

## **Emerging Healthcare Leaders Summit Agenda**

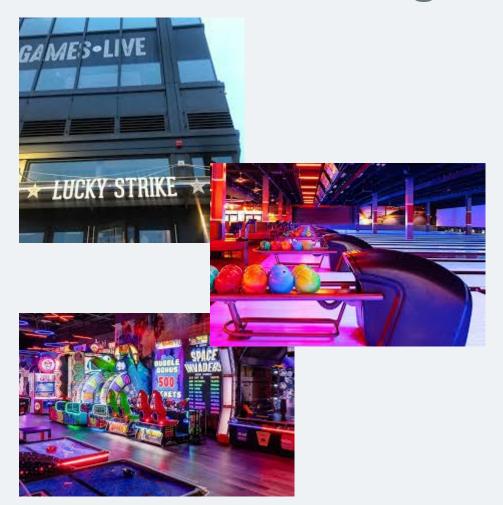
Morning		Afternoor	1
8:30 - 8:45	Welcome from HFMA MA RI Chapter President	Lunch	Peter Markell Conference Rooms
	Dhara Satija Mike Tracy	1:40 – 2:30	Revenue Cycle Overview Mary Beth Remorenko
8:45 – 9:45	Managed Care Eric Herbek		Keisha Downes Includes 3 polling questions
	Alex Layton Includes 5 polling questions	Break	Networking Break and Games Peter Markell Conference Rooms
9:45 – 10:35	Healthcare Finance and Reporting Marty Dunbar Includes 5 polling questions	2:45 – 3:45	Career Spotlight Panel Discussion  Moderator: Mansfield Holmes  Panelists: Abel Delgado, Hari Pillai, Aarti Shukla
Break	Networking Break and Games Peter Markell Conference Rooms	3:50 – 4:00	Includes 3 polling questions  Closing Remarks
11 – 12:30	Al in Healthcare: A Multi-Stakeholder Perspective Moderator: Dhara Satija, CHC, CFE, CRCR		Mike Tracy
	Panelists: Amanda Centi, Robert G. Martin, Garrett Gillespie, Donna Lewis, RN, MBA, CHC, Paulius Mui,	4:00 – 6:00	Offsite Networking Event Lucky Strike Somerville



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*Includes 6 polling questions* 

## **Emerging Healthcare Leaders Summit Offsite Networking Event**



Please join us for postconference networking/social event from 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm @ Lucky Strike Assembly Row

## **Emerging Healthcare Leaders Summit**

Friday, October 17, 2025 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM ET

Mass General Brigham, Assembly Row, Somerville, MA 02145

## Welcome



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## HFMA / NEHIA Joint: 2025 Compliance & Internal Audit Conference

Wed., December 3 - 7:15 AM to 5:00 PM Thurs., December 4 - 7:30 AM to 6:30 PM Fri., December 5 - 7:30 AM to 1:00 PM Mystic Marriott Hotel & Spa 625 North Road (Route 117) Groton, CT 06340





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# Managed Care Introduction, Strategy, & Challenges/Opportunities

Eric Herbek, Chief Managed Care Officer, Mass General Brigham Alex Layton, Program Manager PHO Contracting, Cape Cod Healthcare

## Outline

**Introduction to Managed Care Market Overview – Massachusetts Managed Care – Mechanics and Strategy** How's it going? Market Dynamics, Challenges, Opportunities



## Managed Care Overview



## What is Managed Care? Key Responsibilities

### Negotiate and manage commercial and government payer contracts

Evaluate key health policy, healthcare payment and market issues including:

Payer Relationship Management & advocacy for issues of importance to MGB

**System Pricing Strategy** 

Hospital and physician reimbursement and financial performance

Quality performance, incentives, and measurement

Alternative payment models (e.g. shared savings, bundled payments)

Terms and conditions that impact MGB operational performance (e.g. delegated services)

Implementation of fee schedules with payers



# Market Overview Massachusetts



### Who is in our market?

Local Payers – Blue Cross Blue Shield, Point32Health (HPHC and THP), MBG Health Plan Two large players dominate local market

National Carriers – United, CIGNA, Aetna Major national membership but small presence in Massachusetts

Medicare – Covers elderly and disabled

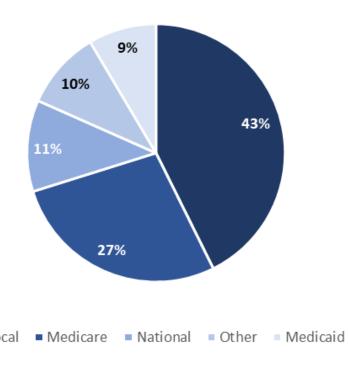
- Government sets reimbursement and payment rates
- Medicare Advantage offered by commercial plans; 33% of Massachusetts enrollment & growing\*

Medicaid – Covers low-income persons for medical and long-term care

- Government sets reimbursement and payment policies
- Accountable Care Organizations, including MGB/MGBHP
- Managed Medicaid offered by commercial payers

Other – Self-pay patients (both uninsured and those who choose to pay themselves), worker's compensation, international, and other small payers

### Net Patient Service Revenue by Payer Group



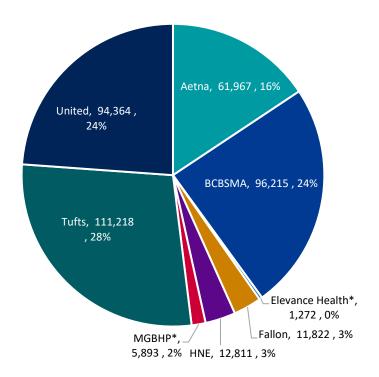
Note these are estimated based on MGB FY25 Revenue



## Medicare Advantage in Massachusetts

Dynamic market Nationally and in Massachusetts, with significant recent changes and new entrants

