

**HEALTH & WELFARE – HOT TOPICS** 

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Sets reimbursement to proivders at a defined percentage of Medicare

▶ Plan expenses not reported or considered that are written into

vendor contracts

Reference System Survival Passed Pricing Establishes set procedure and/or program for specifically defined plan services

> Grouping of like-minded entities to create purchasing efficiencies



### REFERENCE BASED PRICING

### THE PROBLEM

Plan cost continues to rise with limited control/transparency for provider reimbursements

### THE SOLUTION

RBP uses a defined percentage of Medicare as the initial "reference" point for provider reimbursements



### REFERENCE BASED PRICING

### **PROS**:

- ER controls price points for reimbursements
- Creates cost equality with providers
- Creates transparency for plan/members

### **CONS:**

- No established network
- Additional member engagement required
- Friction with provider community possible

### **CONSIDERATIONS**

- Plan Administrator "concierge" level service
- Protocol for managing provider negotiations
- Legal support for plan/members
- Communication plan with members
- Updating plan documents



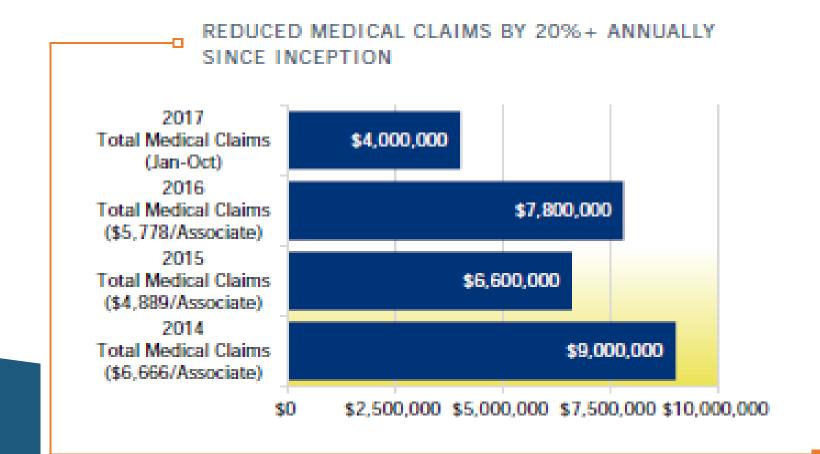
## **SUCCESS STORY: REFERENCE BASED PRICING**

1,350 Associates

Claims trending 10%–13% annually

\$6,600,000+

Decrease in claims spend over 3 years





### THE PROBLEM

Cost for high-risk/expensive conditions continue to negatively impact plans

### THE SOLUTION

"Carve outs" establish a set procedure/program for specifically defined plan services, to reduce or eliminate cost while improving quality results



### **PROS**:

- Increased benefits for members
- Cost control/risk elimination to plan
- Plan creates strategy for highest risk/cost procedures

### **CONS:**

- Could create provider limitations for members
- Might require capital expenditure prior to risk surfacing
- Requires education to each risk issue

### **CONSIDERATIONS**

- Type of Service "Non-Emergency Care"
- Reasonable Access
- Quality of Providers
- Exceptions Process
- Full Disclosure to Members



### **PROGRAMS**

**Pharmacy** 

Transplants

**Dialysis** 

Oncology\*

Imaging\*

Orthopedics\*

Neonatal\*

Burn\*

\* Indicates opportunity for direct contracting



# ASSOCIATION HEALTH PLANS / CAPTIVES

### THE PROBLEM

Employers have limited market options because of vendor consolidation

### THE SOLUTION

Association Health Plans and Captives allow grouping of like-minded entities to create purchasing efficiencies



# ASSOCIATION HEALTH PLANS / CAPTIVES

### **PROS**:

- New market options
- Alignment of entities with common interest creating purchasing power
- Additional risk/cost control strategies
- Create tax efficient revenue (captives)

### **CONS:**

- Potential "reserve" requirements
- Potential loss of control in decision making
- Could be grouped with "poor" risk pool

### **CONSIDERATIONS**

- Risk Management Process
- Contract Language / Fees
- Renewal Formulas
- Termination Clauses
- ER/EE Liability if Insolvent



## HIDDEN PLAN EXPENSES

### THE PROBLEM

Language within medical and pharmacy contracts have created additional expenses to plans and members without transparency to the measured impact

### THE SOLUTION

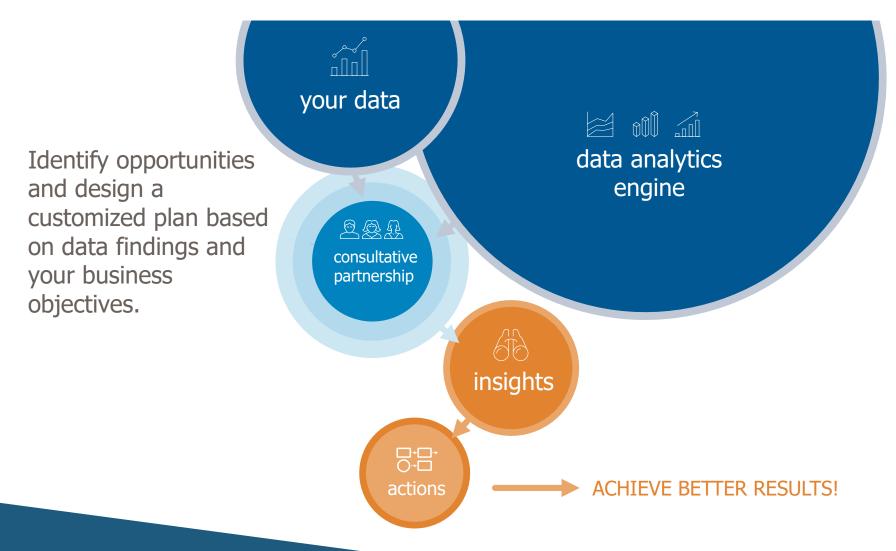
Diagnostic review of all contracts to validate and measure ALL expenses, fees and performance to agreed terms



PROGRAMS	<b>POTENTIAL SAVINGS</b>
<ul> <li>Shared Savings Programs</li> </ul>	0%-3%
<ul> <li>Network Access Fees</li> </ul>	0%-2%
<ul> <li>Capitation</li> </ul>	0%-2%
<ul> <li>Utilization Review / Case Management</li> </ul>	0%-5%
<ul> <li>Subrogation</li> </ul>	0%-2%
<ul> <li>Pharmacy Formulary Reporting (Generic to</li> </ul>	0%-4%
Brand for pricing)	
<ul> <li>Pharmacy Dispensing/Access Fees</li> </ul>	0%-2%
<ul> <li>Pharmacy Rebates/Refunds</li> </ul>	0%-2%
<ul> <li>Retro Audit Language</li> </ul>	0%-4%



## **ACTION THROUGH INSIGHT**





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