## After the Treatment Decision

Understanding the access and reimbursement process for specialty rheumatology medications **Genented** 

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## Agenda

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## Determine Coverage

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Understanding Payer Benefit Design

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## Different Types of Payers







## **Medicare Eligibility**





- Medicare covers<sup>1</sup>:
  - People age 65 and older
  - People under 65 who have certain disabilities
  - People with end-stage renal disease



- Dual eligible beneficiaries qualify for both Medicare and Medicaid<sup>2</sup>:
  - Includes Medicare beneficiaries with limited income and resources
  - Get help paying for Medicare premiums and out-of-pocket expenses from Medicaid

More than 40% of rheumatology patients are covered by Medicare.<sup>3</sup>

<sup>1.</sup> Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services. https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Medicare-General-Information/MedicareGenInfo/index.html.

**<sup>2.</sup>** Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services. http://www.cms.gov/Outreach-and-Education/Medicare-Learning-Network-MLN/MLNProducts/downloads/medicare\_beneficiaries\_dual\_eligibles\_at\_a\_glance.pdf.

### Parts of Medicare

Understanding Payer Benefits Investigations (BIs)

Medicare Fee-for-Service (FFS)

#### Part A

Hospital Insurance

#### Part B

Medical Insurance

#### Part C

Medicare Advantage

#### Part D

Prescription Drug Coverage

Covers certain doctors' services, outpatient care, office-administered products, medical supplies and preventive services

- Adds prescription drug coverage to Medicare FFS
- Patients covered by Medicare Advantage usually have prescription coverage included in their Medicare Advantage plans

## Understanding Payer Benefits Investigations (BIs)

## Medicare Part D Coverage Gap

- The Medicare Part D coverage gap, or "donut hole" refers to a temporary limit on what the drug plan covers for prescription drugs under Medicare Part D<sup>1</sup>
- In 2015, once a patient reaches \$2960 in prescription drug costs (which includes both the patient's cost and the amount paid by the drug plan), the patient is in the coverage gap<sup>1</sup>
- While in the donut hole, the patient pays<sup>1</sup>:
  - 45% of the plan's cost for covered brand-name drugs
  - 65% of the plan's cost for generic prescription drugs
- Once the patient's total out-of-pocket (OOP) costs\* reach \$4700, the patient qualifies for "catastrophic coverage." At that point, the patient is responsible for only a small co-insurance amount or co-pay for covered drugs for the rest of the year<sup>2</sup>
- As a provision of the Affordable Care Act of 2010, the donut hole will narrow gradually until it disappears in 2020<sup>1</sup>

<sup>\*</sup>Although the patient only pays 45%/65% of the price for the drug, 95% of the price—the OOP cost plus the 50% manufacturer discount payment—counts as OOP costs, which helps the patient get out of the donut hole more quickly.¹

**<sup>1.</sup>** Medicare.gov. http://www.medicare.gov/part-d/costs/coverage-gap/part-d-coverage-gap.html.

<sup>2.</sup> Medicare.gov. http://www.medicare.gov/part-d/costs/catastrophic-coverage/drug-plan-catastrophic-coverage.html.

## Medical Benefit vs Pharmacy Benefit



- Typically administered in an office setting by a physician or nurse (IV infusions)
- Often requires a PA
- Typically has a deductible, then co-insurance (provider collects this payment)
- Provider submits claim to health plan