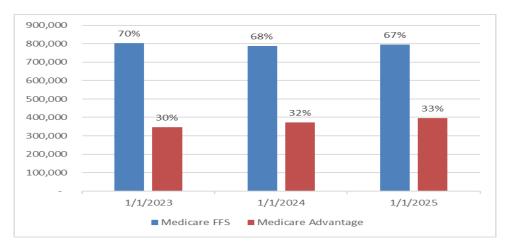
### Payer Penetration in Massachusetts



Source: CHIA Enrollment Trends Databooks, March 2025



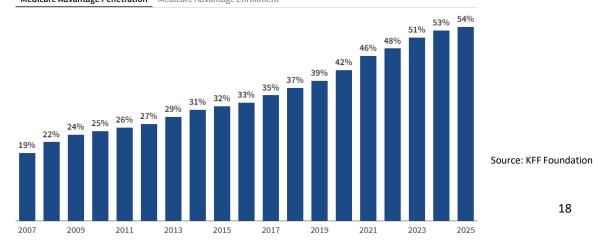
#### Medicare Advantage vs. Medicare FFS - Massachusetts



#### Medicare Advantage - National Penetration

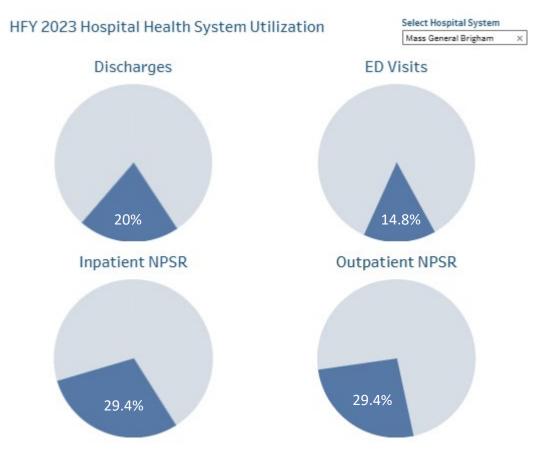
Total Medicare Advantage Enrollment, 2007-2025

Medicare Advantage Penetration Medicare Advantage Enrollment



## Hospital Volume is highly concentrated in Mass, with MGB & BILH accounting for ~39% of discharges

Hospital System	Discharges	% of Discharges
Baystate Health	28,690	7.46%
Berkshire Health Systems	6,713	1.75%
Beth Israel Lahey Health	69,890	18.18%
BMC Health System	24,099	6.27%
Brown University Health	7,407	1.93%
Cape Cod Healthcare	11,571	3.01%
Heywood Healthcare	2,357	0.61%
Independent Health System	75,739	19.70%
Lawrence General Hospital and Affiliates	10,786	2.81%
Mass General Brigham	82,162	21.37%
Tenet Healthcare	11,518	3.00%
Tufts Medicine	23,582	6.13%
UMass Memorial Health Care	29,977	7.80%
Grand Total	384,491	100.00%





## Primary Medicare Payment Systems

**Inpatient Prospective**Payment System (IPPS)

Governs rates, sets policy, and reporting requirements for all acute care and long-term acute hospitals.

**Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS)** 

Governs rates, sets policy, and reporting requirements for all **all outpatient** hospitals and ambulatory surgical centers.

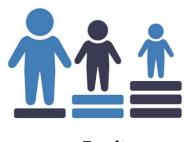
Physician Fee Schedule (PFS)

Governs rates for physicians, as well as key policies for physician-based practices, including telehealth.



**Health-related Social Needs** 

## Recent, Cross-Cutting Policy Changes







Primary Care and Population Health



### State Plans: MassHealth and ConnectorCare



### **Acute Hospital RFA**

- Serves as the contract between MGB and MassHealth.
- Outlines the hospital assessment (which funds the waiver) and return of hospital assessment via payments for hospital programs/activities (e.g., CQI).
- Focus on bolstering the BH system, mitigating the ED boarding crisis of individuals seeking IP psych beds.

### **MassHealth ACO Program**

- Primary-care based risk model. ACO is driven by the participating PCPs.
- PCPs paid on a PMPM basis.
- Primary Care practices receive a riskadjusted subcapitated payment for its members + a PMPM add-on to support integrated services.
- All other services are paid on an FFS basis from MGBHP (the payer partner).



- Federal Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) continued healthcare marketplace subsidies through 2024.
- MassHealth submitted an 1115 Demonstration Amendment to CMS in October 2023 requesting authority to expand its **premium assistance program up to 500% FPL (currently at 300%).**
- Connector enrollment expected to remain steady.



## Regulatory Environment

Center for Cost Information & **Analysis** (CHIA)

Independent state agency

steward of Massachusetts

and equitable health care

promote a more transparent

health information to

all residents of the

Commonwealth.

**Health Policy** Commission (HPC)

State agency working to improve the affordability of health care for all residents of the Commonwealth.

- Policy Recommendations
- Reviews development proposals, mergers, affiliations

How does this impact payer negotiations?

Cost Growth Benchmark

whose mission is to serve as a system that effectively serves

- The Health Policy Commission established a Health Care Cost Growth Benchmark (3.6% for 2024)
- Revisited annually by HPC Board



## Knowledge Check

Who is the largest payer for most providers in Massachusetts?

