#### **Extended Summit:**

A Deep Dive into the Medical & Pharmacy Benefit to Ensure Sustainable Patient Access to Treatment

- I. Differences between the Medical and Pharmacy Benefit
- II. Pharmacy Benefit eBV/ePA Deep Dive
- III. Medical Benefit eBV/ePA Deep Dive
- IV. Summary Discussion on Next Steps and Potential Solutions











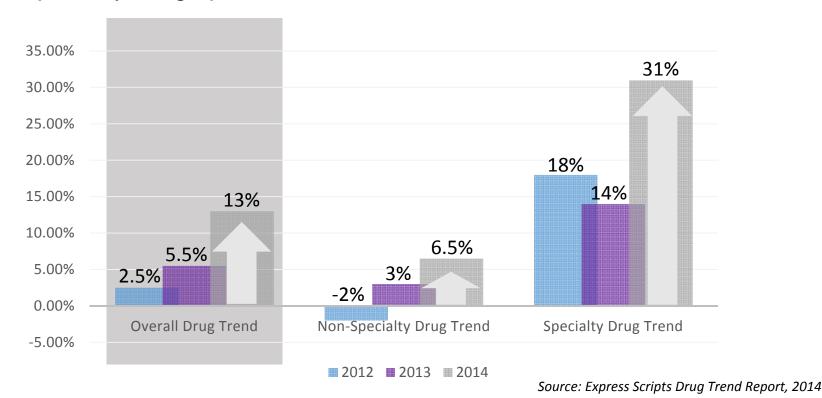
#### **Introduction and Drivers**

#### **Moderator**

Tony Schueth
CEO and Managing Partner
Point-of-Care Partners LLC

# Specialty Drug Trend and Spending Increase

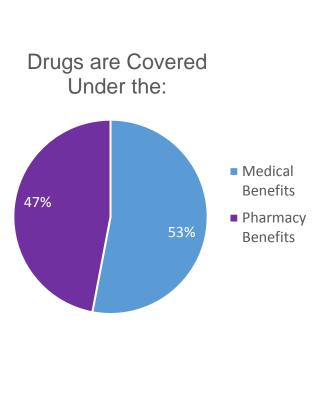
In 2014, drug trend was up 13%, driven by a 31% increase in specialty drug spend.

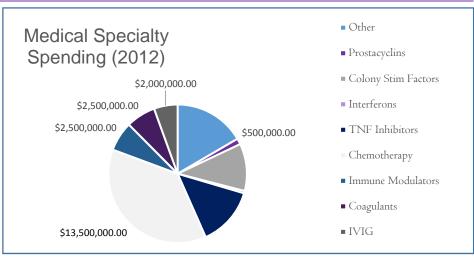


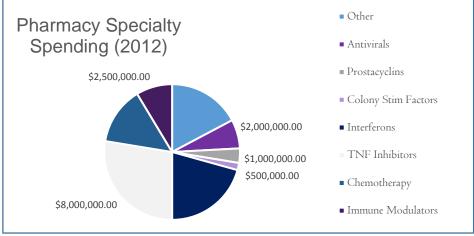
### What is a Specialty Drug?

High cost (Over \$600/mo.) Requires focused clinical management Large molecule biotech drugs Chronic, debilitating, and no other treatments Require special handing; may require special order

# Drug Coverage and Spending Medical vs. Rx







Source: Milliman

## The Differences Between Medical and **Pharmacy Benefits**

**Technology Can Bridge:** 

Route down Medical or

Software/Tools

Pharmacy benefit

Criteria

#### Medical **Benefit**

Administration

Intravenous infusions.

injections.

Dispensing channel

Physician, infusion center, home health.

Billing term

"Buy and Bill"

Claims submission

Batch or real-time using HCPCS codes.

Utilization management

Member cost-share PA/medical review process

Copayment for office visit, coinsurance for

drug product.

**Pharmacy Benefit** 

Administration

**Dispensing** 

dispenses drug and delivers to patient.

injections.

Billing term

channel

**Claims** submission

Utilization management

Member cost-share Specialty pharmacy

Self-administered

"Bill and Dispense"

Online using NDC.

