

# Embracing Disruptive Change

Redefining traditional roles amid a  
radically restructuring market

# How did we get here?

## Presidential candidates endorsing Medicare for All, 2016



## Presidential candidates supporting some version of “Medicare for All,” 2020



## Others running on health care as a central issue

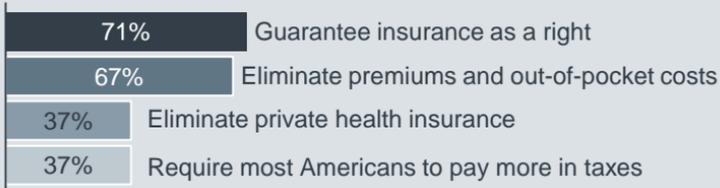


## Public support for Medicare for All

# 56%

Survey respondents who favor a national health plan in which all Americans would get their insurance from a single government health plan

## ...if it would do the following



# Unaffordability is the biggest catalyst of all

Consumers and policymakers grapple with unsustainable cost trajectory

Consumer unaffordability

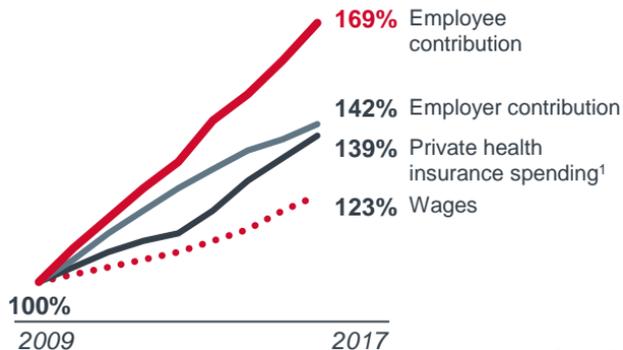


Government unaffordability

**\$1,350** Average deductible among covered workers in 2018 for single coverage

## Cumulative increase in spending

Indexed to 100% in 2009



**2026** Estimated date by which Medicare's **trust fund will be depleted**, 3 years earlier than previously expected



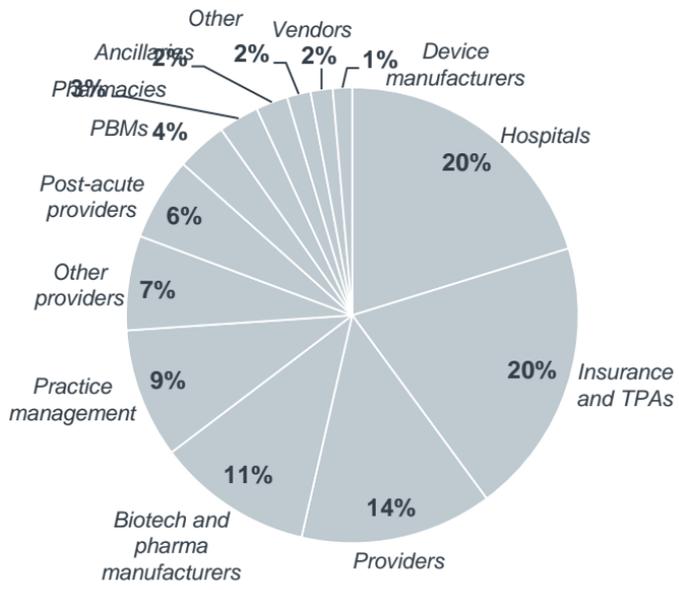
*Expiration of ACA rate adjustment in 2019 means higher rate increases—and worsened budgetary problems for CMS*

**+3.2%** Estimated **payment rate update in FY 2020** if IPPS rule is finalized as proposed

Source: "Wage Growth Tracker," Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta, May 9, 2019; Kamal R, Sawyer B, "How much is health spending expected to grow?" Kaiser Family Foundation, March 12, 2019; Girod C, et al., "2018 Milliman Medical Index," Milliman, May 2018; "2019 annual report of the boards of trustees of the federal hospital insurance and federal supplementary medical insurance trust funds," April 22, 2019; Health Care Advisory Board interviews and analysis.

# Usual suspects in the line of fire

### Share of profits in health care industry<sup>1</sup>



### Who's feeling the heat in 2019?

*Competitive, purchaser, and/or policy uncertainty*



Hospitals



Insurance and TPAs



Biotech and pharma



PBMs

*Stable, winning favor*



Providers



Practice management

<sup>1</sup> From last year of available data for each sector; IBISWorld industry reports.