- a) BCBS MA
- b) Point32Health
- c) Medicare
- d) Masshealth

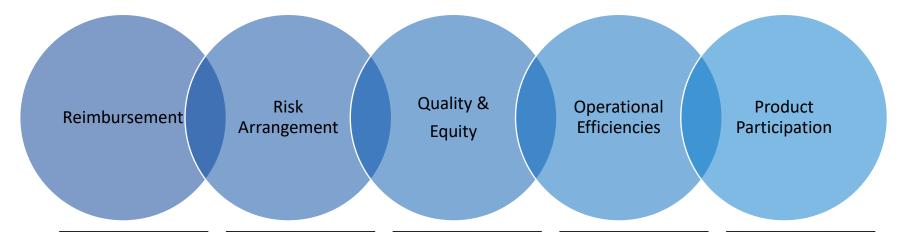


## Mechanics & Strategy



### What's included in a contract?

MGB's contracts include elements beyond reimbursement and risk

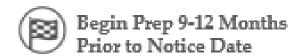


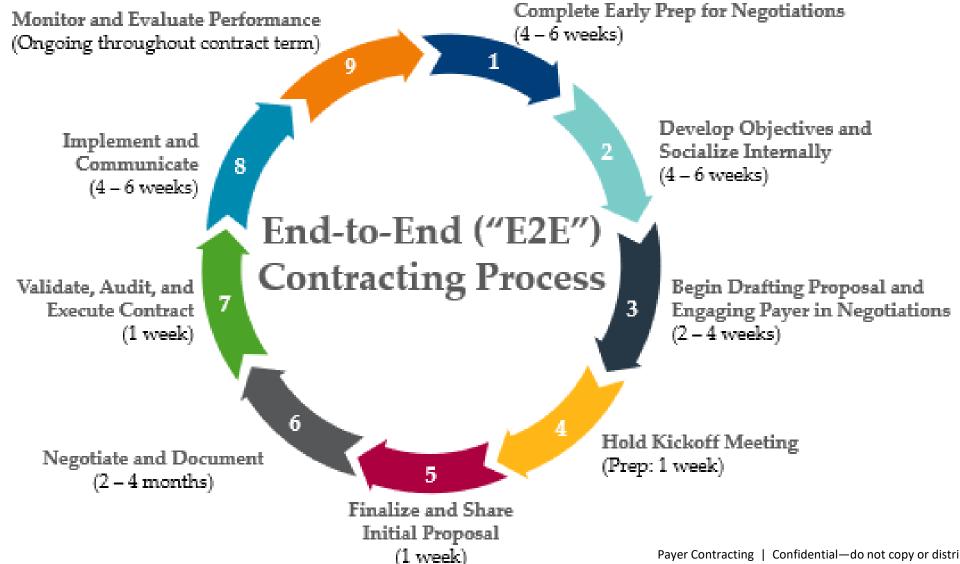
- Covered providers and entities
- Payment methodologies
- Annual increases
- Adjustments (e.g., inflation)
- Advance strategic pricing goals
- New Innovations in care

- Population
- Target methodology
- Risk share
- Maximum risk

- Hospital measures
- Ambulatory measures
- Patient-Reported Outcome Measures
- Administrative simplification
- Reduce duplicate claim denials
- Increase the number of utilization review nurses for review of IP admissions
- Opt out ability
- Tiered networks
- Limited networks
- Reference pricing









### Fee For Service

Fee For Service is the prevailing model of reimbursement in America

Most simple method – Percent of Charges (Hospital and Physician Group Chargemaster)

More Common – Reimbursement Schedules

- CPT Codes (Professional) and HCPCS (Facility)
- Groupers
  - DRGs, MS-DRGs, APR DRGs

Payer and Providers must agree on methodology and level of reimbursement (typically a base factor that is multiplied by relative weight for each procedure, inpatient stay, or doctor visit)



## Types of Contract Payment Methods



#### Shared Financial Risk

Expenses incurred by

budget

"population" assessed v.

health status adjusted

• Fixed payment per episode

**Bundles/Capitation** 

 Population based payment made in advance like a premium – 100% risk for expenses



- MDs and hospitals paid based on negotiated fees
- Portion of fee or contractual bonus potential is at risk based on performance against defined quality and efficiency targets
- Providers keep share of surplus or pay share of deficit

- Fee-for-Service
  - MDs and hospitals paid based on negotiated fees
  - May include care management payments

Higher level of financial risk Stronger business case for PHM

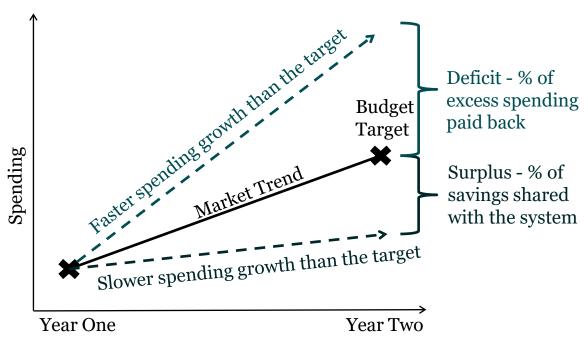
Lower level of financial risk
Weaker business case for PHM



## Trend-Based Risk Arrangements

- Limited risk
- Start from baseline of actual expenses at MGB price & health status
- Baseline includes expenses for services incurred at MGB and non-MGB providers for PCP-attributed population
- Mostly performance based manage to a health status adjusted trend target equal to rest of market excluding MGB
- Fee-for-service payment continues

Accounts for marketwide changes in demographics, medical progress, economic trends







## Context Setting – why focus on pricing?

**PRELIMINARY** 

Unprecedented medical cost inflation is challenging providers

...and while providers have been seeking higher rates, there is limited data to date on whether payers are accepting

Providers, and MGB in particular, are facing increased pressures from regulatory efforts

### THE WALL STREET JOURNAL.

Nov 22, 2021 – Nurse salaries rise as demand for their services soars during COVID-19 pandemic: Average annual salary for registered nurses, not including bonus pay such as overtime, increased about 4% this year to \$81,376

### THE WALL STREET JOURNAL.

May 8, 2022 – Hospitals look to raise treatment costs as nurses' salaries increase

"People familiar with negotiations say some hospitals are asking to increase their prices by 7.5% to 15%."

