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Elevate Provider Network Weekly Update

Promoting the value of independent pharmacy patient care

Advocacy

Pharmacy groups urge Congress to accelerate PBM reform

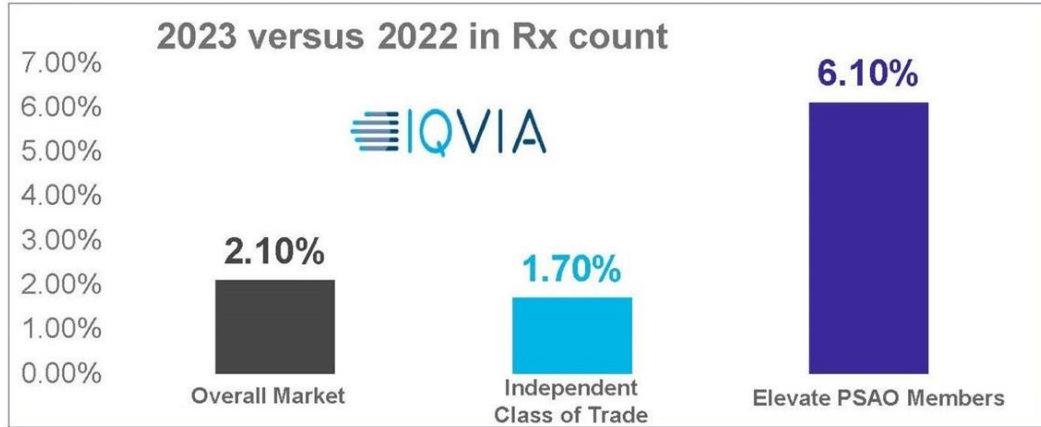
NCPA, February 06, 2024

This week NCPA joined with five other pharmacy groups in sending a letter to Congress urging the need for the prioritization of meaningful PBM reform. The letter highlights the essential reforms NCPA has prioritized this Congress including Medicaid managed care payment reform and provisions requiring CMS to define and enforce reasonable and relevant contract terms in Medicare Part D.

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Elevate Provider Network's contracting strategy works!

IQVIA data comparing Rx counts from 2023 to 2022 shows continued strong Rx growth among Elevate members compared to other independent pharmacies and the overall retail class of trade.



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Cencora releases 2023 ESG report

February 07, 2024

Cencora released its 2023 Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) Report featuring its ESG performance and commitment to operations that benefit the planet and people more broadly.

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Another side to medical billing

NCPA, February 06, 2024

What do you know about the transformative potential of medical billing in community pharmacies for payments based on patient encounters? Not much? Well, this is a chance to find out and uncover new revenue streams, identify and address gaps in your billing processes, and collaborate with industry leaders to design state-specific strategies for enhanced revenue cycle management.

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US vaccination against respiratory diseases remains low

Ethan Covey, Pharmacy Times, February 02, 2024

Vaccination against COVID-19, influenza and respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) remains low in the United States and is particularly low for updated COVID-19 and RSV vaccines, according to a CDC report.

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ACIP 2024 vaccine recommendations

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Staying informed about vaccine recommendations is paramount to public health. The Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) plays a critical role in providing guidance and vaccine usage in the United States and made below changes to the 2024 [Adult Immunization Schedule](#).

The newest vaccine additions to the schedule include RSV vaccines, the mpox vaccine, a new MenACWY, menB combo vaccine, and the new 2023-2024 formulation of the COVID vaccine. Both mRNA and protein-based adjuvanted versions are included.

Meningococcal Vaccines which provide comprehensive protection against multiple strains of meningococcal bacteria, including those responsible for causing meningitis and bloodstream infections, such as Pfizer's MenABCWY vaccine may be used when both MenACWY and MenB are indicated at the same visit.

Mpox formerly (known as monkeypox) vaccine protects against the virus that causes smallpox, is recommended for individuals aged 18 years and older who are at risk of mpox during a mpox outbreak, patients are recommended to receive the 2-dose JYNNEOS vaccine series. The first dose is administered initially, followed by the second after 28 days.

Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) protects against Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV), a common respiratory infection that can cause severe illness in vulnerable populations. In most of the continental United States, it is recommended for pregnant women at 32-36 weeks' gestation to receive a single dose of the RSV vaccine (Abrysvo™) from September through January. Additionally, patients aged 60 years or older, based on shared clinical decision-making and considering those with chronic medical conditions or an increased risk for severe RSV disease, are advised to receive one dose of either the RSV vaccine (Arexvy® or Abrysvo™).

Staying abreast of ACIP's vaccine recommendation is essential for healthcare providers, by following evidence-based guidelines from ACIP we can collectively strive towards achieving optimal vaccine coverage and adoption promoting public health and safeguarding communities against infectious diseases in the years ahead.

HCSC agrees to acquire Medicare businesses and CareAllies from Cigna

HCSC, January 31, 2024

HCSC has signed a definitive agreement with The Cigna Group to acquire its Medicare Advantage, Medicare Supplemental Benefits, Medicare Part D and CareAllies businesses. The acquisition will benefit HCSC's current and future members by enhancing the company's capabilities and reach, particularly in the growing Medicare segment.

