

## Health Cost Drivers Informational Meeting: Panel 1

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### Healthcare Cost Trends: Why there is urgency

## **90%** American

adults believe lowering out-of-pocket health care costs should be a top priority for policy makers.

(Morning Consult)

Nearly



find it difficult to afford health care.

(Kaiser Family Foundation poll)



And according to PhRMA's *Patient Experience Survey*,

### more than 1/3

of insured Americans report at least one financial barrier to care



# 15% of Insured Americans Are Particularly Struggling with Unaffordable OOP costs, with Disproportionate Impact





### Plan Design is Increasingly Shifting Costs to Patients Through the Use of Deductibles and Coinsurance

Percent of plans with deductibles on prescription drugs



The use of four or more cost-sharing tiers is becoming more common on employer plans



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Source: PWC, KFF

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### Patients Face Higher Out-of-Pocket Costs at the Pharmacy Counter than Other Parts of the Health Care System



inpatient prescription drug spending within hospitals and nearly all provider-administered outpatient drugs. Figures in billions

### Net Prices for Brand Medicines Have Stayed Nearly Flat For The Past Five Years

#### **Average Net Price Growth for Brand Medicines, 2017-2021**





On average, a brand medicine's net price is

**49%** 

lower than its list price.

## Spending on Medicines Is a Small and Stable Share of Total Health Care Spending





#### **Projected US Health Care Expenditures Attributable to Retail and Nonretail Prescription Medicines**, 2021-2028



Retail Nonretail Other health care spending



\* Excludes spending on COVID-19 vaccines and treatments Source: Altarum, IQVIA, 2022. Note: Nonretail prescription medicines are those purchased through physicians' offices, clinics and hospitals and are typically administered to the patient by the provider. Retail prescription medicines are those filled at retail pharmacies or through mail service.

## A New Era of Medicine is Not Expected to Impact the Share of Total Health Care Spending on Medicines

Projected Spending on Prescription Medicines, Total Health Care, and Anticipated Cell & Gene Therapies (\$B), 2021-2025



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SOURCES: Young CM et al. Drug Discovery Today, 27(1): 2022.; CMS National Health Expenditures (NHE) Projections, 2022.; Altarum Institute. "Projections of the Non-Retail Prescription Drug Share of National Health Expenditures." September 2020.

## Generic and Biosimilar Medicines Drive Significant Savings in the Health Care System



### Rebates and Discounts Lower the Net Prices of Medicines





Note: Includes single-source brand medicines. Source: Fein, A. "The 2021 Economic Report on U.S. Pharmacies and Pharmacy Benefit Managers," Drug Channels Institute. March 2021.

Source: IQVIA. Use of Medicines in the U.S. 2022.

# Many Stakeholders Have a Role in the Prescription Medicine Supply Chain





### Vertical Consolidation among Market Participants



1. Cigna partners with providers via its Cigna Collaborative Care program. However, Cigna does not directly own healthcare providers.

2. AllianceRx Walgreens Prime is jointly owned by Prime Therapeutics and Walgreens Boots Alliance.

3. Since 2020, Prime sources formulary rebates via Ascent Health Services. In 2021, Humana began sourcing formulary rebates via Ascent Health Services for its commercial plans. Source: Drug Channels Institute research; Companies are listed alphabetically by insurer name.

This chart appears as Exhibit 210 in The 2021 Economic Report on U.S. Pharmacies and Pharmacy Benefit Managers. Available at http://drugch.nl/pharmacy



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More than 1/2 of Brand Spend on Medicines Goes to Other Stakeholders, not Patients (and not the Manufacturers)

Rebates, discounts and other payments made by brand manufacturers reached \$236B in 2021.

Percent of Total Spending on Brand Medicines Received by Manufacturers and Other Entities, 2020



Payments from brand manufactures to payers, middlemen, providers and other stakeholders tripled between 2012 and 2021





## Medicines Provide Critical Savings to the U.S. Health Care System



Estimated **10-Year savings** to Medicare from improved adherence to congestive heart failure medications, 2013-2022\*

\$22.4 billion

### \$367 billion

Costs avoided by 2050 if we develop a new medicine that delays the onset of Alzheimer's disease by just five years\*\*



\*Source: Dall TM et. al. "The Economic Impact of Medicare Part D on Congestive Heart Failure." *American Journal of Managed Care*. 2013;19:S97-S100. \*\*Source: Alzheimer's Association.

## Unlike Other Aspects of the Health Care System, Medicine Costs Decrease Over Time

The price of medicines used to prevent cardiovascular disease decreased...

...while the cost of the surgical procedure to treat it increased over a decade.

\$2.37





## Medicines Help Patients Avoid Expensive Hospital Services

The U.S. health care system could save \$213 billion annually if medicines were used properly.\*



\*Source: IMS Institute for Healthcare Informatics, "Avoidable Costs in U.S. Healthcare: The \$200 Billion Opportunity from Using Medicines More Responsibly," June 2013. \*\*Source: Roebuck M.C., et al. ""Medication adherence leads to lower health care use and costs despite increased drug spending." Health Affairs. 2011;30(1):-99."