### THE WALL STREET JOURNAL.

Dec 15, 2021 – Three Miles and \$400 Apart: Hospital Prices Vary Wildly Even in the Same City:

"U.S. hospitals for the first time this year had to divulge all their prices under a new federal rule... The data reveals the wide variety of prices charged by different hospitals"

"It's not clear that patients or employers are getting what they pay for"

### Modern Healthcare

Oct 6, 2021 – Hospitals spending \$24B more per year on clinical labor

Feb 3, 2022 – Health insurance companies make record profits as costs soar in US:

"The price of an employer-sponsored family policy is up 47% since 2011, outpacing wages and inflation... [but this is] part of a bigger debate about healthcare spending, which has soared in recent years."

### The Boston Globe

April 5, 2022 – 'A new reality': State's decision against Mass General Brigham's suburban expansion could mean tighter regulation of costs and hospital growth:

"According to experts, the rejection appears to be the first time in decades that DPH has stood in the way of hospital expansion" "Everybody is watching, everybody is paying attention"





## Pricing Transparency is not new in Massachusetts .....but transparency data opens up new possibilities



### **Chapter 224 overview**

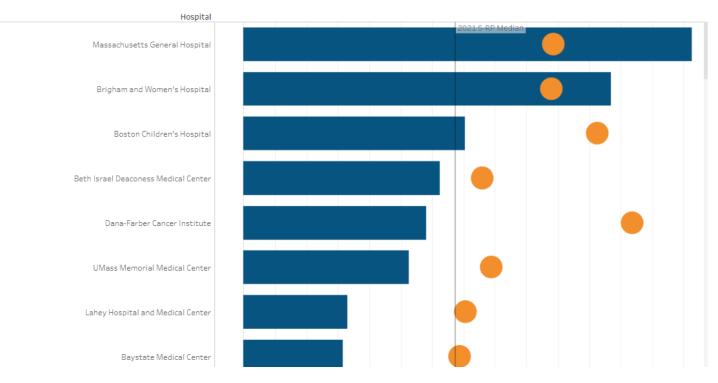
Learn more about the health care cost containment

Chapter 224 was signed into law in 2012. With its passage, the Patrick set in motion a number of initiatives and administrative several health care goals, primarily to control the growth of health care access and quality, and promote public health.



#### Relative Price







## Knowledge Check

Which of the following is not a valid reimbursement method?

- 1) Percent of Charges
- 2) DRGs
- 3) ETFs
- 4) Case Rates



## Knowledge Check

What of these *is not* a responsibility of payer contracting?

- a) System Pricing Strategy
- b) Alternative Payment Models
- c) Tracking Accounts Receivable by Payer
- d) Quality Performance, Incentives, and measurement



## How's it going? Challenges & Opportunities



## Challenges in the current environment

Systemic and intense conflict between providers and payors

Market share is concentrated with the largest & most aggressive payors

The most significant period of inflation in over 50 years

**148%** 

91%

**21% & 28%** 

Increase in the number of public disputes
this year through September 1st
compared to last year. More than onethird of the publicly reported disputes in
2024 have failed to reach a timely
agreement.

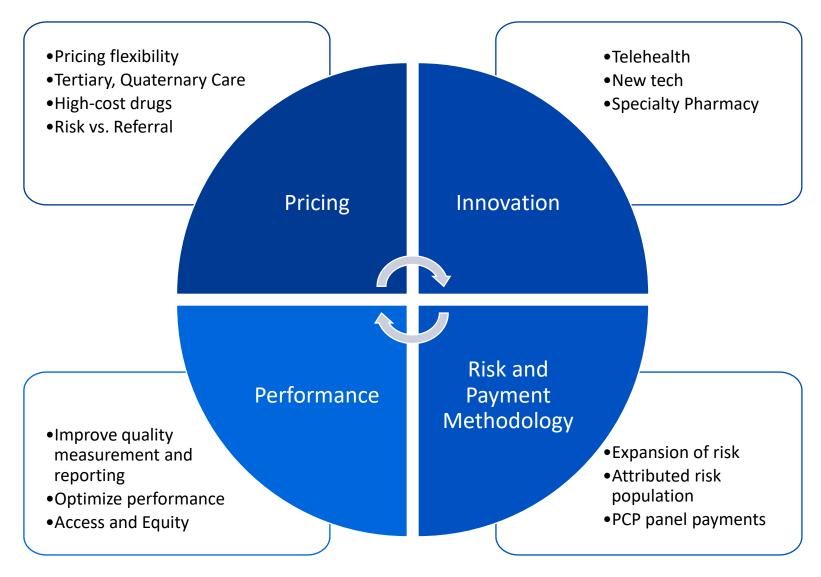
Of markets have a single payor with more than 30% market share and 46% have a payor with more than 50% of market share. Pricing pressures have increased, making it harder for provider organizations to negotiate reasonable and sustainable rates for their services.

Increase in total expenses per patient from 2019 to 2021 including a 37% increase in drug costs and an overall staffing increase of 19% (139% increase in contracted labor). The 2022 medical CPI was a surreal28.2% - an additional \$98B increase between 2022 and 2023.

Source: Unlock Health



### Issues for the Future





### Knowledge Check

What does CPT in "CPT code" stands for?

- a. Combustion Patent Timer
- b. Current Procedural Terminology
- c. Caribou Patient Triage
- d. Certified Public Trainer

### Knowledge Check

When was Chapter 224 made law in MA?

- a. 2000
- b. 1985
- c. 2020
- d. 2012

# Financial statement presentation – NFP healthcare entities

### Polling Question #1

How much knowledge do you have of healthcare financial reporting?

I don't know much about healthcare financial reporting.