# On the cusp of something big?

Two questions for health care leaders to consider:



Purchaser  
landscape

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**How far will purchasers go to attain affordability?**

- Rise of top-down spending controls
- Facilitation of consumer-led shopping
- Refinement of provider-facing risk models



Provider  
landscape

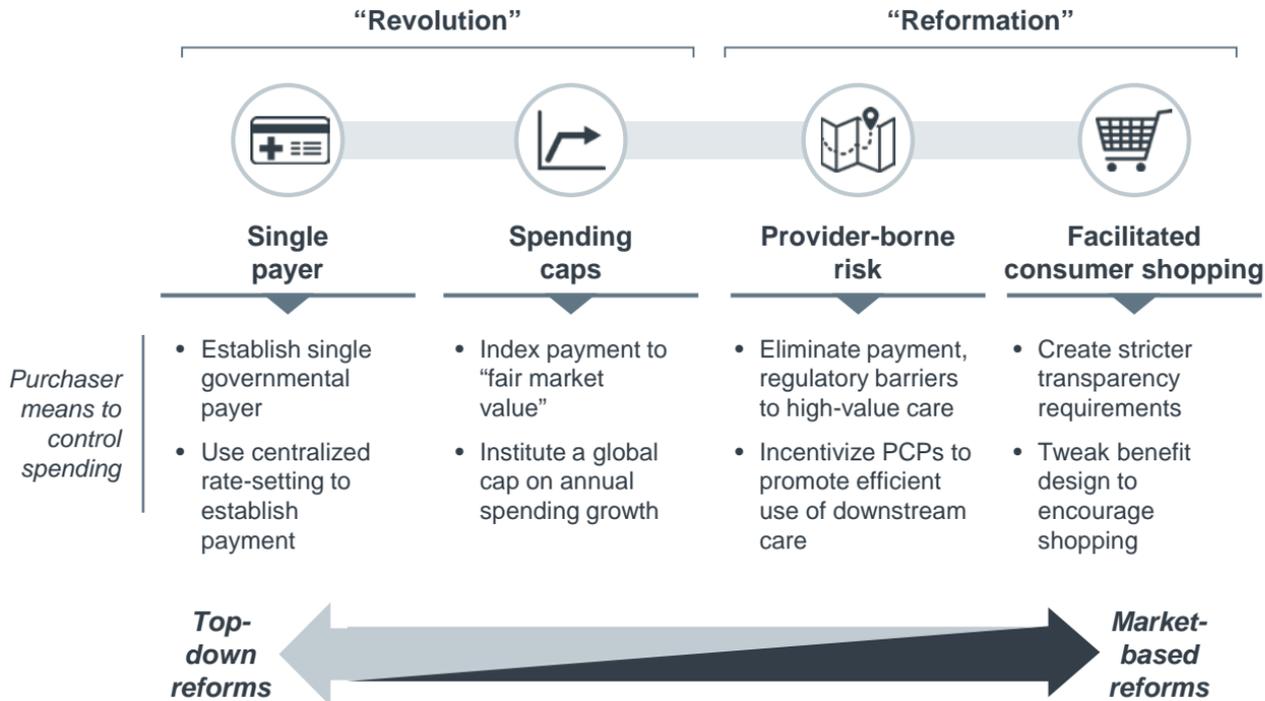
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**How will the delivery system respond to the affordability mandate?**

- Resurgence of the autonomous provider
- Aggregation of single-specialty medicine
- Segmentation of primary care

# Thank you, next

## Purchasers ramping up across two types of strategies to control spending



# A clear threat to the cross-subsidy

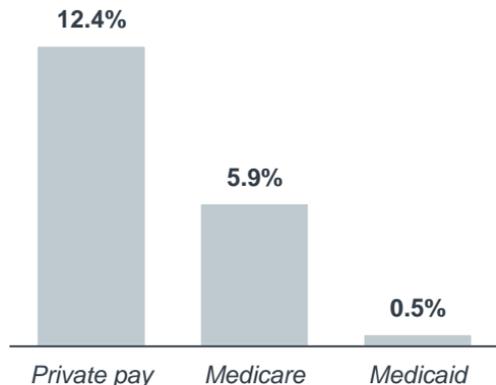
Medicare for All proposal would entail large reimbursement shift

**Employers shoulder an outsized share of health care costs**

**241%**

Percentage that private health insurance pays hospitals compared to Medicare on average

**Cumulative hospital price growth by payer segment (June 2014–February 2019)**



**Initial Medicare for All projections paint bleak picture for hospital finances**

**JAMA**

**(15.9%)**

Projected **net decline in hospital revenue** as result of passage of Medicare for All

**Navigant**

**(22%)**

Projected **decline in net margin at model health system** as result of passage of Medicare for All

Source: White C and Whaley C, "Prices paid to hospitals by private health plans are high relative to Medicare and vary widely," RAND, 2019; "Health sector economic indicators: price brief," Altarum, March 15, 2019; Schulman K, "The implications of 'Medicare for All' for US hospitals," JAMA, April 4, 2019; Goldsmith J et al., "Medicare expansion: A preliminary analysis of hospital financial impacts," Navigant, 2019; Health Care Advisory Board interviews and analysis.

