

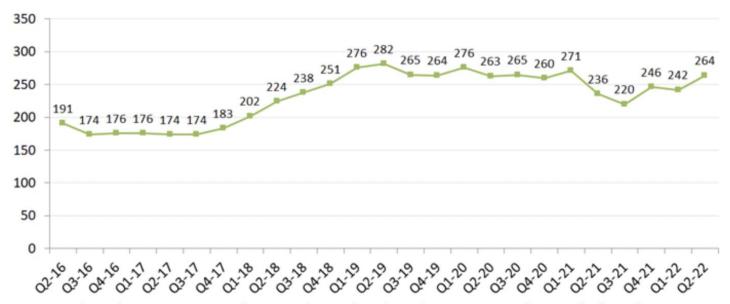
# Mark Cuban Cost Plus Drug Company

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#### The Story

#### **Drug Shortages**

#### National Drug Shortages: Active Shortages by Quarter 5 Year Trend



**Note:** Each point represents the number of active shortages at the end of each quarter.

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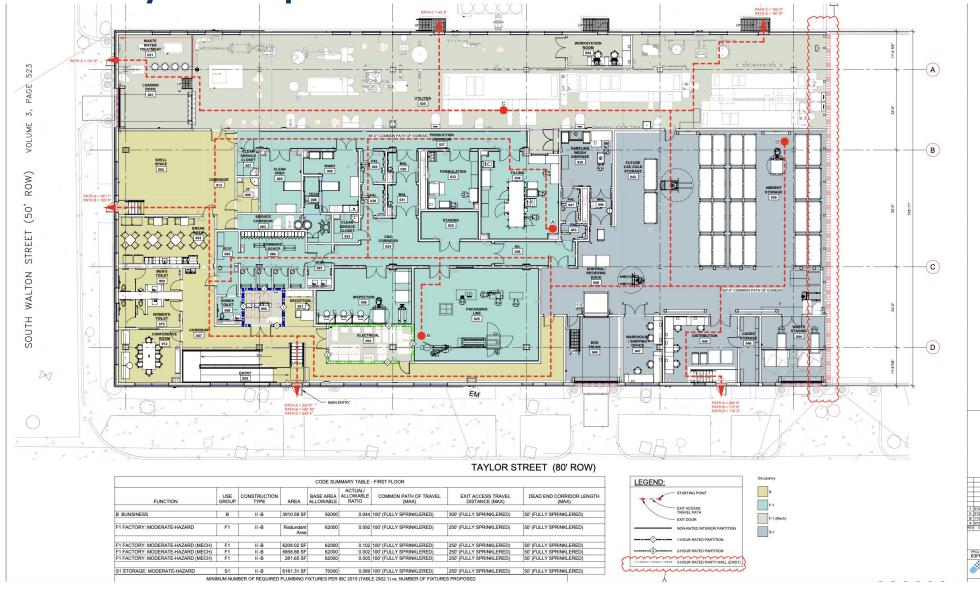


#### Our Addition to the Solution

- Hyperflexible facility
  - Uses robotic and single use components to be able to make a wide variety of different products in quick succession
- Licensing as 503(b) compounding facility
- Storage of multiple APIs and stability data for commonly in shortage products



**Facility Blueprints** 



**Jacobs** 

The US pays **2.56 times** more for pharmaceuticals per capita than other comparable nations



"[PBM] spread equated to **31.4**% of gross generic spending in Ohio Medicaid managed care"

https://www.axios.com/data-showing-pbm-medicaid-drug-price-manipulation-1533059892-c2a97bcd-8874-42c2-a161-503e89666678.html https://www.bloomberg.com/graphics/2018-drug-spread-pricing/https://ohioauditor.gov/news/pressreleases/Details/5042 https://stories.usatodaynetwork.com/sideeffects/cost-cutting-middlemen-reap-millions-via-drug-pricing-data-show/







activities that improve healthcare quality, as opposed to administrative costs

and profits.

#### **COMMITTEE ON FINANCE**

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Grassley op-ed: Let's prescribe a dose of common sense: End spread-pricing in Medicaid

Let's prescribe a dose of common sense: End spread-pricing in Medicaid

By Senate Finance Committee Chairman Chuck Grassley

Americans from coast to coast disagree about plenty of issues. As a U.S. senator, I know at least one issue that unites all Americans: Drug prices are too high.

The soaring cost of prescription medicine has struck a nonpartisan nerve. Sticker shock is hitting consumers at the pharmacy counter and socking it to taxpayers who foot the bill for government health programs. While most Americans agree the U.S. healthcare system provides the most innovative cures and quality care available in the world, they also know the delivery system is too complex, too secretive, too confusing and too expensive.