A

I think I might be in the wrong session.

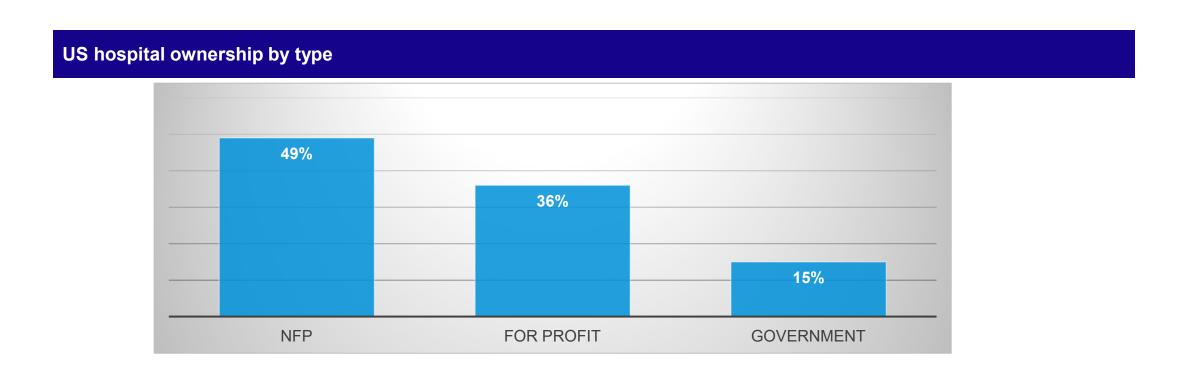
B

I know the basics and have a bit of experience with financial reporting in the workplace.

C

I actively work in healthcare financial reporting and have a lot of experience.

### Not for profit vs. for profit vs. government sponsored



### ASC 954, Healthcare Entities

U.S. GAAP accounting for healthcare entities is covered in FASB Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) 954, Healthcare Entitles SC 954

### Key aspects of ASC 954 are:

- Tailored presentation of financial statements for healthcare operations.
- Revenue recognition, particularly for patient service revenue.
- Accounting for charity care and contractual adjustments.
- "Performance indicator" for not-for-profit entities, like excess of revenues over expenses.
- Specific disclosures for healthcare entities, including patient accounts receivable and third-party payor arrangements.
- Nonprofit Healthcare Organizations: Focus on contributions and net asset classifications.

### Healthcare Financial Reporting

### **Internal Financial Reporting**

- Not a one size fits all approach
  - Monthly Financial Reporting
  - Annual Financial Statements
  - Other Reporting

#### Basics of internal and external

- Statement of Financial Position (the Balance Sheet)
- Statement of Operations (the Income Statement or Profit & Loss)
- Statement of Changes in Net Assets
- Statement of Cash Flows

#### **Best Practices**

- Key financial and operating indicators
- Statistics by department reflecting the levels of activity
  - (Actual vs. Budget / PY)
- Additional reporting
  - 12 month rolling trend (BS, SOO & SCF)
  - Narrative (the story behind the numbers)

### **Typical contents of external financial statements**

Report of Independent Auditors
Consolidated Financial Statements
Consolidated Balance Sheets
Consolidated Statements of Operations and Changes in Net Assets.
Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows
Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements

### **Balance Sheet**

### Health System, Inc. Consolidated Balance Sheet

Consolidated Balance Officet	
September 30,	202X
Assets	
Current Assets:	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 7,106,045
Investments, at fair value	2,257,437
Patient accounts receivable, net	16,203,313
Grants receivable, net	564,170
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	2,674,368
Total Current Assets	28,805,333
Other Assets:	
Long-term investments	30,271,539
Property and equipment, net	77,381,894
Right-of-use operating lease assets	2,502,354
Other assets	11,439,300
Total Non-Current Assets	121,595,087
Total Assets	\$ 150,400,420

### **Balance Sheet Key Items**

- Total Cash/Investments Position
- Working Capital/Current Ratio
- Debt to Equity
- Net Assets Without Restrictions

### Health System, Inc. Consolidated Balance Sheet

Consolidated Dalance Officet	
September 30,	202X
Liabilities and Net Assets	
Current Liabilities:	
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 11,143,264
Accrued employee compensation and benefits	9,429,226
Current portion of long-term debt	817,232
Current portion of operating lease liabilities	368,682
Unexpended funds on research grants	540,476
Estimated settlements with third-party payors	4,382,528
Total Current Liabilities	26,681,408
Other Liabilities:	
Long-term debt	39,758,386
Operating lease liabilities, net of current portion	3,054,327
Accrued malpractice liabilities	2,058,756
Accrued pension liabilities	2,453,521
Estimated settlements with third-party payors	1,238,374
Accrued other	4,583,290
Total Non-Current Liabilities	53,146,654
Net Assets:	
Without donor restrictions	63,972,456
With donor restrictions	6,599,902
Total Net Assets	70,572,358
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Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$ 150,400,420