# Not giving up on market-based reforms altogether

## Purchasers learning difficult lessons along the way

### Facilitation of consumer-led shopping

-  **1** Financial risk without meaningful transparency only serves to enrage patients.
-  **2** HDHPs are too blunt—and too limited—a tool to exert large-scale pricing pressure on the market.

### Refinement of provider-facing risk models

-  **3** Even under risk-based models, reimbursement and regulatory barriers often prevent providers from delivering high-value care.
-  **4** Upside-only risk arrangements are insufficient to change longstanding practices, and likely to cost payers in the long-term.
-  **5** Independent physician groups have been able to pivot to risk-based models more successfully than hospital-based organizations.

# Health care hardly a functional consumer market

Revisiting the prerequisites for shopping—and their absence in health care

## Necessary conditions for shopping

Necessary condition	Description	Current state in health care
 <b>Choice</b>	Meaningful variation in price and/or quality	 Significant variation between new and existing players
 <b>Transparency</b>	Ability to compare between different options that are available	 Reviews increasingly accessible, but price comparisons remain elusive
 <b>Financial responsibility</b>	Consumer has financial stake in purchasing process	 Incentive to shop limited to services under deductible; coinsurance impact limited

# A renewed push for meaningful transparency

Federal government looks to mandate transparency

Regulatory actions on health care transparency in 2019

Finalized



Proposed



**CMS builds app-based out-of-pocket cost calculator** for Medicare procedures and drugs; procedure price lookup tool



**Hospitals must post list prices** online as of January 1, 2019



**Drug makers required to disclose list prices in TV ads** for prescription drugs



HHS has solicited comments on a proposal to require hospitals to **reveal their negotiated rates** with insurance companies

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If you're ashamed of your drug prices, change your drug prices. It's that simple.

-Alex Azar

Secretary, HHS

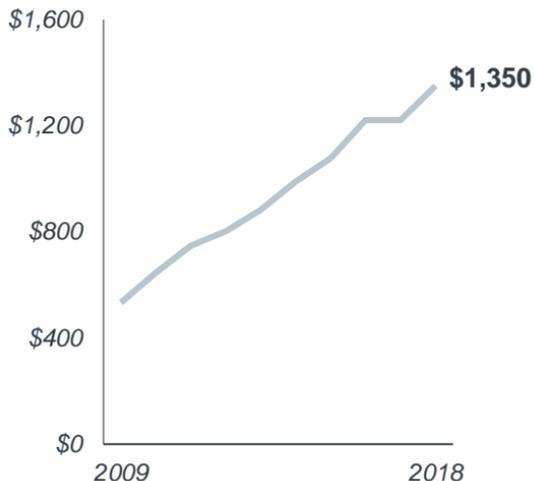
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# Employers have come around to HDHP limitations

Most employers now recognize shortfalls—and are looking beyond

## Offloading more costs to patients

*Average general annual deductible for single coverage, 2009-2018*



## Two major shortfalls of HDHPs



### “Too blunt”

Leads to delays in care and reductions in utilization for all services below the deductible, including preventive care



### “Too limited”

Does not encourage price shopping for services above the deductible, including many high-cost, “shoppable” services

# Targeting cost exposure at the provider level

## Walmart evolving financial incentives to ensure COE use

### Evolution of Walmart's Center of Excellence program



#### CASE EXAMPLE

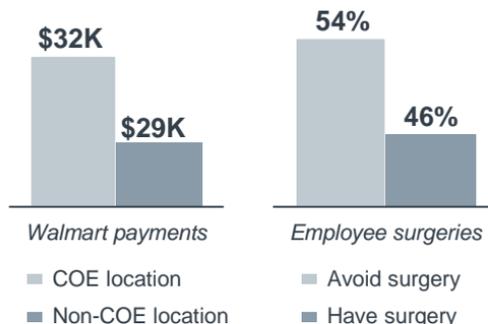


### Walmart

Retail corporation with 1.5M employees • Bentonville, Arkansas

- Starting in 2019, employees must use a Center of Excellence location for spine surgery or else pay the full cost at a non-COE location
- Since the program's inception, Walmart has expanded the number of COE locations to 15 health systems (including Mayo Clinic, Cleveland, Clinic, and Johns Hopkins) and expanded the number of surgical episodes it covers under the program

