

# The Cost Of Doing Nothing

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#### A Little Bit About Me













#### How We Got Here







## LOST REVENUE

\$323B 2020 \$75B
2021

Today-Nearly 2/3 the hospitals are behind on revenue goals

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#### 2022 Cost Increases



Increase in Staffing Costs



Increase in Supplies,
Medication,
Purchased Services

# Average Clinical Staffing Costs for 500 Bed Hospital Increased \$17M Annually

University of Cincinnati Medical Center 725 Beds

Estimated \$24.6M

Annual Cost Increase



### The Current Reality

"2023 may turn out to be the year hospitals redefine their goals, mission, and idea of success in response to expense and revenue challenges that appear to be here for the long haul"

"We can do anything, but we can't do everything"

Source Eric Swanson Kaufman Hall & Mark Behl Froedert



## United Health Group

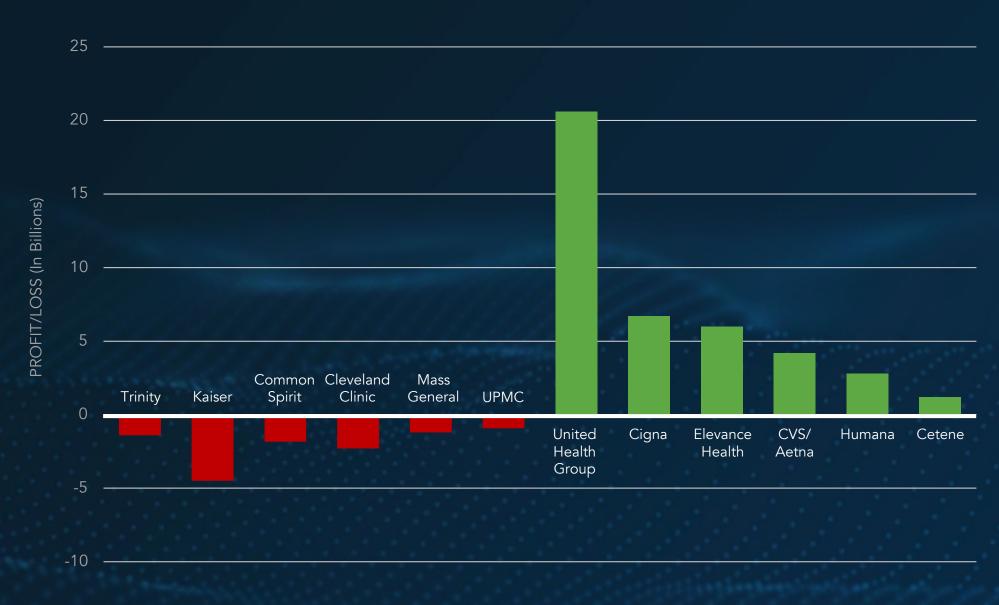


# Largest Company In The World By Revenue

Source: Beckers

#### In 2022, there were clear winners and losers





Source: Beckers

### UHG Executive Compensation 2022



#### **CEO Andrew Witty**

• Salary: \$1,500,000

• Stock awards: \$12,375,672

• Option awards: \$4,125,100

• Non-equity incentive plan: \$2,760,000

• Other compensation: \$104,334

Total: \$20,865,106

#### **EVP and CFO John Rex**

• Salary: \$1,200,000

• Stock awards: \$9,300,612

• Option awards: \$3,100,109

• Non-equity incentive plan: \$2,200,000

• Other compensation: \$32,099

Total: \$15,832,820

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#### EVP and Chief Legal Officer Rupert Bondy

