Pharmacy Benefit Managers: Evolving or Disrupting?

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PBM Market Overview

PBMs: Evolving or Disrupting?:
Who They Are, What They Do and Their Impact on Your Care

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Agenda

- Medical and Pharmacy Benefit Overview
- What is a PBM?
- Drugs vs. Specialty Drugs Overview
- Current Trends in Drug Management
- PBM Industry Overview/Key Players Review
- Potential Impact on the Bleeding Disorders Community
- Informed Consumer: What you Need to Know
- Questions
Medical Vs. Pharmacy Benefit

Medical Benefit

- “Hospital & Physician Benefit”
- Typically not self administered
- Typically billed after the service or drug has been administered
- Utilization management less common
- Manufacturer rebates less common
- Typically flat copay or co-insurance

Pharmacy Benefit

- “Drug Benefit”
- Typically self administered
- Billed to the PBM by the dispensing pharmacy/SPP
- Utilization management is commonplace
- Typically a tiered copay
- Manufacturer rebates are common
What is a PBM?

• PBM = Pharmacy Benefit Manager

• In a nutshell they manage the drug part of your health insurance

• Insurance companies or employers contract for the pharmacy benefit

• Manage prescription drug benefits for employers, health plans, third-party administrators (TPAs), etc. and their plan members

• Manage the formulary, create client programs, negotiate discounts with retail pharmacies/SPPs, and contract with pharmaceutical manufacturers for rebates

• Offer disease management, specialty medication management, drug utilization review, mail-order pharmacy, and pharmacy network management
Responsibilities of a PBM

- **Operate mail order**, so medications are delivered directly to the patient’s doors.
- **Ensure Patient Compliance** so that medication is taken as prescribed.
- **Manage Distribution** among a network of pharmacies.
- **Negotiating** rebates to get the most affordable options.
- **Process Claims** from patients and pharmacies.
- **Manage Formularies**, so individuals know what medications are covered through their health plans.
Pharmacy Drug Distribution

How Drug Distribution Works
A complex supply chain determines how prescription drugs are paid for in the U.S.

Wholesaler or drugmaker negotiates price with pharmacy
Pharmacy dispenses to consumer and collects copay
Individuals pay premiums to their health insurer or employer

Drugmaker sells to wholesaler at small discount to list price
The PBM negotiates with the pharmacy over reimbursement for drugs and dispensing fees
Insurer or employer pays PBM to manage drug costs, and the PBM passes back some or all of the rebates to the health insurer or employer

Sources: Avalere Health

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Drugs vs. Specialty Drugs Overview

Why is the definition so confusing?
What is a Specialty Pharmacy Medication?
A specialty pharmacy medication is a drug that generally has one or more of the following characteristics:

- It’s used by a small number of people
- It treats rare, chronic, and/or potentially life-threatening diseases
- It has special storage or handling requirements such as needing to be refrigerated
- It may need close monitoring, ongoing clinical support and management, and complete patient education and engagement
- It’s a high cost medication
- It may not be available at retail pharmacies
- It may be oral, injectable, or inhaled

Specialty pharmacy medications are available through our specialty pharmacy network. If you have questions, call Member Services at <1-800-895-2017, TTY 711>.
A specialty drug is a prescription drug that may:

- Treat a chronic complex disease
- Require a greater amount of clinical monitoring for side effect management and to limit waste
- Have limited pharmaceutical supply chain distribution as determined by the drug’s manufacturer
- Require additional patient adherence and compliance monitoring
- Need coordination of care and supplies using clinical expertise in a disease state with nurses and pharmacists
- Need training and support for drug administration
- Be subject to wastage based upon individual dosing and/or due to manufacturer packaging
- Frequently cost over $600 per prescription

Examples of specialty drug classes:

- Anemia
- Asthma
- Cancer
- Crohn’s Disease
- Enzyme Deficiencies
- Growth Hormone
- Hemophilia
- Hepatitis C
- HIV/AIDS
- Immune Deficiencies
- Infertility
- Macular Degeneration
- Multiple Sclerosis
- Osteoarthritis
- Parkinson’s
- Psoriasis
- Pulmonary Arterial Hypertension
- Respiratory Syncytial Virus
- Rheumatoid Arthritis
- Transplant
Current Trends in Drug Management

PBMS HAVE A MAJOR INFLUENCE
PBM/Drug Management Trends

- Increasing PBM-Payer integration
- PBM contracting model continues to evolve, moving away from rebate system
- Rise in value-based contracts with pharma manufacturers
- Copay Accumulator programs gaining traction
- Growing innovation in PBM strategies and utilization management tools
- Amazon, will it be the next healthcare-behemoth disrupting pharmacy benefits?
- States will continue to take firm actions against PBMs, seeking more transparency
PBM Industry Overview & Trends

WHO ARE THE KEY PLAYERS?
Vertical Business Relationships Among Insurers, PBMs, and Specialty Pharmacies, 2019

Source: Drug Channels Institute research. AllianceRx Walgreens Prime is jointly owned by Prime Therapeutics and Walgreens Boots Alliance.