#### **Pharmacy Benefit**

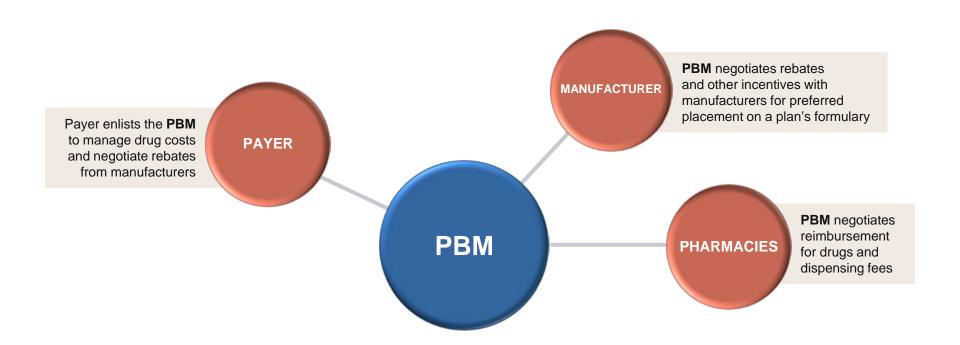
- Typically self-administered or self-injected by the patient at home
- Distributed by a specialty, retail or mail pharmacy
- May require a PA
- Typically has a co-pay or co-insurance
- Claim processed through a pharmacy benefit manager (PBM)
- Patient might have a separate insurance card

## Buy and Bill vs Specialty Pharmacy (SP)

	Buy and Bill	Specialty Pharmacy
Process	Health care professional (HCP) purchases and bills for a product and its administration to a patient	<ul> <li>Collects payment for the product from the patient</li> <li>Dispenses product</li> <li>Provides coverage and reimbursement support to HCPs and patients</li> </ul>
Drugs typically acquired in this method*	Office-administered products (typically covered under the medical benefit)	Self-administered products (typically covered under the pharmacy benefit)
Order drug	Practice purchases drug directly from a specialty distributor	Delivers patient-specific quantities to the practice (office-administered products) or the patient (self-administered products)
Payment collection	Practice collects the patient's co- pay/co-insurance for the drug and other treatment costs	Collects the patient's co-pay/co-insurance for the drug only
Drug reimbursement	Practice is reimbursed for the drug by the patient's health plan	Bills the patient's health plan for the drug
Additional services	N/A	Might provide specialized services for patients and practices

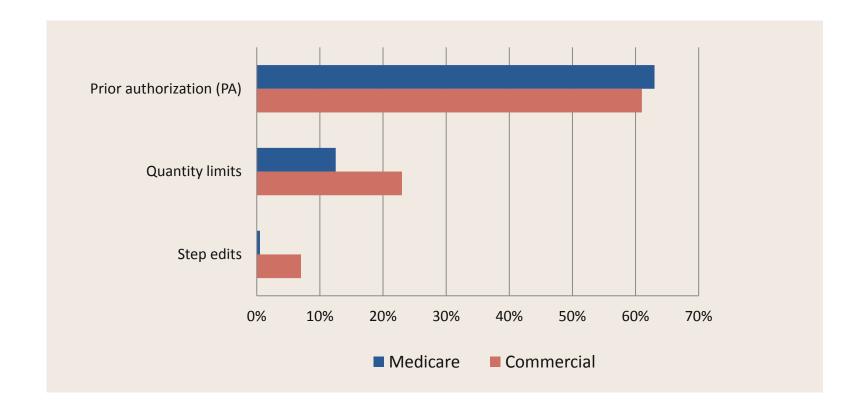
<sup>\*</sup>This represents how products are typically distributed. There can be variances, depending on the individual practice and the patient's health plan requirements.

# Many Pharmacy Benefit Claims Are Processed Through PBMs



Nearly every prescription drug plan in the United States is administered by a PBM.

# Utilization Management for Select Branded Immunology Products



# Potential Outcomes and Considerations of Benefits Investigations (BIs)

Potential Outcome	Product is covered without restrictions	Product is covered with restrictions (eg, PA)	3 Product is not covered
Considerations	<ul> <li>What are the patient's OOP costs?</li> <li>Does the patient require financial assistance?</li> <li>Does the plan require the use of a particular specialty pharmacy?</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>What is required for the product to be covered?</li> <li>What documentation is required?</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Why was coverage denied?</li> <li>What does the plan require for an appeal?</li> </ul>

Bls help you determine your patient's coverage, PA requirements and OOP costs for treatment.

