## **PBM Involvement in HIE**

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## What We'll Discuss



- What is a PBM?
- Who are the Players?
- How are they participating in HIEs?
- What could PBMs do?
- How would you approach them?

### What is a PBM?

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- Pharmacy Benefit Managers (PBMs) help their clients extend prescription drug benefits to the vast majority of American workers, family members and retirees
- Aggregate clout of millions of enrollees to obtain lower prices from retail pharmacies, rebates from manufacturers and the efficiencies of mail service
- PBMs also use clinical tools to reduce inappropriate prescribing, decrease medication errors and improve consumer compliance & outcomes

Source: Pharmacy Benefit Management Institute



## PBM Clients, Strategies & Tools



#### Clients

- Health Plans
- Self-Insured Employers
- Unions
- Public Purchasers
  - Medicare Part D
  - Medicaid
  - Federal Employees
- Third-Party Administrators
- Discount Cash/Card Programs

### Strategies & Tools

- Develop, Contract & Administer
   Pharmacy Networks
  - Claims Processing
- Administer Benefit Plan Design
- Manufacturer Discounts/Rebates
- Patient Services
  - Call Center Support
  - Web Tools
  - Mail & Specialty Pharmacies
  - Member Communications
- Clinical & Consultative Services
  - Benefit Analysis & Recommendations
  - Services Designed to ensure appropriateness, quality & safety (e.g. formulary, DUR, etc.)

## The Players





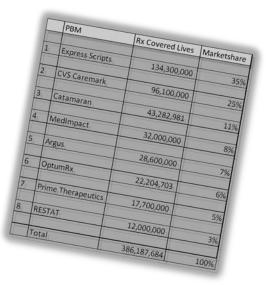














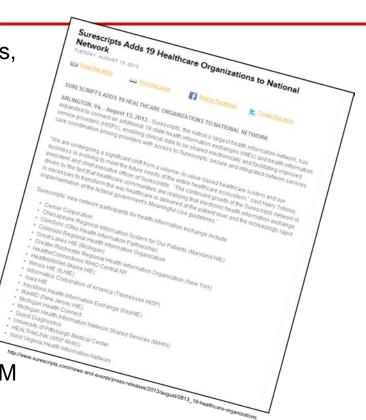
Note: According to the Pharmacy Benefit Management Institute (http://www.pbmi.com/pbmdir.asp), there are 50-60 PBMs operating in the US.

## PBM Involvement in HIE





- Most of the large PBMs are involved in Surescripts, a commercial "HIE"
  - Express Scripts and CVS Caremark have ownership stakes along with NACDS & NCPA
  - But PBM transactions NewRx, Change, MedHX, clinical messaging -- aren't going through any other HIEs
- Surescripts has announced agreements with 19 organizations, at least 14 of which are HIEs
  - But this is a push from the HIE thru Surescripts, leveraging their provider directory
  - There is no query-response capability
  - HIEs can't push to PBMs
- To our knowledge, this is the extent of current PBM involvement in HIE



### The "Art of the Possible"



#### What Could HIEs & PBMs do?

- PBMs could use HIEs as a channel to reach their providers
  - Medication History/Reconciliation
  - ePrior Authorization
  - Clinical Messaging
- PBMs and HIEs could share de-identified data to link medical/prescription costs with quality measures
  - Identify patterns in clinical outcomes associated with medication therapy

#### **How Do You Reach Them?**

- PBMs will work with a HIE if ...
  - directed to by their clients
  - you can demonstrate that you can show value

Objection	Response
How <u>real</u> are you?	Demonstrate sustainability and show growth plan.
Can you provide value to us?	Show how you can help them reach their providers.
Is there really an opportunity?	Clearly articulate – in pictures, words – the value proposition.
If you have a community data repository, how would you not be a competitor?	Share the reason for and value of integrating pharmacy and clinical data, and aggregating it on a community basis for population health.
	Include provisions in data use agreements that you won't compete with PBMs.

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