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## **Putting the Pieces Together, a Review of the Benefits Investigation Process**

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## Introductions

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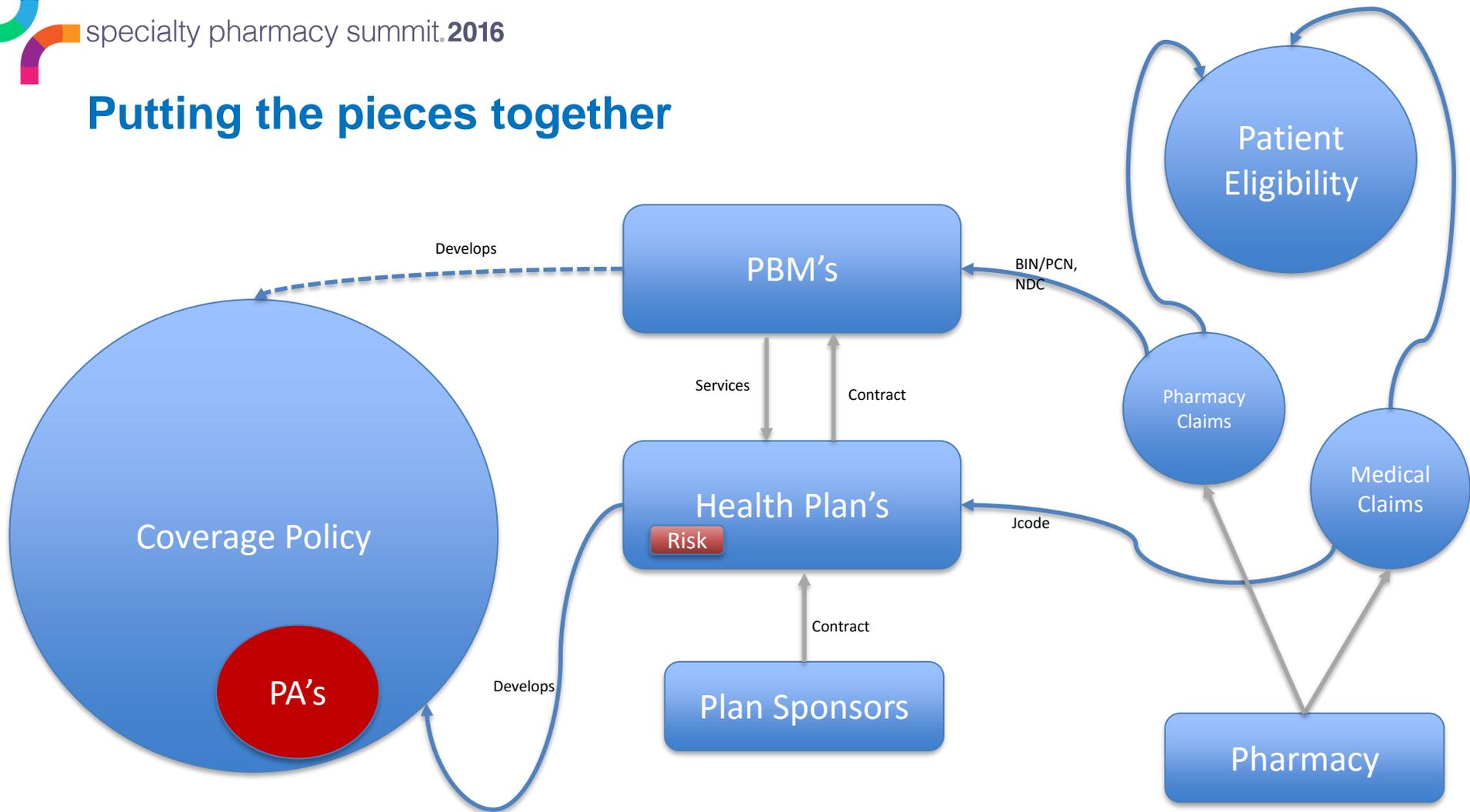
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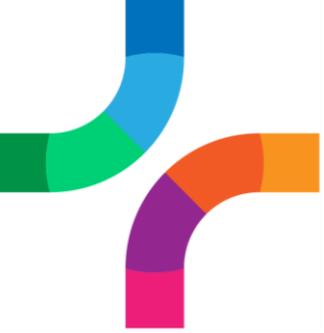
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## Agenda