## Tips for Obtaining a PA if the Product Is Covered With Restrictions



- Understand the payer's guidelines
- Provide correct insurance provider ID and patient ID numbers
- Submit all required supporting documents with the PA request
- Meet all deadlines for submitting the PA request and other required documents
- Keep complete records, including a copy of everything you send and a log of every telephone call you make to the patient's health plan
- Note the time it takes to secure the PA. (This can vary by payer, but is generally 30 to 45 days)
- Check with the payer to determine the length of the approval as this can vary
- Remember to keep thorough accurate records and save copies of all documentation

# Documenting to Support Clinical Rationale

- Documentation should include a comprehensive rationale for clinical decision making and reflect the indication from the drug's prescribing information
- Include documentation regarding:
  - Disease state
  - Concomitant drugs
  - Line of therapy/failure of previous therapies
  - Age of patient
  - Diagnostic test results
  - Weight of patient

Be as thorough as possible when documenting.

# Examples of Documentation for Patient Progress: RA

### **Rheumatoid Arthritis (RA)**

- Routine Assessment of Patient Index Data 3 (RAPID3)
- Health Assessment Questionnaire (HAQ)
- Disease Activity Score (DAS) with 28-joint count (DAS28)
- Simplified and Clinical Disease Activity Indices (SDAI, CDAI)
- American College of Rheumatology (ACR) Core Data Set

# Examples of Documentation for Patient Progress: GPA and MPA

#### Clinical assessment

- Cytoplasmic-Antineutrophil Cytoplasmic Antibody/Proteinase 3 (c-ANCA/PR3) blood test<sup>1</sup>
- Perinuclear-Antineutrophil Cytoplasmic Antibody (p-ANCA) blood test<sup>2</sup>
- Other blood tests<sup>1</sup>
- X-rays

### Lab tests to evaluate organ involvement and monitor therapy

- Blood tests to check for inflammation and kidney function (creatinine)<sup>2</sup>
- Urinalysis to check for microscopic evidence of blood in the urine<sup>2</sup>
- Myeloperoxidase (MPO) blood test<sup>2</sup>
- Other blood and urine tests<sup>1</sup>

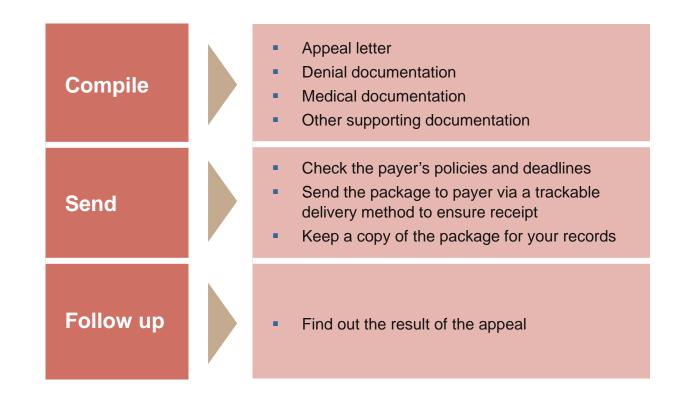
### Imaging or biopsies (if indicated)

- Biopsies of the skin, kidney, lung or nerve<sup>2</sup>
- Other tissue biopsies, if needed¹

GPA=Granulomatosis with Polyangiitis (GPA) (Wegener's Granulomatosis). MPA=Microscopic Polyangiitis (MPA).

<sup>1.</sup> Vasculitis Foundation. http://www.vasculitisfoundation.org/education/forms/granulomatosis-with-polyangiitis-gpa-wegeners/.