Complicated formulas along the pharmaceutical supply chain let drug manufacturers, wholesalers, retailers and pharmacy benefit managers hide behind a thicket of obscure payment arrangements to bilk public health insurance programs, including Medicaid.



#### The Major Rebate Aggregators

- CVS Zinc
- ESI Ascent
- Optum Emisar





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CVS declined to comment for this story, but the goal of the GPO in the
near-term may be to shift discounts to less transparent fee structures
that are more difficult for its PBM customers to audit, allowing CVS to
retain a greater share of rebate profits, according to the report.

https://www.healthcaredive.com/news/cvs-reportedly-creating-group-purchasing-organization-for-pbm-business/580889/#:":text=CVS%20declined%20to%20comment%20for,profits%2C%20according%20to%20the%20report.



#### **PBM Fees**

ARMALOT STAT+

Never mind the rebates. Maybe behind-the-scenes fees are boosting drug prices

By ED SILVERMAN @Pharmalot / AUGUST 16, 2018

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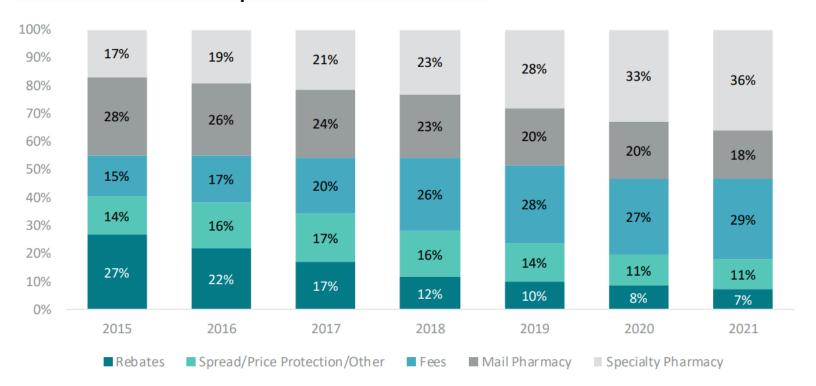
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https://www.statnews.com/pharmalot/2018/08/16/rebates-fees-drug-prices/



## As "spread" and "rebate" scrutiny grows, PBM focus turns to fees and specialty

Fig. 4: PBM Gross Profit by Profit Pool (CVS, CI/ESI, OptumRx): PBM Profits Have Shifted from Rebates & Spread to Fees & Fullfillment



Source: Nephron Research

#### Potential Hidden Fees

#### **Pharma Revenue Category**

Standard Rebate Definition
Incentive rebates categorized as mail-order purchase discounts

Credits

Market Share Incentives

**Promotional Allowances** 

Commissions

Market Share Utilization

Drug pull-through programs

Implementation Allowances

**Rebate Submission Fees** 

Formulary Placement Fees

**Administrative Fees** 

Inflation Caps/Pricing Protection

**Price Concessions** 

Performance-based Incentives

Data Fees

Volume-based Incentives

Health Management Fees

**Educational Fee** 



#### **PBM Owned Pharmacies**

## PBMs and Health Plans nearly all have affiliated specialty pharmacies

- Specialty drugs represent <1% of all claims, but make up 33% of drug spend
  - Based on 2018 Medicare Part D drug spending\*
- Nearly all PBMs and health plans own their own specialty pharmacies
- PBMs use contracts to drive drug fills to their affiliated pharmacies
- Again, no standard definition for a specialty drug, so PBMs can define as they see fit

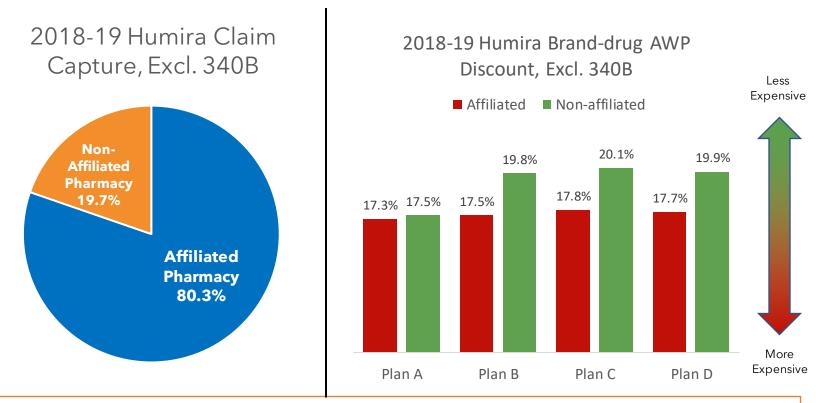
PBM / Health Plan	Affiliated Specialty Pharmacy
CVS / Caremark / Aetna	CVS Specialty
Cigna / Express Scripts	Accredo
UnitedHealth / Optum	BriovaRx
Centene	AcariaHealth
WellCare (acquired by Centene in 2019)	Exactus
Humana	Humana Specialty