• Salary: \$706,731

• Bonus: \$2,000,000

• Stock awards: \$5,876,767

• Option awards: \$1,125,110

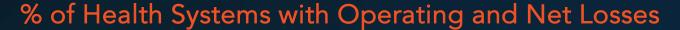
Non-equity incentive plan: \$1,090,000

• Other compensation: \$519,216

Total: \$11,317,825

### Inflation increasing, margins plummeting







\$1B DSH Cuts
3% Medicare Rate Increase With Inflation At 3%



# Margins are starting to recover, but they're still negative.



Source: AHA & Kaufman Hall

## Biggest Challenge of 2023



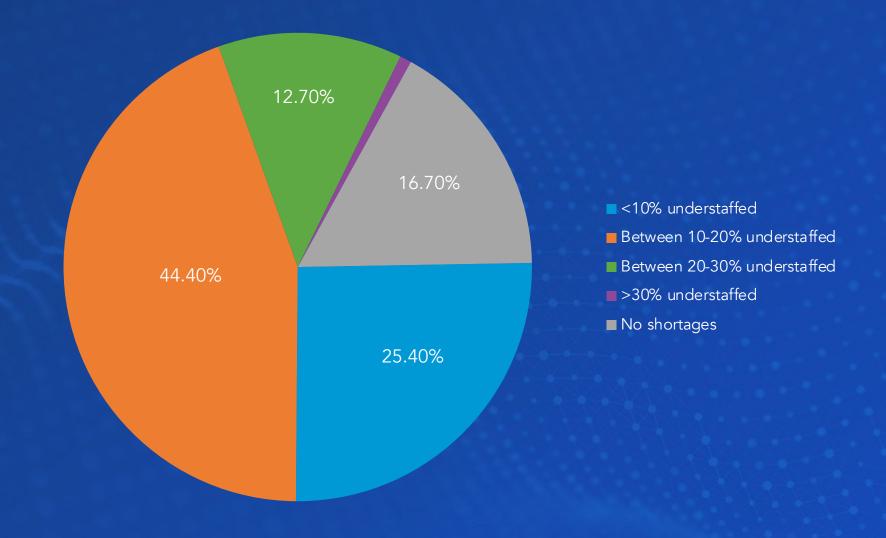


26% of employees plan to leave their job in the next 12 months, up from 16% last year

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#### REV CYCLE STAFFING CHALLENGES





Source: PWC

#### STAFFING CHALLENGES



# 30-40%

# of receivables aren't being worked because of staffing shortages

leading to lower collections, payment delays and less cash on hand that can devastate a hospital or health system's finances.





# Collecting Just Got Harder Increase in Insured Self-Pay Accounts

BALANCE >\$7.5K

BALANCE >\$14K

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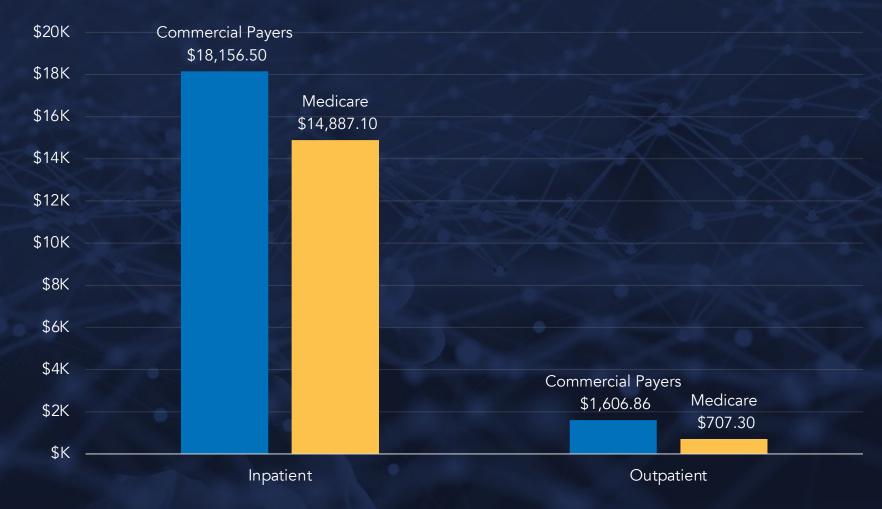
Likelihood of Collecting >\$7.5? Probably Not Happening!

5000 of hospital debt comes from insured patients

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#### Average Net Revenue Per Case