# Preparing an Appeal if the Product Is Not Covered



# Commonly Requested Documents

PAs and Recertifications	Billing/Providing Medical Necessity	Appeals
<ul> <li>Initial history and physical findings</li> <li>Pathology reports</li> <li>Prior treatments and response (medication history)</li> <li>Physician notes</li> <li>Infusion/injection records</li> <li>Lab/diagnostic test results</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Claim form</li> <li>Letter of medical necessity</li> <li>Drug package insert</li> <li>Infusion/injection records</li> <li>Office notes</li> <li>Invoice</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Appeal letter</li> <li>Letter of medical necessity</li> <li>Denial letter</li> <li>Initial history and physical findings</li> <li>Record of prior treatments and response</li> <li>Imaging studies</li> <li>Journal articles/textbook excerpts</li> <li>Practice guidelines</li> </ul>

## Assess Patient Financial Responsibility

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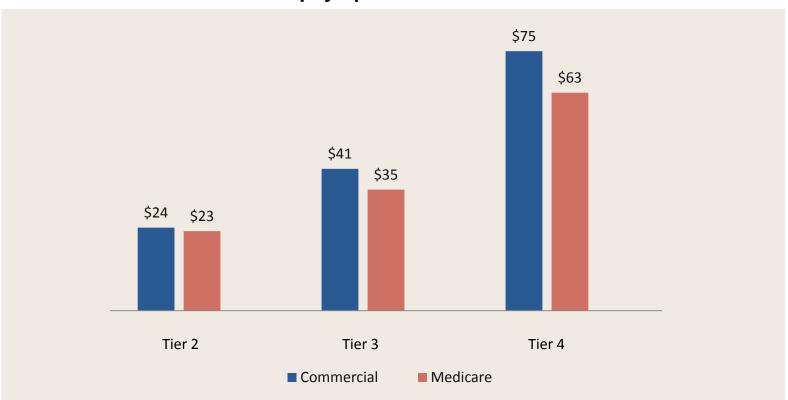
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# Increasing Patient Co-pays for Select Branded Immunology Products



#### **Co-pays per treatment**



Patients might also have to pay a co-insurance for products covered on tier 4, resulting in higher OOP costs.

## Medicare Costs for 2015<sup>1-3</sup>



Part B Medical Insurance	Part D Prescription Drug Coverage
<ul> <li>Premium is \$104.90 per month</li> <li>Deductible is \$147 per year</li> <li>Co-insurance is 20% for most services</li> <li>Additional premiums required for Medigap plans</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Premiums and deductibles vary by plan</li> <li>Monthly premium adjustments are paid if income is above a certain level</li> </ul>
Sample OOP range (co-insurance): \$620 to \$1026	Sample OOP range (co-pay): \$18 to \$81

 $<sup>\</sup>textbf{1.} \ \mathsf{Medicare.gov.} \ \mathsf{http://www.medicare.gov/your-medicare-costs/costs-at-a-glance/costs-at-glance.html.$ 

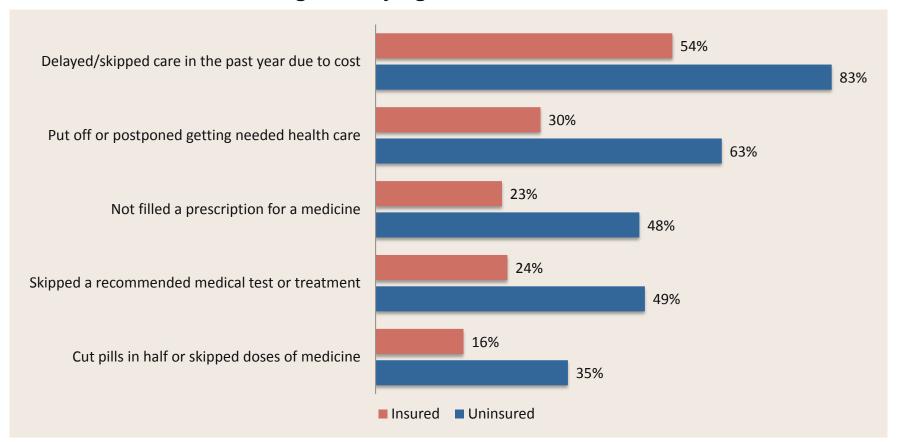
<sup>2.</sup> Medicare.gov. http://www.medicare.gov/supplement-other-insurance/medigap/whats-medigap.html.