### Consolidated Balance Sheets (in 000's) As of December 31, 2020 and 2019

#### Assets

Current assets

Cash and cash equivalents

Patient accounts receivable

Estimated third-party payor settlements receivable

Inventories

Other accounts receivable

Other current assets

Total current assets

Assets limited as to use

Board-designated funds

Reinsurance trust assets

Property, plant and equipment, net

Investments in unconsolidated affiliates

Capitalized software, net

Right of use operating assets

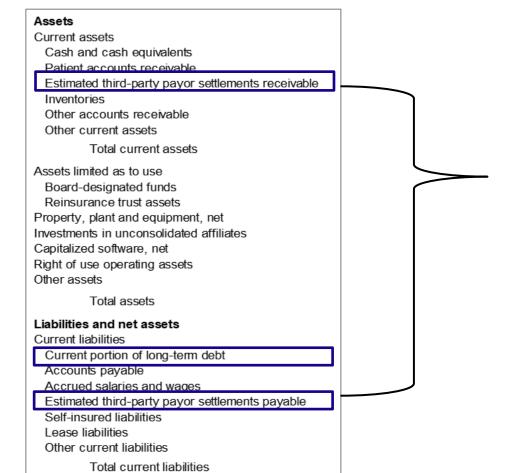
Other assets

Total assets

#### **Balance sheet**

#### Classification

- NFP healthcare entities are required to classify assets and liabilities as current and noncurrent.
- Normally, an operating cycle of 12 months is used to distinguish current and noncurrent.
- NFP healthcare entities often sequence assets and liabilities within each balance sheet section in order of liquidity (i.e., within current assets, cash precedes accounts receivable);
- Liquid assets that are subject to limitations on use that override their natural liquidity should be reported as noncurrent assets. For example, funds designated by the governing board to acquire noncurrent assets must be classified as noncurrent.
- NFP healthcare entities are required to present internally designated funds separately from externally restricted funds either on the face of the balance sheet or in the notes. These funds are typically referred to as assets limited as to use.



#### **Balance sheet**

### Classification, continued

Classification considerations of debt.

### **Offsetting**

- Balance sheet offsetting is permitted when a right of setoff exists.
- GAAP specifically prohibits offsetting for certain activities and transactions (e.g., insurance recoveries may not be netted with insurance liabilities).

#### Net assets

Net assets without donor restrictions Network net assets without donor restrictions Noncontrolling interest

Total net assets without donor restrictions

Net assets with donor restrictions

Total net assets

#### **Balance sheet**

#### **Net asset presentation**

- NFPs must distinguish between net assets without donor restrictions and with donor restrictions.
- NFPs must present the total of each net asset class and total net assets on the face of the balance sheet.
- GAAP requires NFPs to provide further detail about each net asset classification, either on the face of the balance sheet or in the notes.
  - For example, if net assets without donor restrictions contain board-designated funds,
     the nature of those board designations must be presented on the face or in the notes.
  - NFP healthcare entities normally present this information in the notes.

### Common errors or diversity in practice

### **Balance sheet**

Improper aggregation of accounts within balance sheet captions





Improper display of current or noncurrent assets and liabilities



Improper presentation of Medical Malpractice accounts



Property held for investment purposes not presented as part of investments

Improper netting of assets and liabilities



Inappropriate recognition and/or classification of donor-restricted assets and expiration of restrictions



Failure to capitalize leasehold improvements





Misclassification of assets limited or restricted as to use



Failure to correctly and/or timely adopt new accounting standards

### Health System, Inc. Consolidated Statements of Operations

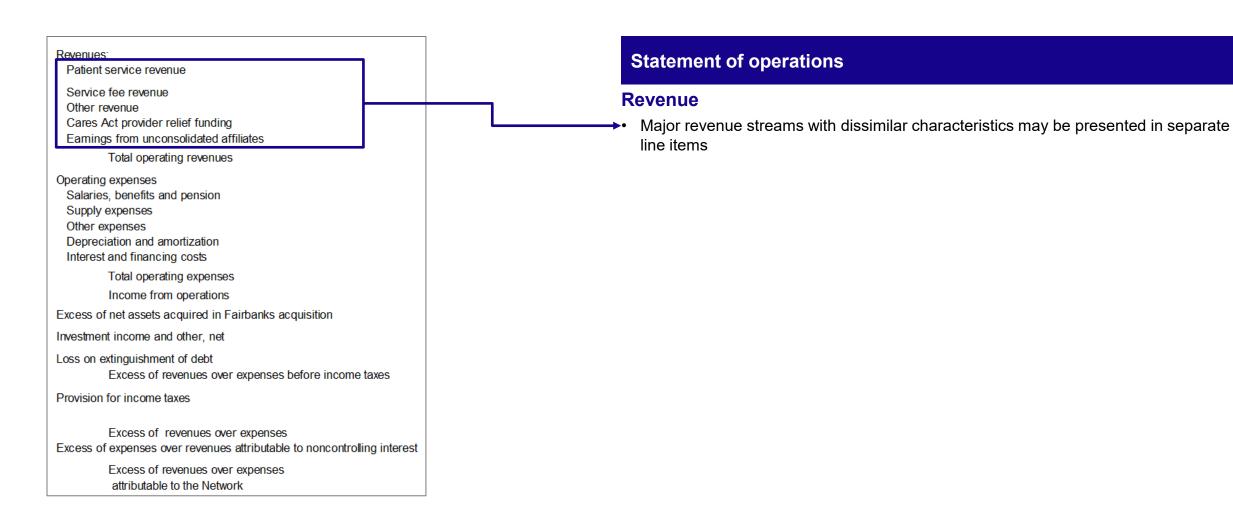
### Statement of Operations Years ended September 30,

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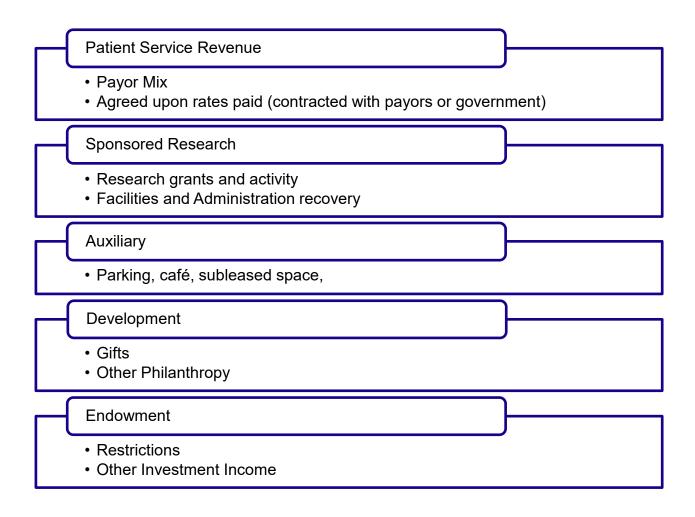
### **Statement of Operations Key Items**