- Overview – Thomas Cohn
- Background on Coverage Policy – Connie Inguanti
- Background on Prior Authorization & Standards – Tony Scheuth
- Panel Questions / Discussion
  - Thomas Cohn (Moderator)
  - Connie Inguanti
  - Tony Scheuth
  - Caleb DesRosiers

# Putting the pieces together





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## **The Role of Payer Coverage Policy in Benefit Verification**

# Background: Managed Care

## Organized health care delivery system

- Designed to improve the quality and accessibility of health care . . .
- Including pharmaceutical care . . .
- While containing costs . . .
- By putting limited resources to best use in patient care

# Managed Care Pharmacy

**Ensures access to clinically sound, cost-effective medications, biologics and devices for patients/members**

- Pharmacy & Therapeutics (P&T) committees
  - Pharmacists
  - Physicians, including specialist advisors
  - Others (representing Administration, Contracting, Legal, etc.)
- Develop and manage:
  - Formularies
  - Practices and policies related to access, reimbursement & appropriate use
- Responsible for traditional retail drugs and “medical” or “specialty” drugs

# Drug Access & Reimbursement Requirements

**All P&T-required conditions must be met for successful benefit verification and approval at the pharmacy fulfillment level**

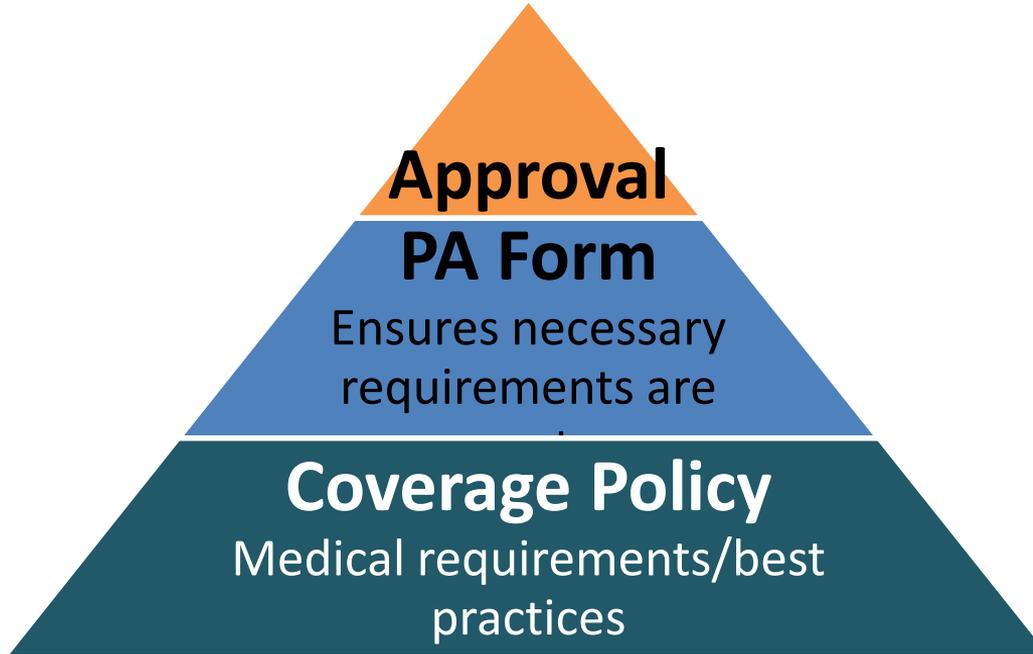
- Pharmacy management tactics:
  - Formularies
  - **Prior Authorization (PA), step edits, restrictions**
  - **Coverage/medical policy**
  - Benefit design
  - Contracting
  - Pharmacy networks, mail order, specialty pharmacies
  - Disease management
  - Drug utilization review
  - Outcomes research
  - Patient and provider education