### Savings come from combination of price and surgery avoidance

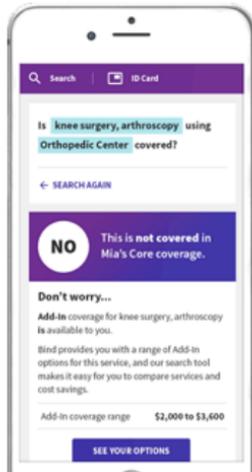


# Reorienting benefit design around value

Bind varies employee obligation by value of service

## Add-in coverage

- Plannable procedures not covered by core insurance
- Treatments with low efficacy and wide variation in prices for the same quality of care



## Core coverage

- Preventive care
- Primary and specialty care
- Urgent, emergency, and hospital care
- Chronic care
- Pharmacy needs

● Copays range from \$15-\$500

● Additional premiums & copays vary by member choice of provider



86%

Of consumers choose lowest cost provider when selecting add-in coverage



10%-15%

Savings for employers compared to original plans



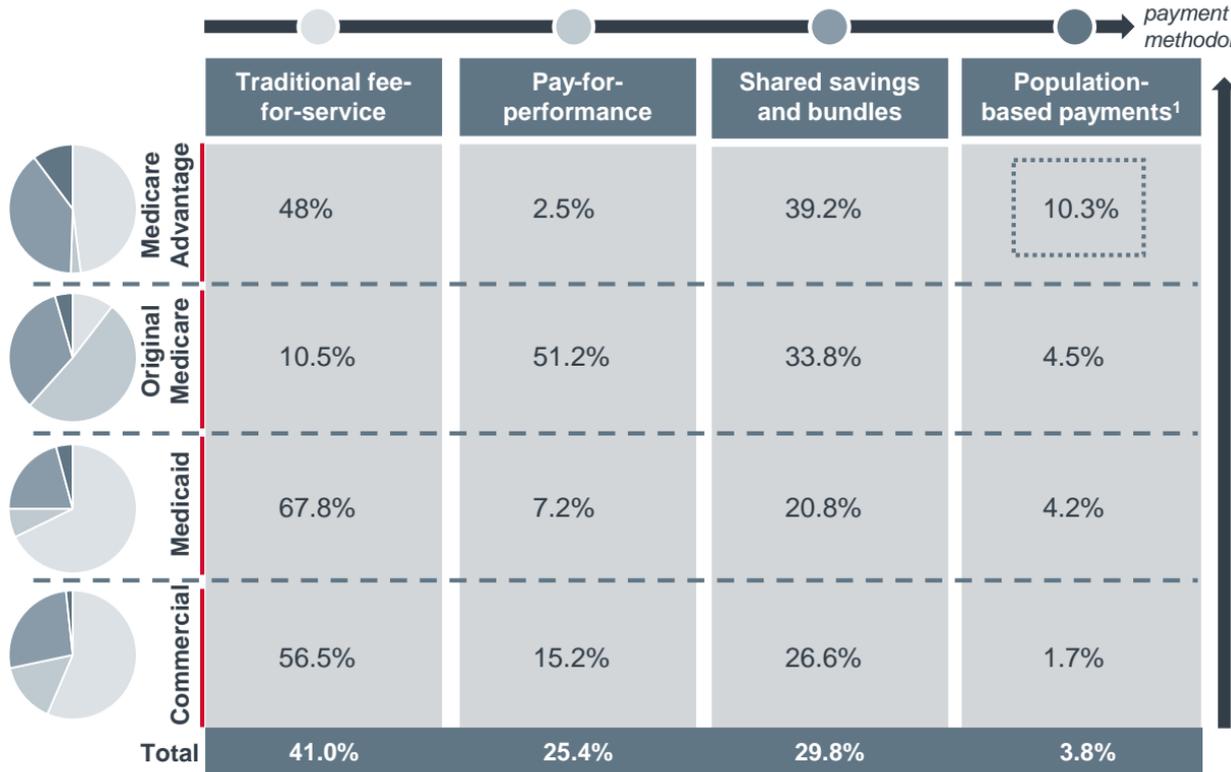
75%

Of members have an account on Bind's portal

# Checking in on the alternative payment landscape

Pace of transition to risk highly variable across payer segments

*Progression to alternative payment methodology*



1) Prospective PMPM payments, global budgets or full/percent of premium payments, and integrated delivery systems.  
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Source: "Progress of alternative payment models," HCP LAN, 2018; Health Care Advisory Board interviews and analysis.