- Comparison to budget and understanding differences
- Annual budgetary process
- Cost report consideration

Revenue and Other Support:	
Net patient service revenue	165,568,558
Research revenue	11,822,910
Other revenue	709,459
Total operating revenues	178,100,927
Expenses:	
Salaries and wages	100,984,801
Supplies and other expenses	51,277,970
Research expenses	11,822,910
Depreciation and amortization expense	9,672,737
Interest expense	2,840,293
Total operating expenses	176,598,711
Income from operations	1,502,216
Non-operating Income, Gains and (Losses)	
Unrealized gains and losses on investments	517,226
Interest and dividends	17,618
Contribution revenue	50,016
Other nonoperating income	168,942
Total nonoperating gains, net	753,802
Excess of revenues over expenses	2,256,018
Net assets released from restriction used for purchases of	
Property and Equipment	680,285
Cumulative effect of accounting change	(542,808)
Increase in Net Assets without Donor Restrictions	2,393,495



### Traditional Operating Model/Revenue Drivers



#### Revenues:

Patient service revenue

Service fee revenue

Other revenue

Cares Act provider relief funding

Earnings from unconsolidated affiliates

Total operating revenues

#### Operating expenses

Salaries, benefits and pension

Supply expenses

Other expenses

Depreciation and amortization

Interest and financing costs

Total operating expenses

Income from operations

Excess of net assets acquired in Fairbanks acquisition

Investment income and other, net

Loss on extinguishment of debt

Excess of revenues over expenses before income taxes

Provision for income taxes

Excess of revenues over expenses

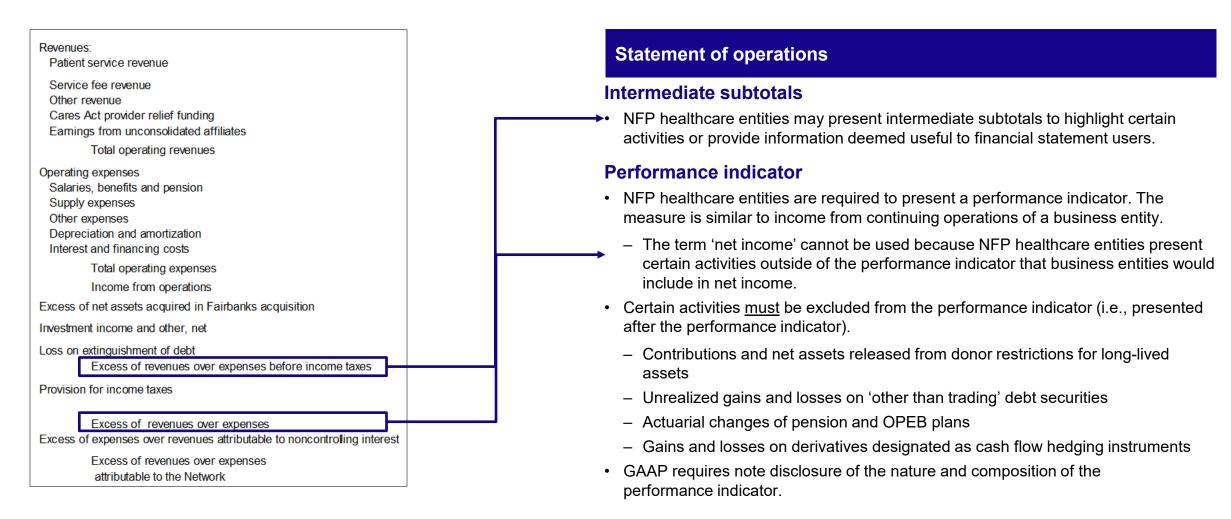
Excess of expenses over revenues attributable to noncontrolling interest

Excess of revenues over expenses attributable to the Network

### **Statement of operations**

#### **Expense**

- NFP healthcare entities may present expenses using natural, functional, or other classifications.
  - Most NFP healthcare entities use natural classifications.
- Regardless of presentation on the face, GAAP requires NFP healthcare entities to present an analysis of expenses by natural and functional classification.
  - This analysis could be provided on the face, but most NFP healthcare entities present it in the notes.