## “Appropriate use” is the objective of P&T drug-related practices & policies

- Right drug to the right person at the right time
- Aligned with formulary & contracting
- Aligned with P&T committee/medical department’s determination of best clinical practices
  - Often apply to high-cost specialty drugs for complex disease states
  - Formulary measures include PA, ST and other restrictions
  - **Coverage/medical policy: Detailed medical conditions that must be met for reimbursement**, e.g., diagnosis, documentation of previous treatment, documented genetic marker if for a targeted therapy

# Coverage Policy & PA

**Coverage Policy is the Foundation of  
Benefit Verification/Approval at the Pharmacy Level**



# Coverage Policy & PA : Determine Drug Eligibility

- In this example, Pfizer's oral chemotherapy Xalkori is indicated to treat non-small cell lung cancer in patients with specific gene expressions.

## ..... INDICATIONS AND USAGE .....

XALKORI is a kinase inhibitor indicated for the treatment of patients with:

- metastatic non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC) whose tumors are anaplastic lymphoma kinase (ALK)-positive as detected by an FDA-approved test. (1.1)
- metastatic NSCLC whose tumors are ROS1-positive. (1.2)

## ..... DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION .....

- Recommended Dose: 250 mg orally, twice daily. (2.2)
- Renal Impairment: 250 mg orally, once daily in patients with severe renal impairment (creatinine clearance <30 mL/min) not requiring dialysis. (2.2)

# Coverage Policy Criteria: Example

- Here, the health plan's Coverage Policy states that use is approved if the patient has one of the FDA-approved indications AND that it is documented by a genetic test
- Criteria for allowed off-label uses may also be listed – common with cancers, based on national guidelines or clinical trial data

## APPROVAL CRITERIA

Requests for Xalkori (crizotinib) may be approved for the following indications, when accompanying criteria are met:

- I. Non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC), recurrent or metastatic; **AND**
  - a. Documentation is provided that tumor is documented anaplastic lymphoma kinase (ALK)-positive; **OR**
  - b. Tumor is documented as c-ros oncogene 1(ROS1) positive (NCCN); **OR**
  - c. Mesenchymal-Epidermal Transition (MET) amplifications are present (NCCN);
- II. Inflammatory Myofibroblastic Tumor (IMT) with ALK translocation (NCCN).

# Coverage Policy Criteria on PA Form: Example

- This plan's PA form reflects its Coverage Policy criteria. For use to be approved at the pharmacy level, the physician must document:
  - An approvable diagnosis (in this case, associated with a gene expression)
  - Documentation that an FDA-approved genetic test was done (per FDA label)
  - This plan requires test results to be attached
  - Quantity prescribed must align with the plan's Coverage Policy criteria
- **If all Coverage Policy criteria are met and documented in the PA form, use will be approved. Otherwise, it will be rejected. A medical exception can be requested.**

CONTAINS CONFIDENTIAL PATIENT INFORMATION Xalkori (crizotinib) Prior Authorization of Benefits (PAB) Form Complete form in its entirety and fax to: Prior Authorization of Benefits Center [REDACTED]			
<b>1. PATIENT INFORMATION</b>		<b>2. PHYSICIAN INFORMATION</b>	
Patient Name: _____	Prescribing Physician: _____		
Patient ID #: _____	Physician Address: _____		
Patient DOB: _____	Physician Phone #: _____		
Date of Rx: _____	Physician Fax #: _____		
Patient Phone #: _____	Physician Specialty: _____		
Patient Email Address: _____	Physician DEA: _____		
	Physician NPI #: _____		
	Physician Email Address: _____		
<b>3. MEDICATION</b>	<b>4. STRENGTH</b>	<b>5. DIRECTIONS</b>	<b>6. QUANTITY PER 30 DAY</b>
Xalkori (crizotinib)	<input type="checkbox"/> 200mg <input type="checkbox"/> 250mg	_____	Specify: _____
<b>7. DIAGNOSIS:</b> _____			
<b>8. APPROVAL CRITERIA: CHECK ALL BOXES THAT APPLY</b>			
<b>NOTE: Any areas not filled out are considered not applicable to your patient &amp; MAY AFFECT THE OUTCOME of this request.</b>			
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	Does the patient have a diagnosis of locally advanced or metastatic non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC)? <b>If yes:</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	Has that patient had a documented anaplastic lymphoma kinase (ALK)-positive result as detected by an FDA-approved companion diagnostic test* (that is, Vysis ALK Break Apart FISH Probe Kit)?	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	Does the patient have a diagnosis of Inflammatory Myofibroblastic Tumor (IMT) with ALK translocation? <b>If yes:</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	Is the patient using Xalkori (crizotinib) as single-agent therapy?	
* A copy of the test results from the FDA-approved companion diagnostic test must be provided			
<b>9. PHYSICIAN SIGNATURE</b>			
_____		_____	
Prescriber or Authorized Signature		Date	