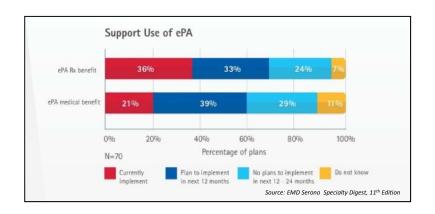
PA, step therapies, concurrent DUR.

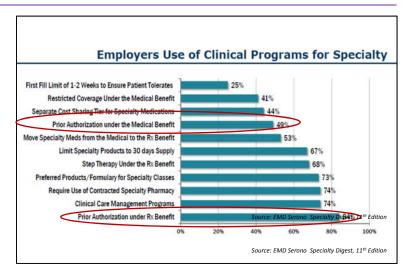
formularies.

Copayment or coinsurance for drug.

### Electronic Prior Authorization (ePA)

- Prior Authorization is a utilization management (UM) tool increasingly used to manage specialty drug spend and trend:
  - 84% for the Rx benefit
  - 49% for the medical benefit





- ePA use is on the up-swing, as well:
  - 36% currently use for the Rx benefit; 33% plan to in the next 12 months
  - 21% currently use for the medical benefit; 39% plan to in the next 12 months

## A look at the road so far

1996	HIPAA Passes, names 278 as standard for ePA
2003	MMA Passes
2004	Multi-SDO Task Group Formed
2005	NCVHS Hearings
2006	MMA ePrescribing Pilots involving ePA
2007	Report to Congress recommending a
	new standard
2008	Expert Panel Formed/Roadmap Created
2009	Minnesota Law Passes
	New ePA Standard Created using SCRIPT
2011	CVS Caremark Pilot
2013	New Standard Published

# ePA Standards/Types

SDO	SDO NCPDP			X12	
Standard	SCRIPT		278		
Types of PA	Drugs covered under the pharmacy benefit	Drugs covered under the medical benefit	Medical Devices	Medical Procedures	



# eBV/ePA – Pharmacy & Medical Solutions Perspective

Sri Swarna CEO Agadia

# Agenda

- Real-time ePA
- ePA flow
- Medical ePA Current State
- Medical ePA Challenges

#### Pharmacy Benefit eBV/ePA

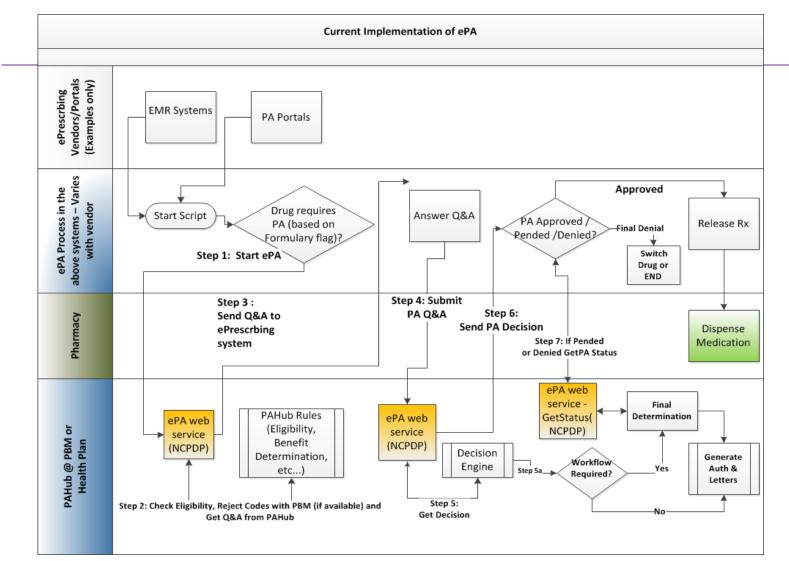
#### **Current PA State**

- Phone & Fax channels still contribute to majority of the PA volume
- Plan specific portals contribute to 5% to 10% of volume
- Steady increase in ePA volume over the last several months