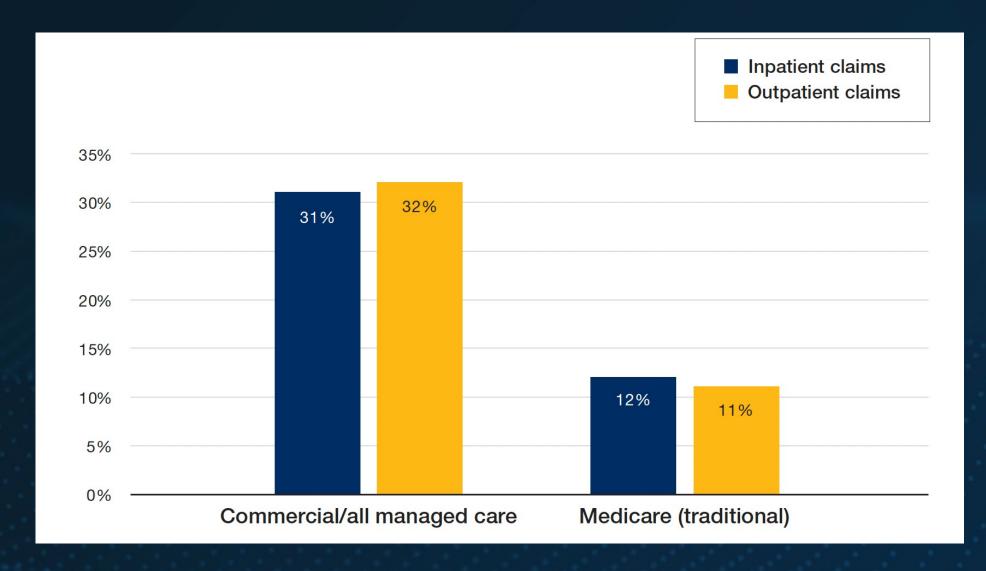


IP volume is down 1.1% and OP is trending up 7.3% through 2026

Source: Crowe & Advisory Board



## AR>90 Keeps Creeping Up



Source: Crowe







Source: Becker's







Revenue cycle optimization spending is up

17%

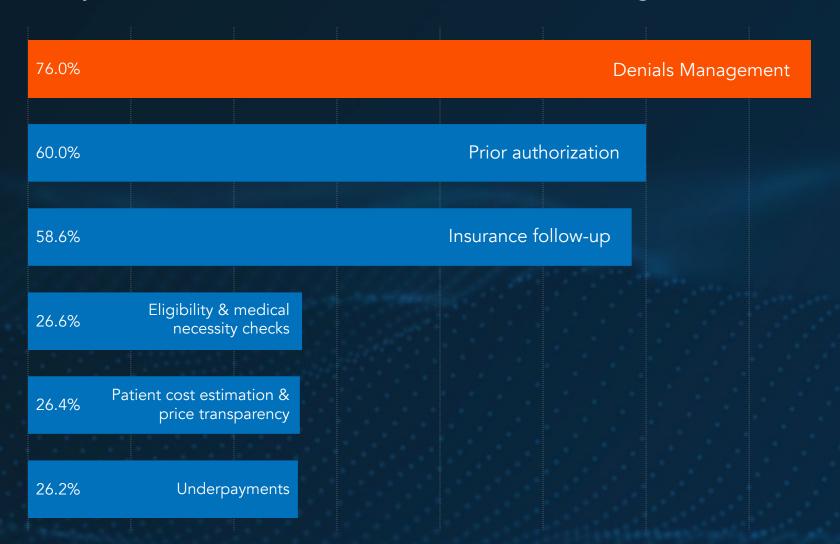
From pre-pandemic levels and is expected to last through 2028

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Revenue cycle leaders were asked what was the most time-consuming task in the revenue cycle?

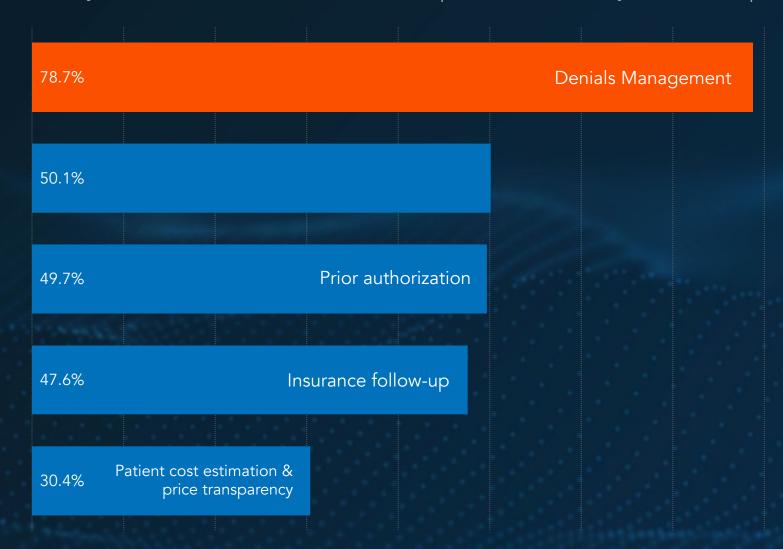


Source: Akasa

## Denials management expertise



Revenue cycle leaders were asked what task requires the most subject matter expertise?