# BusinessOne's Managed Markets Access Data

Data Captured at the Most Granular Level for Flexibility & Credibility in Analytics

## BusinessOne Technology: Coverage Policy Platform

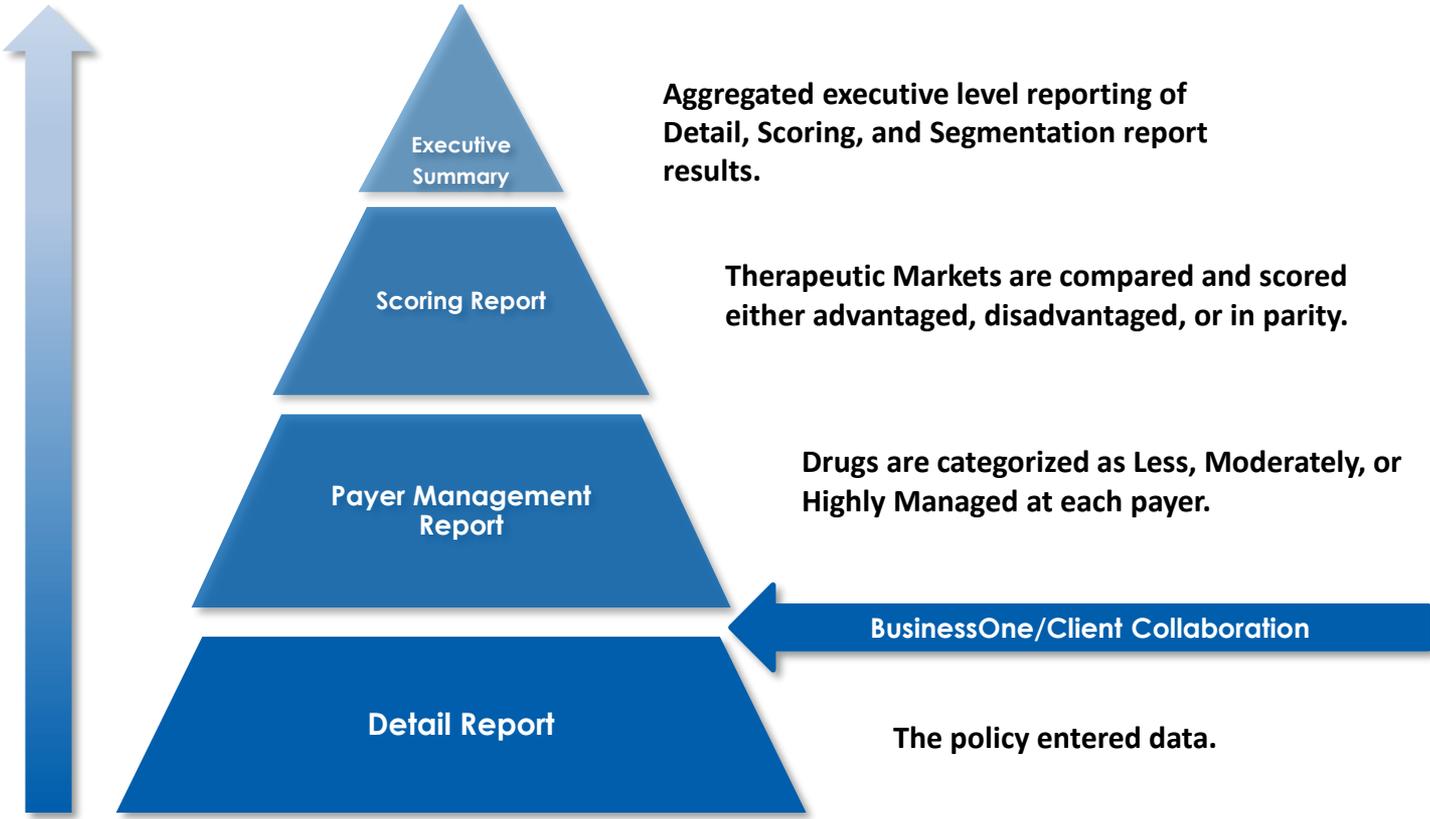
Deeper dive into access & reimbursement

- 360 degree coverage of Retail and Specialty, Hybrid market
- 85 data elements captured for streamline data analysis