# Are we at a real-time spot? Getting there...

- EMR systems, PA Portals, Intermediaries are implementing the NCPDP ePA Standard and transmitting ePAs to Plans and PBMs that support ePA.
- Benefit Verification from a prior authorization perspective is available in real-time from certain PBMs
- Not all health plans and PBMs have completely automated the prior authorization process
- Regulatory processes

## Typical ePA flow – eBV/ePA (Pharmacy)



#### Medical benefit eBV/ePA Deep Dive

#### Product Specific eBV

- Currently a manual process
- Managed via spreadsheets
- Systems are evolving to enable verification of a prior authorization requirement for drugs on the medical side

#### How is PA handled?

- Primarily via phone and fax with the added complexity of HCPCS/CPT codes
- Physician/Provider Portals

#### Medical ePA Challenges

#### Does the drug need PA under the Medical Benefit?

- Current formulary files include PA information for drugs covered under pharmacy benefit only
- Information around drugs that need PA under the medical benefit is not structured and is not accessible systematically
- The infamous J3490

#### Is the Patient Eligible?

- Rx ePrescribing network does not have access to patients with "Medical only" coverage
- Disparate eligibility systems
- Is the patient excluded from a PA requirement for the given drug

### Medical ePA Challenges...

Where is the drug being administered?

 Certain drugs do not require PA when administered at certain sites of care

Does the Prescriber/Provider have exemptions?

- "Preferred" providers do not need a PA
  - Examples: Gold-card physicians, ACOs, etc...

Are the regulatory requirements different?

- Turn-around times
- Process flow

### Medical ePA Challenges...

#### **Messaging Format**

- NCPDP ePA
- X12
- A new Standard???

#### How will it get routed to the Plan/PBM?

- Existing ePrescribing networks
- Medical Claims processing networks



## The Payor's Role

Daniel Brouillet, Senior Director, Prior Authorization Strategies Express Scripts

### Payor

 Medical utilization management continues to be a focus as specialty costs continue to increase

 Medical drug spend as a % of total medical spend is low

- Payor's need a strategy to address the spend
  - Appropriately addressing medical drug spend involves claims management as much as it involves utilization management

### What's Going On In the Medical Benefit

- Medical Benefit more fragmented in terms of utilization management density
- Medical benefit is not real time
  - Utilization management policies need to be more thorough to account for edits typically found in the pharmacy adjudication system
- NDC vs HCPCS management & expertise
- There are infrastructure gaps with payers on multiple UM systems and multiple claims systems

### How we've handled medical drug PA at Express Scripts

 Fully integrated utilization management and claims solution available to medical payers

Real time, electronic solution for prescribers

- Driving significant PMPY savings on UM
  - \$12 PMPY reported at AMCP last April

Not all payors have the resources to solve Medical UM



# Technology Tools for Improving Patient Medication Access

Jacques Fu, CISM Chief Technology Officer AssistRx

# Specialty Medications: Technology Fundamentals

Full electronic solution to determine scope of coverage

- Covered under Pharmacy or Medical Benefit?
- If covered under both, which benefit is the most optimal for the patient?

Immediate access to distribution options based on benefit type

- Medical AOB vs. Buy & Bill.
- Pharmacy retail offering or SP network.

Proactive access to data services for all stakeholders

#### Pharmacy vs. Medical Benefits

#### Pharmacy benefit:

Typically covers self-administered oral, injectable and inhaled drugs

#### Medical benefit:

 Typically covers drugs that are injected or infused by a health care professional in the doctor's office, hospital out-patient center, free-standing infusion center/clinic or by a mobile infusion therapy provider at home

# Thank you!



**Daniel Brouillet** 

Senior Director, Prior Authorization

Strategies

**Express Scripts** 

DJBrouillet@express-scripts.com



Sri Swarna

**CEO** 

Agadia

sri.swarna@agadia.com



Jacques Fu, CISM Chief

**Technology Officer** 

**AssistRx** 

Jacques.Fu@Assistrx.com



Tony Schueth

CEO and Managing Partner

Point-of-Care Partners LLC

tonys@pocp.com