# Verma: Stark reforms coming in 2019

## Changes purport to eliminate barriers to care coordination

### Likely Stark reform

Expand and standardize safe harbor protections beyond current waiver system in exchange for a willingness to participate in alternative payment methodologies

“[CMS reforms will] represent the most significant changes to the Stark law since its inception...It is our hope that these changes will help spur better care coordination and help support our work to remove barriers to innovation.”

-Seema Verma  
Administrator, CMS

## Three strategic implications rise to surface



### Competitiveness of compensation arrangements

How can new flexibilities to distribute incentive payments and shared savings payments between providers and hospitals drive closer alignment?



### Shared investments with non-employed providers

What shared infrastructure investments can hospital systems make with independent providers to promote care coordination (e.g., data/analytics platform, support staff)?



### New partnership opportunities with non-traditional groups

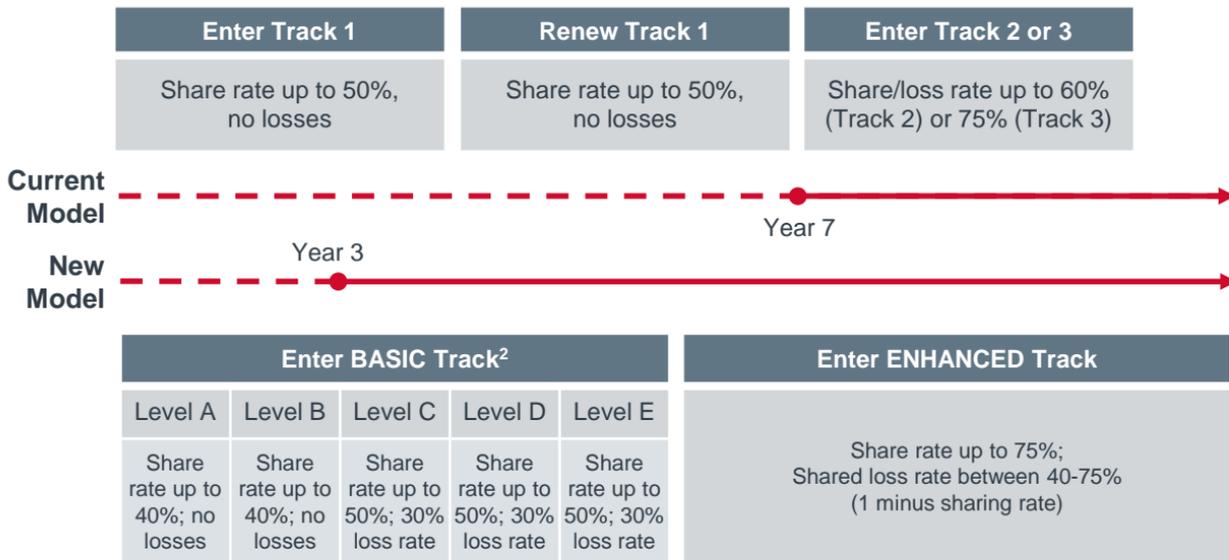
Are there opportunities for hospitals to work more closely with distributors, medical device, home health, durable medical equipment, and pharmaceutical manufacturers?

# Pushing providers out of the shallow end

## New MSSP<sup>1</sup> rule eliminates upside-only Track 1

### Program overhaul reduces upside-only participation from six years to two

*Illustrative participation pathways to maximize time in upside-only models*



1) Medicare Shared Savings Program.

2) Previous Track 1 participants must begin participation at Level B; previous participants in risk-based models (e.g. Track 2, 3) may not participate in BASIC track.

# Both public and private payers looking to providers



## CMS creating tailored value-based care programs for providers



### Refining existing ACO program

MSSP overhaul includes distinction between high- and low- revenue ACOs to create lower-risk participation option for physician groups



### Creating new “Primary Cares” model

- Primary Care First track targeted to individual physician practices
- Direct Contracting track targeted to large medical groups, risk-bearing entities



## Private payers creating closer relationships with providers



### Employers promoting independent PCPs

**PepsiCo Inc.** waives all premiums for employees that agree to use one of three independent physician practices in the Dallas Fort Worth market



### Health plans offer path to value

- **BCBS of MA** and Atrius announce 7-year deal that pays a prospective, capitated amount for 130K commercial PPO members
- **CareFirst PCMH** model offers practice support without downside financial risk