Source: Beckers

#### No Good News





Denials Continue To Increase Year Over Year

Successful Appeals
Continue to Decrease

Q1 2023 Commercial Denials @ 15.1% v Medicare @ 3.9%

Source: Crowe



## 231 Million

Claims Filed

42 Million/~18%

Claims Denied

3% Lost NPR

Front End Rev Cycle
Accounts for

49.7%

of Total Denials



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Between March 2020 and March 2022

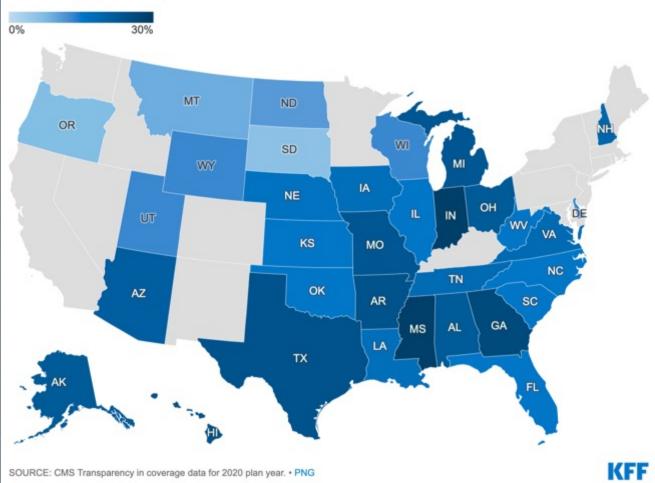
>100,000

Payer Policy Changes

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# 65% of Denials

Are Never Resubmitted

Cost to Rework a Denial \$181

Average 5-7
Touches



#### LOTS OF WAYS TO SAY NO

# HOW MANY CARC/RARC COMBINATIONS FOR NON-COVERED SERVICE?





## PAYER BAD BEHAVIOR

# 90% OF CLAIMS DENIED FOR PRIOR AUTH HAD AUTH SUBMITTED WITH CLAIM

# PAYERS ARE DENYING CLAIMS WITH NO REMARK CODE

PAYER STATING NO AUTH NECESSARY & DENYING-SERVICE NON-COVERED



## MORE PAYER BAD BEHAVIOR

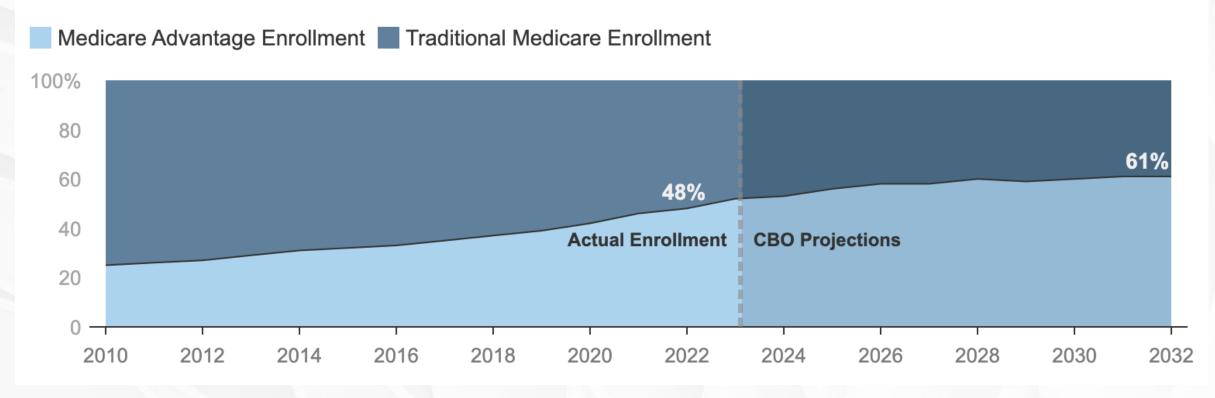
# COMMERCIAL PAYER PAYMENT DAYS HAVE INCREASED 10% FROM 50 TO 55 DAYS

# ORGANIZATIONS REPORTING 30-50% INCREASE IN DENIALS

ONE ORGANIZATION 100% DENIAL RATE CLAIMS >\$50K FOR COMMERCIAL PAYER

### Medicare Advantage: Past & Future

## Medicare Advantage and Traditional Medicare Enrollment, Past and Projected

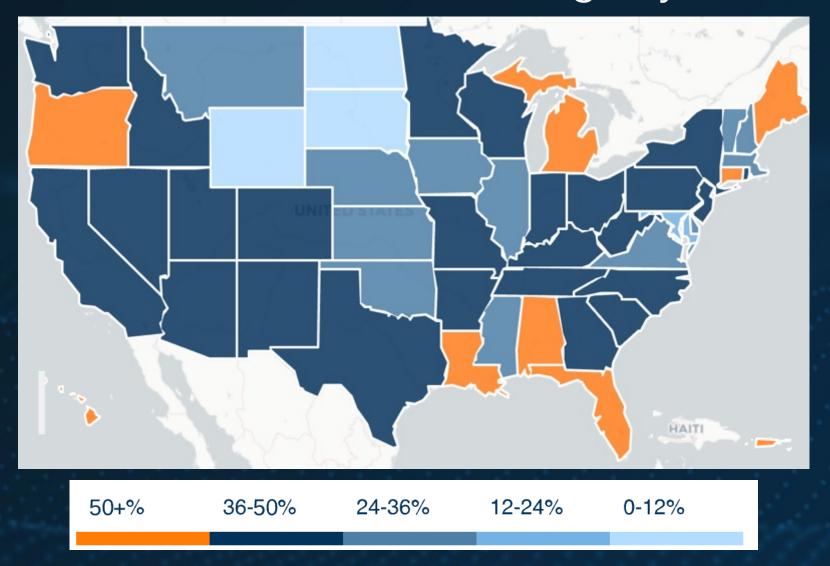


Medicare Advantage Enrollment Grew 9.5% For 2023 With 2.7M New Members

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## % of Medicare beneficiaries that have Medicare Advantage by state



Source: KFF

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#### CONGRESS STEPS IN-MEDICARE ADVANTAGE

Legislation To Require Electronic Prior Auth
Passed The House/Failed The Senate Late 2022 – <u>July 2023</u>

<u>Reconsideration</u>