- Medical and Pharmacy prior authorization forms
- Prior Authorization, Step Therapy, & Diagnostic Requirements
- Specialty Pharmacy affiliations
- Coverage Policy for 140 drugs across 40 indications
- Custom Payor segmentation and Market basket scoring

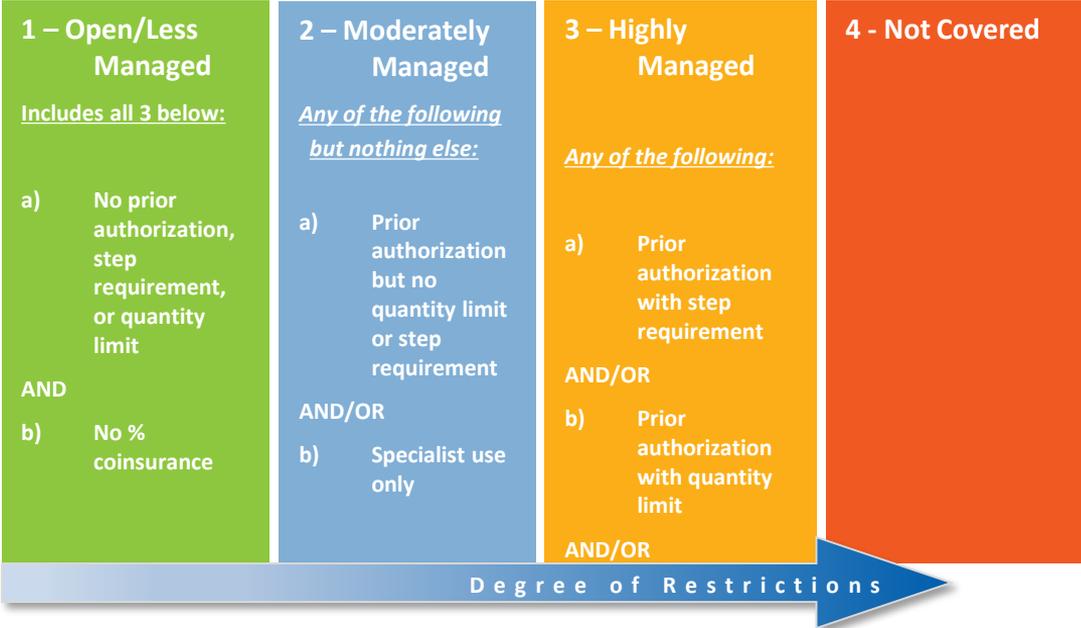
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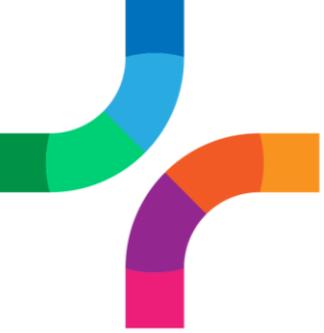