### Health plans building hospital-less IDNs

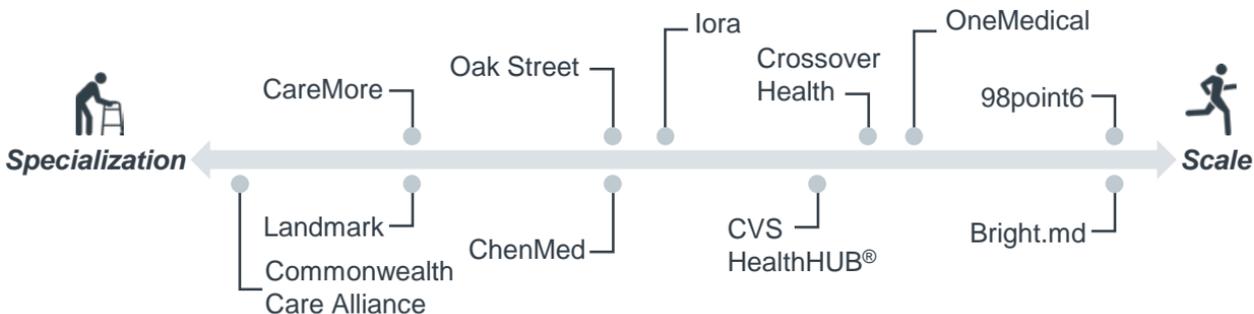
- **OptumCare**: 17 networks across 13 states
- **Humana**: 233 owned, joint-ventured, and alliance clinics across 30 markets

Source: Schnurman M, “Why PepsiCo is paying D-FW employees to go to the doctor’s office,” The Dallas Morning News, December 2, 2018; “Atrius Health, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts announce deeper collaboration to transform health care experience,” BCBS of MA Newsroom, February 7, 2019; “CareFirst PCMH Program Background, History and Results (2011-2016),” CareFirst BlueCross BlueShield, Q2 2017; Japsen B, “Humana to expand senior care clinic network to new markets,” Forbes, March 19, 2019; Health Care Advisory Board Interviews and analysis.

# New business models for primary care emerging

New competitors choosing between specialization and scale

## Two diverging primary care business models



### High-touch management

Coordinate care for complex chronic care patients

*Care model*



### Convenient access

Provide low-cost access for generally healthy patients



### Control total costs

Destroy demand for hospitalizations, ED visits, and specialty care referrals to profit from risk contracts

*Business model*



### Enhance efficiency

Improve productivity of clinical workforce to profit from primary care itself

# Health plan integration provides new growth lever

CVS HealthHUBs® seek to create a new front door to health care



CVSHealth

**95%**

Percentage of customers that accept help from the HealthHUB® care concierge

## Growth opportunities with Aetna integration

**Chronic disease management**

Connect members to screening services, smart devices, and apps to manage diseases

**ED avoidance and downstream navigation**

Offer low-cost alternative to ED and direct Aetna members to preferred providers for downstream care on the basis of price

**Member engagement in wellness**

Promote wellness through on-site dietitians and group activities (e.g., yoga classes, weight management, smoking cessation)

**Cross-sell products**

Adjust cost-sharing to promote use of HealthHUB services, including pharmacy

**Growth of MA membership**

Non-Aetna members that use the HealthHUBs can be converted to Aetna's MA plan

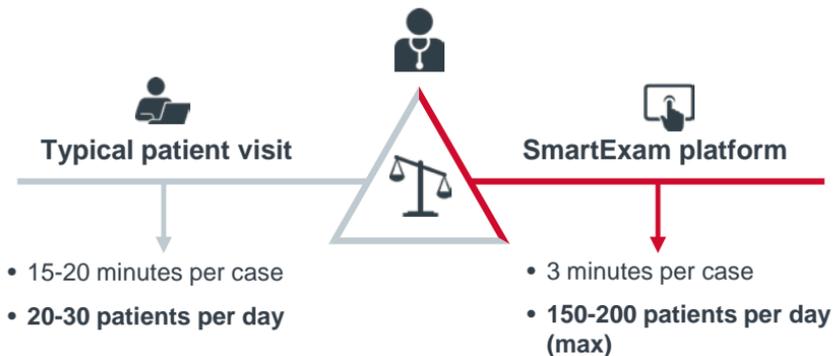
Drive down **total costs**

Leverage **benefit design**

Grow **membership**

# AI-enabled diagnosis improves providers' capacity

Artificial intelligence automates low-acuity care



## CASE EXAMPLE

### Greenville Health System

1,078-physician health system • South Carolina

- Implemented Bright.md SmartExam platform to improve patient access and experience by boosting provider capacity
- Saw 20-30% expansion in panel size and resolved 90% of cases virtually