2021 – Of 35M Prior Auths Submitted, 2M Were Denied – Only 11% Appealed, But Of Those Appealed, 82% Were Overturned

13% Of Prior Auth
Denials Would Have
Been Approved Under
Original Medicare

18% of Denied Payments Met Coverage Rules

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## Systems Dropping Medicare Advantage Participation

Mayo (AZ/FL) Vanderbilt (TN)

Cameron Regional

Stillwater Medical Center

Brookings Health

St. Charles Health

Source: Beckers

#### Cigna Takes The Cake

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- A single provider submits an average of 41 prior authorization requests per week taking about 18 hours per week or almost 1000 hours annually
- Cigna class action lawsuit in 2 months in 2022 Cigna denied 300,000 claims with an average of 1.2 seconds of review using proprietary AI algorithm
- Dropped 1,100 prior auth codes since 2020
- Proposal to require medical records for ALL E&M Services 99212-99215 with Modifier 25

Source: AMA/Beckers

#### Medicaid Redeterminations



## 17 to 24M

Expected To Lose Coverage 1 in 3 to 1 in 4

5.2M

Have Already Lost Coverage

FL Class action Lawsuit

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Payers To Watch

Potential to Impact 340B Eligibility

TX HHS Whistleblower Case

Source: KFF



Eliminate \$266+ billion of administrative waste in the revenue cycle

THE GOAL

### Administrative Savings Possibilities

Medicare Advantage Prior Auth:

\$15B

in Savings Over 10 Years

POLICY PROPOSAL	EST. POTENTIAL ANNUAL SAVINGS	SOURCE
Centralized claims clearinghouse	\$300M	Cutler, 2020
Full electronic prior auth system	\$417M	САОН, 2020
Harmonized quality reporting	\$7B	Cutler, 2020
Standardization of provider directories	\$1.1B	САОН, 2019

OTHER PROPOSALS:

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## Georgia's Not Looking Quite So Peachy