# Coverage Policy Development Process



# Plan Segmentation Criteria





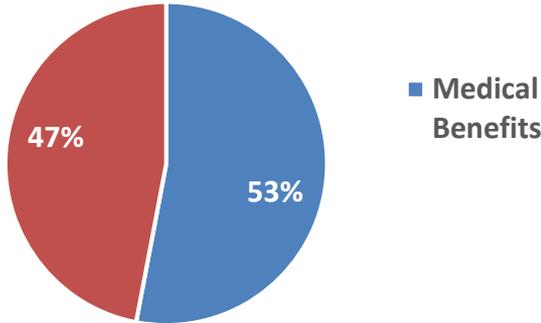
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## **Eligibility and PA in Specialty Pharmacy**

# Drug Coverage – Medical vs Rx Spending



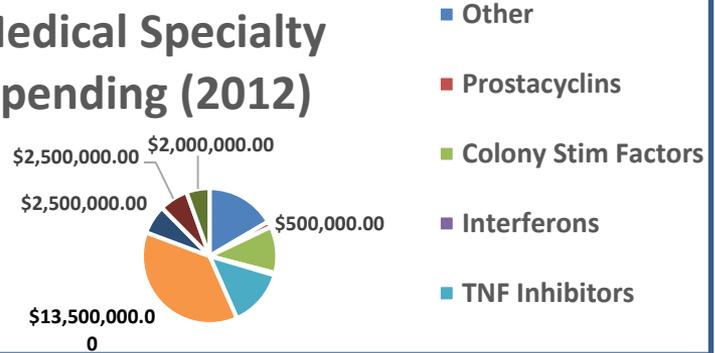
Drugs are Covered Under the:



■ Medical Benefits

Source: Milliman

## Medical Specialty Spending (2012)



## Pharmacy Specialty Spending (2012)

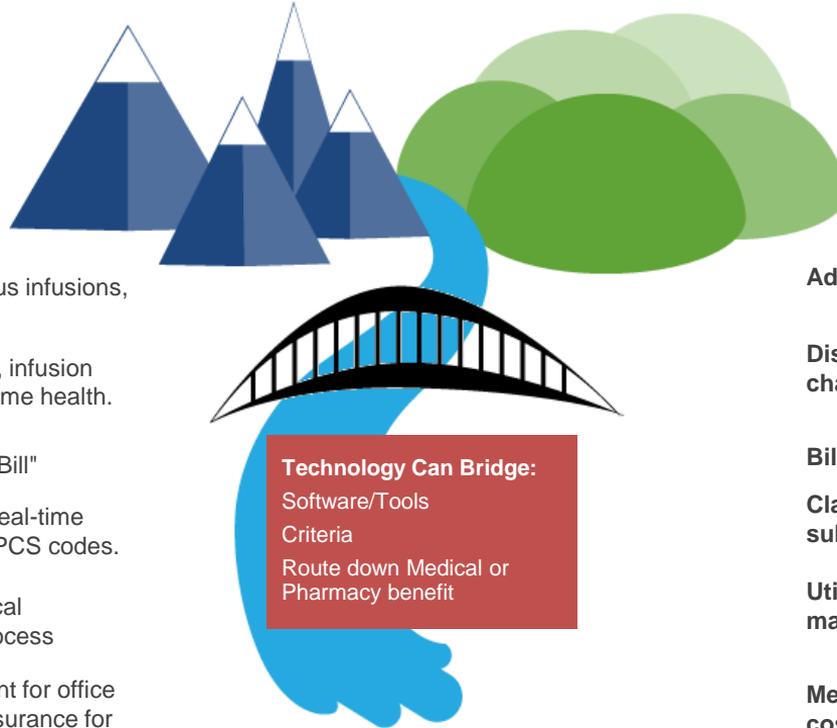


# The Differences Between Medical and Pharmacy Benefit



## Medical Benefit

<b>Administration</b>	Intravenous infusions, injections.
<b>Dispensing channel</b>	Physician, infusion center, home health.
<b>Billing term</b>	"Buy and Bill"
<b>Claims submission</b>	Batch or real-time using HCPCS codes.
<b>Utilization management</b>	PA /medical review process
<b>Member cost-share</b>	Copayment for office visit, coinsurance for drug product.