This chart appears as Exhibit 77 in The 2019 Economic Report on U.S. Pharmacies and Pharmacy Benefit Managers, Drug Channels Institute. Available at http://drugch.nl/pharmacy
PBM Market Share, by Total Equivalent Prescription Claims Managed, 2018

- CVS Health (Caremark) / Aetna: 30%
- Express Scripts: 23%
- OptumRx (UnitedHealth): 23%
- Humana Pharmacy Solutions: 7%
- MedImpact Healthcare Systems: 6%
- Prime Therapeutics: 6%
- All Other PBMs + Cash Pay: 4%

1. Includes pro forma combination of claims processed by Aetna. Excludes double counting of network claims for mail claims filled at CVS retail pharmacies.
2. Includes Anthem. During 2019, Anthem claims will be transitioning to IngenioRx.
3. Includes Cigna. By the end of 2020, Cigna claims will transition to Express Scripts.
4. Figure includes some cash pay prescriptions that use a discount card processed by one of the 6 PBMs shown on the chart.

Source: Drug Channels Institute research and estimates. Total equivalent prescription claims includes claims at a PBM’s network pharmacies plus prescriptions filled by a PBM’s mail and specialty pharmacies. Includes discount card claims. Note that figures may not be comparable with those of previous reports due to changes in publicly reported figures of equivalent prescription claims. Total may not sum due to rounding.

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Potential Impact on the Bleeding Disorders Community

FACTOR IS NOW ON THE PBMs RADAR SCREEN, BUT IS HEMOPHILIA?
Potential Impact on the Bleeding Disorders Community

- Insurers Moving Patients From Independent SPs To PBM Affiliated SPs
  - Some Are Unfamiliar With The Needs of Bleeding Disorders Patients.
- Factor Is A High Cost Therapy
  - Increased Federal And State Focus
- Factor Slowly Transitioning From Medical to Pharmacy Benefit
  - Impact On OOP Costs & Increased Drug Management
- Insurer/PBM Mergers
  - Increased Ownership of SPP/Homecare Companies
  - Larger Companies Have More Focus on National Insurer Contracts
- HTC Distribution/340B Programs
  - Increased Competition With Insurer Owned PBMs (or is this PBM Owned Insurers?)
- Changing Hemophilia Treatments Will Increase Focus on BD Category
  - Non-factor
  - Gene Therapy
- Increased OOP Cost Liability Trends
  - Copay Accumulators
  - Insurance Plans Becoming More Patient Targeted
Being an Informed Consumer

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW
Informed Consumer

- Your health insurer and PBM may be different companies
  - Keep all insurance and drug related correspondence for each
- Determine if your factor is covered under the medical or pharmacy benefit
  - Investigate if you have a choice on where your insurance covers factor
  - Determine if your brand of factor is covered under the plan’s formulary
- Know the name of the company supplying your factor
  - Independent vs PBM/Payer affiliated
  - HTCs may also have to contract with PBMs
- Ask your insurer under which benefit non-factor therapies will be covered?
  - It may be different
- Know everything about your OOP costs
  - Medical and Pharmacy benefits usually have different costs that you need to pay
- If you change health plans
  - Determine which benefit factor/non-factor therapies are covered under
  - Make plans to transition
  - Know who your PBM is
Most health plans are required to cover prescription drugs.

Not all plans cover all medications. The list of prescription drugs that a plan covers is called a formulary. You can check your plan's formulary to see which prescriptions are covered and how much they will cost.

How much you pay will depend on your plan. Some plans have different deductibles or copays for prescription drugs. Check your plan for details.
Contact a State Help Center for an Appeal

Most people can file an appeal with one of the two state help centers listed below. If they can't help with your appeal, the state help centers will refer you to the right place.

Department of Managed Health Care (for help with most health plans)

Contact DMHC for help with problems with your health plan or for referrals if you don't know where to get help

1-888-466-2219
www.healthhelp.ca.gov

California Department of Insurance

Contact CDI for help with many PPO plans and help with other kinds of health insurance

1-800-927-4357
www.insurance.ca.gov
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