Anthem BCBS of GA

# \$5 million

for improper claims settlement practices









### Pennsylvania Cracks Down

Highmark

\$205K

Geisinger

\$125K

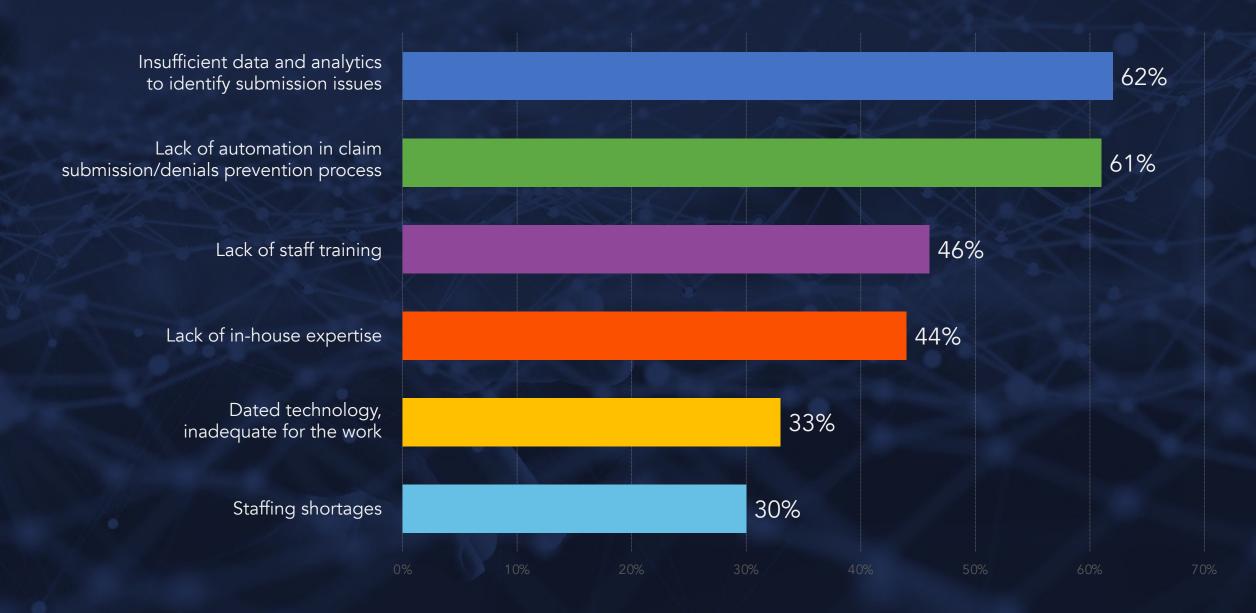
Capital Blue Cross

\$85K



### Operational Challenges Increasing Denials





**Denied Claims Amount** 38 Accts \$ 766.1 K Den % 7.16%

Accts **Denied Lines Amount** 1.3 K \$ 751.9 K Den % 4.79%





Denials Performance Indicators											
13 Month Trend	Key Performance Indicator	Current Period	Previous Period	Variance							
dodi.	Denied Amount as % of Net Revenue	0.00%	6.96%	- 6.96%							
Handih	Initial Denial Rate, Zero Pay	6.21%	8.69%	- 2.48%							
hallballb	Initial Denial Rate, Partial Pay	4.99%	6.16%	- 1.17%							
	Appeal Success Rate	5.31%	1.90%	3.41%							

Denial Owner	<u>Dollars</u>	Accounts
Care Management	\$ 35.4 K	30
Coding	\$ 17.9 K	12
• HIM	\$ 418.5 K	377
Non Denial Txn	\$ 20.2 K	76
Patient Access	\$ 383.4 K	261
• PFS	\$ 607.4 K	522

Denied Inventory by P	ayer		Denied Inventory Root Cause Owner					
Payer	Jun-22	90 Days Avg	Denial Source	Jun-22	90 Days Avg			
MEDICARE	\$ 708.4 K	\$8 M	PFS	\$ 617 K	\$ 6.5 M			
FLORIDA MEDICAID	\$ 278.7 K	\$ 876.7 K	HIM	\$ 420.4 K	\$ 2.4 M			

Denial Type	Jun-22	90 Days Avg
<u>Duplicate Claim</u>	\$ 450 K	\$ 4.2 M
Non-Covered Charges	\$ 417.4 K	\$ 2.6 M

Denial Inventory by EOB Category

#### **DENIAL TYPE SEGMENTATION**

#### Payer Group Overview – Year to Date

	Financial Class	YTD Denials	Accounts	Area 1	Area 2	Area 3	Area 4	Area 5
1	Medicare	\$69M	9,437	Care Coordination / Coding	СОВ	Ineligible Coverage	Coding Invalid Diagnosis Code	Insurance Verification
2	Anthem	\$57M	4,081	Auth Missing or Invalid	Missing or Invalid Documentation	Information from Member	Missing Itemized Bill	СОВ
3	Managed Medicare	\$53M	6,442	Auth Missing or Invalid	СОВ	Care Coordination / Coding	Internal Billing Error	Missing or Invalid Documentation
4	Managed Medicaid	\$51M	7,577	Auth Missing or Invalid	СОВ	Information from Member	Ineligible Coverage	Missing Itemized Bill
5	Managed Care	\$36M	3,260	Internal Billing Error	Auth Missing or Invalid	Ineligible Coverage	СОВ	Missing or Invalid Documentation
6	UHC	\$22M	1,945	СОВ	Medical Necessity	Information from Member	Missing Itemized Bill	Ineligible Coverage
7	Medicaid	\$19M	1,229	Ineligible Coverage	Care COB Coordination / Coding		Missing or Invalid Provider Info	Auth Missing or Invalid
	Total	\$340M	36,733	Care Coordination / Coding	Auth Missing or Invalid	СОВ	Ineligible Coverage	Missing or Invalid Documentation