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Good Neighbor Pharmacy and Elevate Provider Network: Supporting improved medication adherence

Jim McCaslin, Sr Mgr - Pharmacy Quality Performance, AmerisourceBergen

Over the past five weeks, we have focused on showcasing the valuable tools and solutions provided by *Good Neighbor Pharmacy* and the Elevate Provider Network. These resources are designed to assist pharmacies in gaining a deeper understanding of their patients' medication adherence patterns, identifying areas of concern or potential gaps in care, and taking appropriate actions to enhance adherence. By adopting these tools, pharmacies can ultimately contribute to better health outcomes for their patients while also improving overall pharmacy performance.

Below are tools that are available:

- **EQUIPP:** This tool offers pharmacy performance information and highlights patients who may not be meeting quality measures. By using EQUIPP, pharmacy team members can efficiently prioritize patients and develop intervention plans accordingly. Elevate members can request user access by completing the EQUIPP [Access Request Form](#).
- **Medication Therapy Management platforms:** OutcomesOne and MedMonitor are patient engagement solutions that empower pharmacies to optimize the pharmacist-patient relationship through medication reviews, clinical consultations, and targeted interventions. These platforms play a significant role in improving patient health outcomes. You can enroll in OutcomesOne or OptumRx MedMonitor by clicking on the respective links.
 - [OutcomesOne](#)
 - [OptumRx MedMonitor](#)
- **Insite Suspect Claims Reports:** Accessible through the AB Solutions Portal, this resource displays the previous weeks claims allowing you to identify patients who fall below the 80% threshold in quality measures.
- **PrescribeWellness Patient Engagement Center:** This interactive platform displays segmented adherence rings that show the number of patients within

specific adherence ranges. Pharmacists can prioritize those patients who have adherence levels below 80%.

If you require assistance or training on these tools and resources, please reach out to your dedicated Business Coach or contact pharmacyperformance@amerisourcebergen.com.

Central Pay closure: Presidents' Day 2024

Due to the Presidents' Day holiday, no payments will be released on Monday, February 19, 2024. Because the Federal Reserve Bank will be closed, no ACH transactions can be processed on this day. In addition, any funds released on Friday, February 16 may not settle with your bank until Tuesday, February 20, because the Federal Reserve Bank does not operate on the holiday. Central Pay will resume our daily release schedule on Tuesday, February 20, 2024.

ThoughtSpot generics rebate deadline is March 31

[ThoughtSpot 2024](#) takes place at the Marriott World Center in Orlando, Florida, July 24-27, 2024. Check out the schedule and register today.

Get up to a 4% rebate

Once again, we will be offering the generics rebate. Register before March 31, 2024, and you may be eligible to receive up to 4% off of rebatable generics purchases made between April 1, 2024, and June 30, 2024.*

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** Subject to meeting the applicable requirements in the ThoughtSpot 2024 Generics Rebate Terms and Conditions. To be eligible and maximize your generic rebate, when utilizing multiple locations/stores, each person must be associated to a unique account number.*

Elevate Provider Network Outcomes opportunities

Outcomes opportunities:

Below are current MTM revenue opportunities available to Elevate Provider Network pharmacies through the Outcomes platform as of February 07, 2024:

Total Outcomes CMR opportunities as of 02/07/24: **44,301**

Potential revenue for the following CMRs: **\$2,549,305**

Additional information regarding Outcomes opportunities can be found on the [Outcomes](#) website.

Contracts

No contract updates this week.

Top MAC cases

Each week the Elevate MAC Team analyzes millions of InSite claims, identifying which ones will represent the highest potential financial impact to our members. Although a representative claim might be submitted on behalf of a single Elevate Provider Network pharmacy, the impact may be seen by all our members.

Product Name	NDC	Effective Date	Group	Payer
ALPRAZOLAM 1 MG TABLET	65862067805	01/30/2024	AHEARDENT	Catamaran
DEXLANSOPRAZOLE DR 60 MG CAP	24979000207	01/30/2024	BLUEKC	Optum Rx
DEXTROAMP-AMPHETAMIN 20 MG TAB	555097302	02/2/2024	EGWPS037	Catamaran
DULOXETINE HCL DR 20 MG CAP	68001059406	01/30/2024	UNITEDRX	Optum Rx
FLUVASTATIN ER 80 MG TABLET	781801731	02/2/2024	EGWPS037	Catamaran
LAMIVUDINE HBV 100 MG TABLET	60505325006	02/3/2024	MDCMEDD	Catamaran
LEVOTHYROXINE 100 MCG TABLET	68180096903	01/30/2024	HAC	Catamaran
LISDEXAMFETAMINE 50 MG CAPSULE	406511501	01/30/2024	ABSR	Maxor Plus
LORAZEPAM 1 MG TABLET	69315090501	02/3/2024	BXM001A78	Optum Rx
RIFABUTIN 150 MG CAPSULE	59762135001	02/3/2024	COS	Optum Rx

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Visit the MAC Action Center in the Solutions Portal for a complete list of all MAC Cases with favorable outcomes.

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