action Necessary

- Our Pharmacy Benefits
- The PBM Industry Landscape
- PBM Business Models
- How Do PBMs Make Money?



Our Pharmacy Benefits



Our Pharmacy Benefits



Carved out pharmacy benefits from the medical benefits in 2004



Maintained the fully transparent, full-pass through model for 15 years



Maintained trends that are competitive with or better than industry trends



Our Pharmacy Benefits



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Individuals cover their

or pay cash to the

prescription-drug copay,

Middlemen | The role of pharmacy-benefit managers

Individuals pay premiums to their employer/plan sponsor or health insurer.



Consumers

Pharmacybenefit manager

pharmacy.

and get rebates from

Insurance company



The pharmacy negotiates with the drug maker or a wholesaler for drug costs, as well as discounts and rebates based on the volume of drugs the pharmacy handles.

The PBM negotiates with the pharmacy over reimbursement for drugs and dispensing fees.

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Pharmacy

The PBM also negotiates prices with the manufacturer, which then pays rebates to the PBM for preferred placement on a plan's formulary.



Manufacturer

Source: Avalere Health LLC



Graph 1: 2017 PBM market share* % share of 263.2 Million PBM lives





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PBM Industry Landscape Vertical Integration and Partnerships Solid Benefit Guidance ARTHUR J. GALLAGHER & CO. B (\$ Cigna Insurer XAetna UnitedHealthcare BlueCross BlueShield Ownership by 18 Plans CVS caremark® EXPRESS SCRIPTS* PRIME PBM THERAPEUTICS' allianceRx Specialty accredo. briova CVS specialty^{**} Walgreens Pharmacy ValoremRx (Specialty Brand Group Purchasing)



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PBM Business Models



PBM Business Models

Pass-Through

Transparency + Lowest Net Cost

- PBM is paid an administrative fee for services provided, that includes clinical and analytics programs
- All other revenue sources are passed back to the payer/plan
- Full transparency financial, operational, contractual and administrative
- Focused on the lowest net cost concept

Traditional/Spread

Opacity + PBM Revenues

- PBM is paid administrative fees for services, clinical and analytics programs provided, à la carte
- PBM keeps all or a portion of various revenue sources
- Less transparency allowed plus limited access to contracts and records
- Focused on chasing rebates and revenue sources

Compare Model Differences...

- Maximum Allowable Cost (MAC) Lists
- □ Drug Distribution Channels
 - Retail Networks
 - Mail-Order Services
 - Specialty Pharmacy

Rebates

□ Formulary Contracts



Comparing Model Differences: Maximum Allowable Cost (MAC)

Pass-Through

- Maintains single MAC List:
 - Clients receive the full value of the contracted discount
 - No MAC revenue retention
- MAC pricing applies retail, mail order and specialty distribution channels
- Full disclosure of specific MAC list drug pricing upon client request

- Multiple MAC Lists:
 - Contracts low with pharmacies
 - Contracts high with clients
 - Retains the difference
- MAC pricing often excludes mail order and specialty distribution channels
- MAC list drug pricing is typically not disclosed to clients



Comparing Model Differences: Drug Distribution Channels

Pass-Through

- Total amount paid by the PBM to the retail, mail-order or specialty pharmacy is the exact amount the client pays the PBM for the prescription
- MAC List applies to all distribution channels – retail, mail-order or specialty
- Utilization incentives paid by mail order or specialty pharmacies passes through to the plan sponsor.

- The PBM benefits from spread revenue by retaining a portion of:
 - Drug Ingredient Costs
 - Dispensing Fees
 - Usual & Customary Costs
- MAC List not applied to mail-order or specialty distribution channels
- Revenue opportunities for the PBM increase as mail-order service and specialty pharmacy utilization increases



Comparing Model Differences: Rebates

Pass-Through

- 100% full pass-through of all rebates to clients
- No revenue retained by the PBM
- Full disclosure of ANY manufacturer financial benefits or revenue
- Fully auditable manufacturer agreements

- PBM typically shares a portion of the rebate with clients but retains some for its own revenue
- Other financial benefits from drug manufacturer (e.g., fees, incentives) kept by the PBM
- Manufacturer agreements are not auditable by clients



Comparing Model Differences: Formulary Contracts

Pass-Through

- Evidence based formulary; clinically appropriate drugs and lowest-net-cost
- No alignment with drug manufacturers
- Constantly monitor formulary to ensure evidence of clinical efficacy and value
- Client data is proprietary; no secure, protected client information to manufacturer
- 100% of any manufacturer fees and discounts passed back to client

- Does not utilize a lowest-net-cost approach to formulary decisions
- Receives undisclosed fees from drug manufacturers
- Incentivized to push products based on higher rebates, not based on client or patient needs
- Often sells client data to drug manufacturers without client's knowledge





Sharing the Wealth

Here is how profits are shared from a brand-name drug with a list price of \$300^{*}. Of the middlemen involved in the process, a pharmacy benefit manager gets the biggest gross profit of \$18.



Sources: Pembroke Consulting; WSJ staff reports

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Key Revenue Sources Available to PBMs

From Clients:	Base and Ancillary Admin Fees			Clinical Program Fees	
	Formulary and Market Share Rebates		s Rebate Admin Fees		
From Drug Manufacturers:	Clinical Program Support Revenue	Data Sale and Research Revenue			
		Inflation Protection Payments			
From Pharmacies:	Network Participation Fees		Margins or Spread On Retail, Mail Order and/or Specialty Claims		
	Performance-Based Payments				





How the Products and Payments Flow Through the System







Pricing the Drugs...





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Money Flow Recap

Drug Maker	Keeps \$60	\$100 list price + 10 markup - \$50 rebate	
Wholesaler	Keeps \$10	\$10 markup	
Pharmacy	Keeps \$5	\$10 markup - \$5 discount	
Traditional PBM	Payer pays \$95 PBM keeps \$30	\$130 paid to PBM - \$35 rebate \$15 from drug purchase + \$15 from rebate	
Pass Through PBM	Payer pays \$65 PBM Keeps \$0	\$115 paid to PBM - \$50 rebate	





Questions?

Thank you