 **20-30%**  
Expansion in panel size

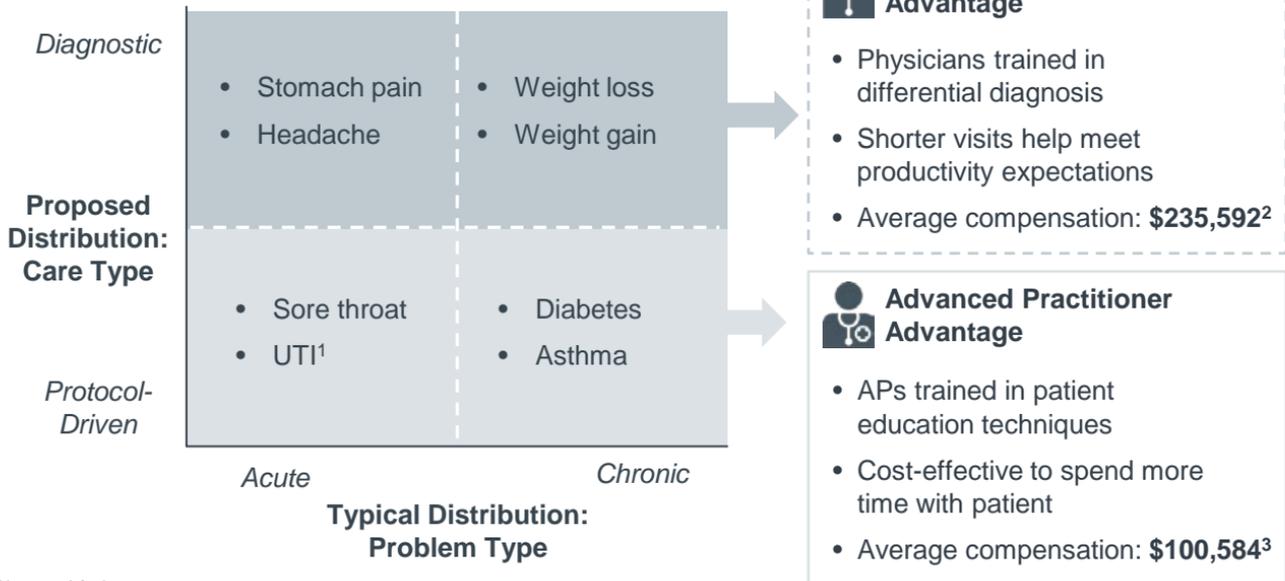
 **2.5 minutes**  
Time for provider to review and approve diagnosis

 **90%**  
Of cases are resolved virtually

# Improving Clinician Labor-Cost Efficiency

## Provider Skills Map to Care Type, Not Problem Type

### Classifying Primary Care Visits



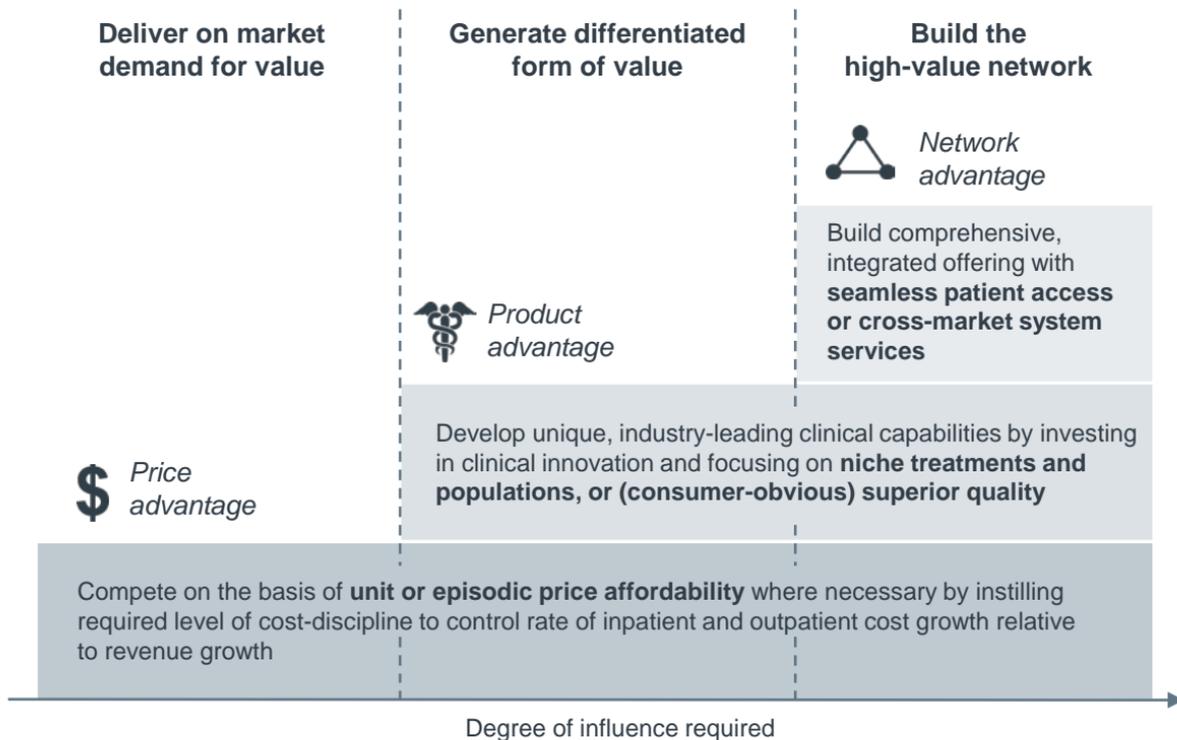
1) Urinary tract infection.