**<sup>3.</sup>** Data on File. Genentech, Inc. [Business 1 Formulary Data/average product WAC from Red Book].



## Patients Respond to Rising Costs

#### **Problems Accessing and Paying for Health Care in the Past 12 Months**



# Discussing the Financial Impact of Treatment



Discuss financial responsibility with patients early in the treatment process

Explore assistance from charitable foundations or government programs

Explore patient assistance from drug manufacturers



## Common Patient Assistance Programs

#### **Insurance Status**



Commercially insured





Publicly or commercially insured



Uninsured

#### **Patient Assistance Program**

Manufacturer-sponsored co-pay card programs

Independent patient assistance foundations

Manufacturer-sponsored free drug programs

Each program has its own eligibility criteria that must be met for patients to receive assistance.

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### Alternate Sites of Care

- Treatment can be administered in the physician's office or an alternate site of care based on whether the practice has:
  - Ability to reconstitute or administer drug
  - Space for administration and patient monitoring
- When using an alternate site of care, the outside facility:
  - Collects the patient's co-pay or co-insurance
  - Is reimbursed for the administration and the cost of the medication

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### Reimbursement Rates

- Medicare uses the Average Sales Price (ASP) model<sup>1</sup>
  - ASP +6% is the standard reimbursement rate<sup>1,2</sup>
  - The Medicare Part B drug fee schedule is updated quarterly<sup>2</sup>
  - Drug manufacturers are required to report the drug ASP, which affects quarterly reimbursement rates<sup>2</sup>
- Rates for private payers vary<sup>3</sup>
  - Depend on contracting
  - Majority of reimbursement rates for branded agents range from ASP +6% to ASP +10%

For ASP drug pricing files, visit www.cms.gov.

<sup>1.</sup> Mullen P. Biotechnol Healthc. 2007;4:48-53.

<sup>2.</sup> Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services. http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Medicare-Fee-for-Service-Part-B-Drugs/McrPartBDrugAvgSalesPrice/index.html?redirect=/mcrpartbdrugavgsalesprice/.

**<sup>3.</sup>** The Zitter Group. *The Managed Care Biologicals and Injectables Index*. Fall 2013.

# Strategies to Support Claims Submission



- Records should be complete and legible<sup>1</sup>
- Confirm both clinician- and patient-supplied information are accurate<sup>2</sup>
- Rationale for services should be documented or easily inferred<sup>1</sup>
- Information should be easily accessible<sup>1</sup>

Assume any and all medical records could be examined at some point during the patient's care.<sup>3</sup>

This description is provided for informational purposes only. The completion and submission of coverage- or reimbursement-related documentation are the responsibility of the patient and health care provider.

<sup>1.</sup> US Department of Health and Human Services; Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services. https://www.cms.gov/Outreach-and-Education/Medicare-Learning-Network-MLN/MLNProducts/downloads//eval\_mgmt\_serv\_guide-ICN006764.pdf.

<sup>2.</sup> Getting documentation right. http://www.doctorsdigest.net/pdf/0402\_04.pdf.

<sup>3.</sup> World Health Organization/Regional Office for South-East Asia. http://occupationaltherapy2012.files.wordpress.com/2012/03/2007\_guidelines\_for\_clinical\_doc.pdf.

### **Audits**



### There are several different types of audits:

- Medicare:
  - Recovery Audit Contractors (RACs)
    - Medicare FFS claims are subject to review by a RAC
    - RACs review claims to detect and correct past improper payments
  - Comprehensive Error Rate Testing (CERT)
- Commercial payer audits
- Self-audits from medical societies or Medicare

## Questions?

## Thank You