### PBMs are steering specialty drugs, and then overpaying themselves on them

- "cheap" generic drugs were filled at pharmacies affiliated with a PBM/Health Plan only 11% of the time, with a \$26 profit to the pharmacy
- Meanwhile, "expensive" generic drugs were filled at pharmacies affiliated with a PBM/Health Plan 51% of the time, with a \$3,448 profit to the affiliated pharmacy
- Employers have no way of knowing if they are getting fair prices for specialty drugs as the PBM is removing all pharmacy competition

Small Commercial Payer Analysis		
	<\$1,000 per claim	>\$1,000 per claim
Percent of generic drug claims filled at affiliated pharmacy	11%	51%
Gross profit per generic drug claim	\$26	\$3,448

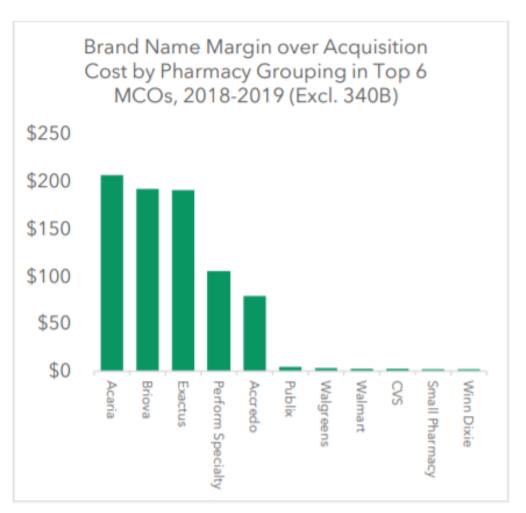
## The fallout of fake prices: Humira differential pricing



If Florida Medicaid would have recognized the non-affiliated pharmacy cost on the claims within the affiliated pharmacies, over \$1.5 billion in savings would have been realized on Humira alone.

### Florida Medicaid MCO specialty pharmacy experience highlights the distortions

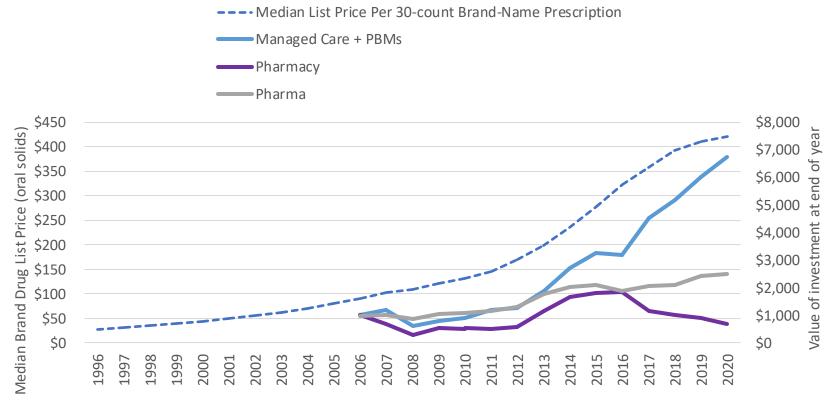
- When comparing margins over NADAC in our Florida Medicaid analysis, it was overwhelmingly apparent that PBM-owned pharmacies received significantly more margin per prescription than traditional community pharmacies
  - Example: For
     Sunshine/Centene, 95% of
     all generic Gleevec 400 mg
     claims were filled at Acaria,
     Centene's wholly owned
     specialty pharmacy, at a
     Margin over NADAC of
     \$4,399 per claim







Median List Price Per 30-count Brand-Name Prescription vs. Stock Market Performance



The median brand drug list price is up 313% between 2007 and 2020

If you would have invested \$1,000 in an equal-weighted basket of stocks on 1/3/2007, its value on 12/10/2020 would be:

Managed Care / PBMs = \$6,728 (+573%)

Pharma = \$2,481 (+148%)

Pharmacy = \$703 (-30%)