2) Average annual compensation for Internal Medicine MD.

3) Average annual compensation for Internal Medicine NP.

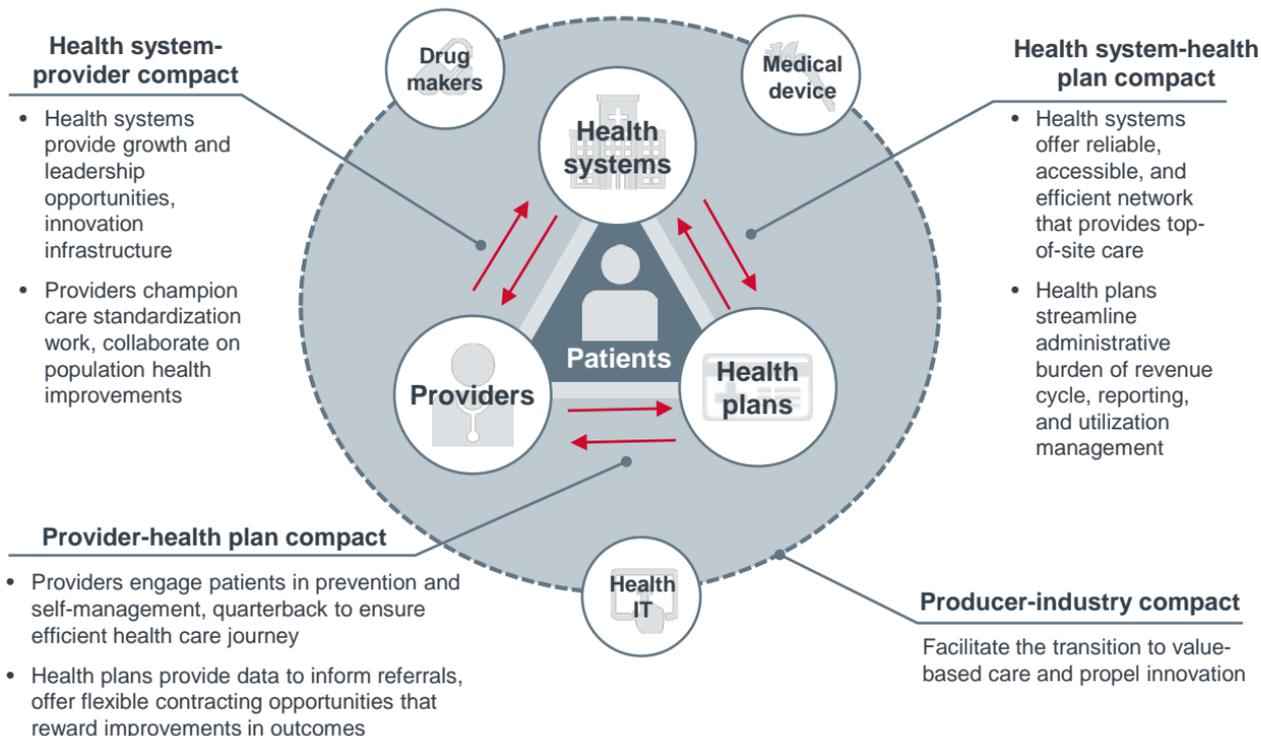
# Securing the freedom to choose

## Three viable paths forward for delivering on value



# The new health care compact

## Industry must prepare to meet market's demands



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