## Pharmacy Benefit

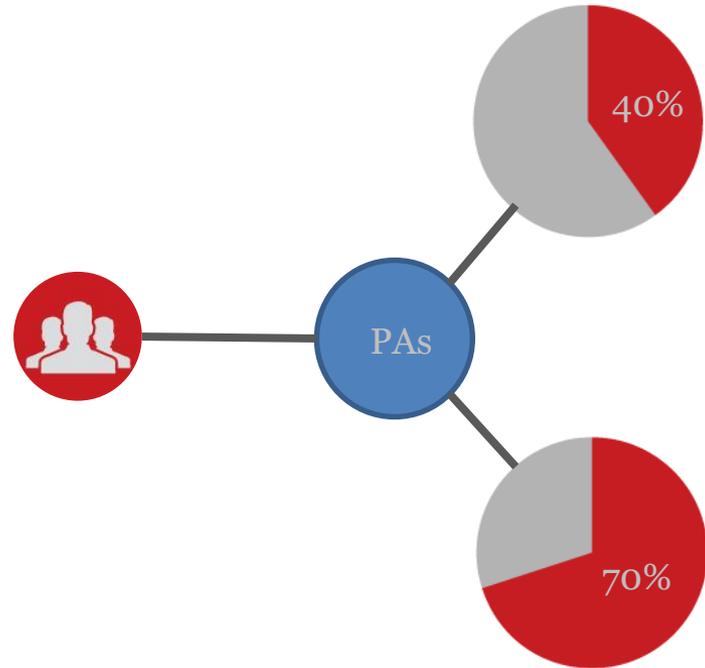
<b>Administration</b>	Self-administered injections.
<b>Dispensing channel</b>	Specialty pharmacy dispenses drug and delivers to patient.
<b>Billing term</b>	"Bill and Dispense"
<b>Claims submission</b>	Online using NDC.
<b>Utilization management</b>	PA, step therapies, concurrent DUR, formularies.
<b>Member cost-share</b>	Copayment or coinsurance for drug.

# Why Prior Authorization?



Payers say that prior authorization provide **cost savings** to consumers by **preventing unnecessary prescribing** of expensive brand name drugs when an appropriate generic is available and to help **prevent drug interactions**

Nearly **40%** of PA requests are **abandoned** due to complex procedures and policies and nearly **70%** of patients encountering paper-based PA requests to **not receive** the original prescription



Source: Cover MyMeds and Frost & Sullivan  
<https://epascorecard.covermymeds.com/images/FrostSullivanPrior%20AuthorizationWhitepaper%20FINAL.pdf>

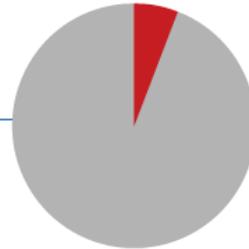
# Consequences of Prior Authorization



A CoverMyMeds study indicated that in 2014 **74,400,000** prescriptions were **abandoned**

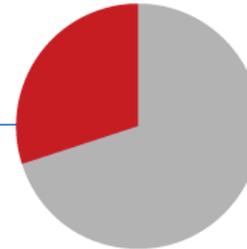
**2014**  
4.4 Billion Annual Prescriptions

**6%**  
265 Million Prescriptions Rejected



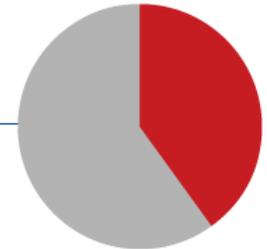
**94%**  
4.2 Million Prescriptions Filled

**70%**  
186 Million Requiring PA requests



**30%**  
80 Million Resolved at Pharmacy

**40%**  
74.4 Million Abandoned



Due to complex policies and procedures

The Administration on Aging projects an **increase** in PA volume of **20%** annually\*\*

\*<https://epascorecard.covermymeds.com/>

\*\*[http://aoa.gov/aging\\_statistics/future\\_growth/DOCS/p25-1138.pdf](http://aoa.gov/aging_statistics/future_growth/DOCS/p25-1138.pdf)