#### DRG DENIALS BY FINANCIAL CLASS / INPATIENT SEGMENTATION

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This data depicts YTD first remit, primary payer inpatient remits with a denial at the DRG level by financial class.

The denial subtypes focus specifically on those preventable denials that are associated with additional clinical information (auth/eligibility/quals) or information required specifically from the member.

	Financial Class	YTD TOTAL Denials	Volume	DRG Service Line Area 1	Member or Clinical DRG Service Line  Denial Subtype Area 2		Member or Clinical Denial Subtype	DRG Service Line Area 3	Member or Clinical Denial Subtype
1	Medicare	\$58M	1,252	Internal Medicine: \$16M	Non-Covered Diagnosis / DRG Downgrade: \$13.3M	Cardiac / Thoracic / Vascular: \$11M	Non-Covered Diagnosis / DRG Downgrade \$8.5M	General Surgery: \$9M	Non-Covered Diagnosis / DRG Downgrade \$6.4M
2	Managed Medicare	\$30M	584	Internal Medicine: \$7.2M	Auth Missing or Invalid: \$1.7M	Orthopedics: \$4.8M	Auth Missing or Invalid: \$1.1M	Cardiac / Thoracic / Vascular: 4.3M	Auth Missing or Invalid: \$420K
3	Anthem	\$28M	616	General Surgery: \$6.5M	Information from Member: \$1.9M	Internal Medicine: \$4.8M	Auth Missing or Invalid: \$810K	Cardiac / Thoracic / Vascular: \$4.2M	Auth Missing or Invalid: \$576K
4	Managed Medicaid	\$13M	297	Orthopedics: \$4.1M	Information from Member: \$2.6M	General Surgery: \$4.9M	OP Service within IP Period: \$1.4M	Internal Medicine: \$1M	Auth Missing or Invalid: \$422K
5	Managed Care	\$20M	442	Internal Medicine: \$3.3M	Eligibility not Met: \$388k	Cardiac / Thoracic / Vascular: \$2.9M	Non-covered / not- specificed: \$906k	Orthopedics: \$2.6M	Auth Missing or Invalid: \$487K
6	UHC	\$10M	285	General Surgery: \$2.2M	Medical Necessity: \$791k	Orthopedics: \$1.8M	Benefits Maxed: \$700k	Internal Medicine: \$1.5M	Medical Necessity: \$247K
7	Medicaid	\$2.5M	30	Oncology / Hematology: \$781k	Not Covered by this Payer: \$775k	OBGYN: \$238k	Patient Eligibility not Met: \$238k	Internal Medicine: \$376M	Service Category Issue: \$306k

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#### REVENUE CODE DENIALS

This data depicts YTD first remit, primary payer remits with a denial present for a given revenue code without a DRG present. The denial subtypes focus specifically on those preventable denials that are associated with additional clinical information (auth/eligibility/quals) or information required specifically from the member.

	Revenue Code	YTD TOTAL Denials	Volume	FC 1	Drivers	FC 2	Member or Clinical Denial Subtype	FC 3	Member or Clinical Denial Subtype
1	OR Services (0360)	\$25M	852	MANAGED MCD \$8.9M	Info From Member + Authorization	ANTHEM \$6.6M	Authorization + Info From Member	MANAGED MCRE \$2.9M	Authorization
2	Pharmacy (0636)	\$12M	1,024	MANAGED MCRE \$4.4M	Auth + Procedure Coding Issues	MANAGED MCD \$2.5M	Authorization	MEDICARE \$1.8M	Medical Necessity
3	Emergency Room (0450)	\$8M	2,979	MANAGED MCRE \$1.4M	Level of Care Adjustment	ANTHEM \$1.2M	Info From Member + Level of Care Adjustment	MANAGED CARE \$1.1M	Level of Care Adjustment + Ineligible Coverage
4	Implants (0278)	\$7M	264	MANAGED MCD \$2.4M	Non-Covered Charges + Authorization	MANAGED MCRE \$1.2M	Authorization	ANTHEM \$986K	Auth + Information from Member
5	Minor Surgery (0361)	\$3M	322	MANAGED MCRE: \$1.2M	Authorization	MEDICARE \$737K	Procedure Coding	ANTHEM \$590	Authorization
6	Radiation Therapy (0333)	\$3M	95	MANAGED MCRE: \$1.1M	Authorization	ANTHEM: \$706K Authorization		MANAGED CARE: \$205K	Authorization

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#### **OUTSOURCING SEGMENTATION**

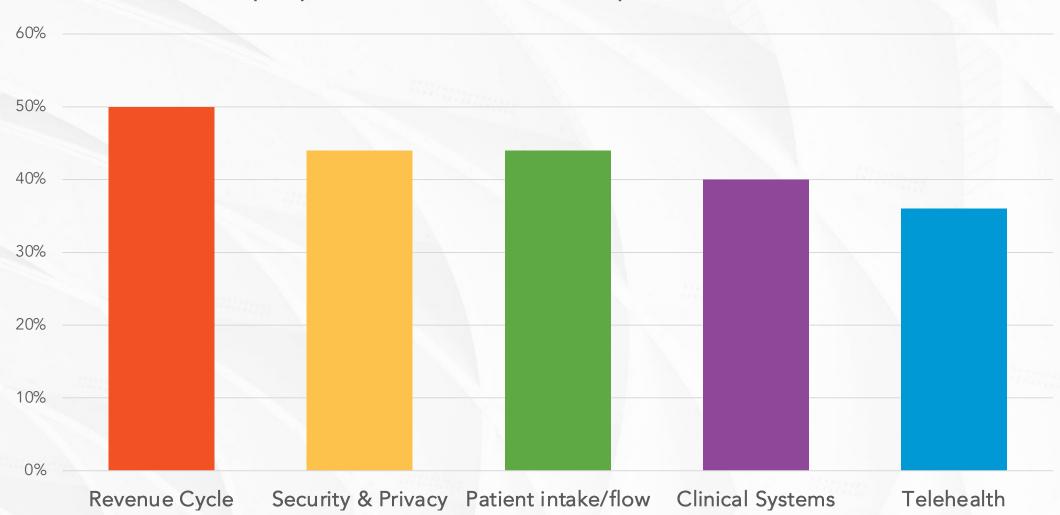
#### Top Ten Denial Types – Denial Amounts and Rolling Three vs Six Month Trend

		Managed	Medicare	Antl	hem	Managed	Medicaid	Managed Care		UHC		Medicaid		Medicare		
	Denial Type	Denials	Trend	Denials	Trend	Denials	Trend	Denials	Trend	Denials	Trend	Denials	Trend	Denials	Trend	Grand Total
1	Auth Missing or Invalid	\$11.6M	↑ 39% \$758k	\$9.3M		\$11.9M		\$3.6M		\$507k		\$352k		\$61k		\$37.4M
2	Medical Necessity	\$1.9M	↑ 55% \$201k	\$2.8M		\$242k		\$723k		\$1.8M						\$7.5M
3	Care Coordination	\$1.2M	↓ 3% \$11k			\$170k		\$57k		\$707k		\$136k		\$570k		\$2.9M
4	СОВ	\$619k	↑ 35% \$51k	\$250k		\$460k		\$265k		\$67k		\$93k		\$201k		\$2.0M
5	Ineligible Coverage	\$2k	↓ 100% \$11k	\$216k		\$422k		\$524k		\$71k		\$284k		\$69k		\$1.6M
6	Missing Itemized Bill			\$237k						\$1,205k						\$1.4M
7	Missing Documentation	\$385k		\$694k		\$84k		\$90k		\$70k						\$1.3M
8	Internal Billing Error	\$90k				\$3k		\$794k						\$2k		\$890k
9	Coding Invalid Proc. Code	\$36k		\$3k	↑ 35% \$51k	\$6k		\$652k								\$697k
10	Not Eligible Provider	\$156k	↓ 17% \$621k	\$494k	↓ 17% \$621k	\$25k		\$6k								\$681k



### Revenue cycle investments are top of mind

Extent to which each solution was chosen as a top 5 priority for investment by providers for 2023



### Providers are looking to build efficiency through technology

By 2026, the healthcare services and technology sector is predicted to grow by at least 10% to

\$81 Billion

With the greatest acceleration in software and platforms, and data and analytics



### What Solves The Problem?



People



Process



Technology









## Thank you!

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