### Common errors or diversity in practice

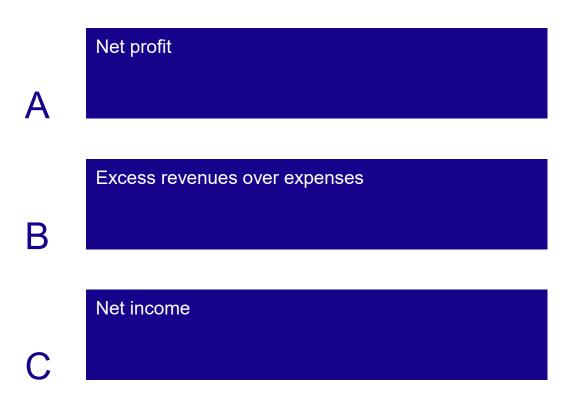
### **Statement of operations**

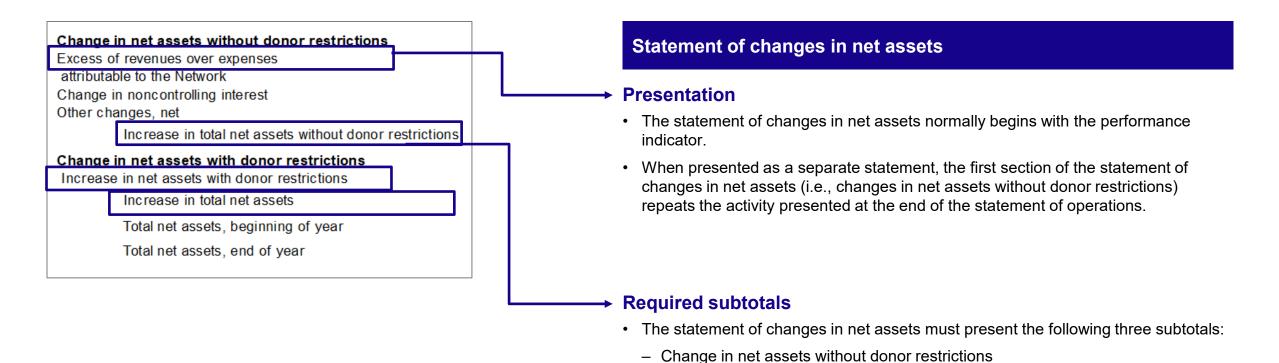
- 1 Improper netting of transactions.
- Total balances included in consolidated/combined statements of operations do not reconcile to notes or to supplemental consolidating schedules.
- Improper classification of items included in other changes in net assets without donor restrictions (e.g. capital grants and contributions should be included in other changes in net assets).
- Change in net assets does not reconcile to statement of cash flows and/or statement of changes in net assets.
- Consistency of reporting items (such as initial recognition and subsequent measurement of a business combination) within and outside of a reported intermediate measure of operations.



### Polling Question #2

Which is an example of the name used for the "performance indicator" included on the Statement of Operations?





Change in net assets with donor restriction

Total change in net assets

#### Cash flows from operating activities

Increase in net assets

Adjustments to reconcile increase in net assets to net cash provided by operating activities

Depreciation and amortization

Deferred tax benefit provision

Excess of net assets acquired in Fairbanks acquisition

Earnings from unconsolidated affiliates

Unrealized and realized gains on investments

Distributions received from unconsolidated affiliates

Loss on extinguisment of debt

Other

Changes in operating assets and liabilities

Patient accounts receivable

Other assets

Accounts payable

Estimated third-party payor settlements

Other liabilities

Net cash provided by operating activities

#### Statement of cash flows

- · Need to understand where cash comes from and where it is going
- Should explain everything you spent cash on during the year

#### **Presentation**

- NFPs present the statement of cash flows similar to business entities.
- The statement of cash flows is separated into three sections:
  - Operating
  - Investing
  - Financing
- GAAP allows both the direct and indirect method of presenting operating activities.
  - Most NFPs use the indirect method.
  - Unlike business entities, if an NFP uses the direct method, the NFP does not have to also present the indirect method.
- Noncash investing and financing activity must be presented either on the face or in the notes.
- NFPs generally follow the same guidance on classification and presentation of cash flows as business entities.

### Common errors or diversity in practice

### Statement of cash flows

- Improper netting of items (e.g. purchases and sales of certain types of investments)
- Cash flow line items do not agree to specific line items on the statements of operations and changes in net assets
- Restricted <u>cash</u> contributions for long term purposes (e.g. capital purposes or donor-restricted endowment) should be excluded from cash flows from operating activities and be classified as financing activities
- Reporting cash, restricted cash and amounts generally described as restricted cash and restricted cash equivalents
- Missing supplemental disclosure of interest paid, income tax paid, and non-cash investing and financing activities such as accrued fixed asset additions
- Adjusting operating activities for gains/losses on fixed asset disposals



### Common errors or diversity in practice

### Statement of cash flows

- Improper classification of cash flows (or classification as cash and cash equivalents) where a subsidiary shares a common treasury function (stand alone subsidiary financial statements)
- Rollforward of accounts from the footnotes do not agree to the activity within the cash flow statement
- Positive cash flow totals should be presented as "provided by" where as negative cash flows should be presented as "used in"
- Missing presentation of cash flows attributable to noncontrolling interest (financing activities) and discontinued operations



### More common errors - Disclosures



Redundant disclosures



Incomplete disclosures



Failure to include the appropriate disclosures for business combinations



"Combined" versus "consolidated" financial statements



Disclosure amounts do not reconcile to the financial statements



Missing or inappropriate disclosure of functional expense classification



Dollars in 000's consistency



Missing "public entity" required disclosures for health care entities that are conduit bond obligors

### Key Operating & Financial Metrics - Non Financial

### **Profitability Indicators**

- Charity Care %
- Bad Debt %
- Collection Ratio
- Revenue per Patient Days, Discharges, and Units
- Cost per Patient Days, Discharges, and Units
- Ratio of Cost to Charges

#### **Cost Indicators**

- Number of full-time employees
- Full-time employees per occupied beds/visits
- Salary per full-time employee
- Benefits as a percentage of salary

#### **Volume Indicators**

- Discharges/admissions
- Patient Days
- Observation Days
- Average Length of Stay
- Average Daily Occupancy
- Outpatient Visits

### Key Operating and Financial Metrics

### Monitor Trends, Benchmark Against Peers, Assess Budget vs. Actual Results

#### **Balance Sheet Metrics**

#### Liquidity

- Days cash on hand (Measurers how long an organization can cover operating expenses from liquid assets)
- Working Capital: Current Assets less Current Liabilities
- Days in Patient AR: Net Patient AR / (Net Patient Rev/365) (Indicates the number of days in average collection period)

#### Leverage & Capital Structure

- Debt to Equity
- Equity Financing: Net Assets / Total Assets (Measurers the % of total assets that has been financed with sources other than debt)
- Debt Service Coverage
- Debt Covenant Compliance

#### **Endowment Spending Policy/Distribution Rate**

 Best Practice: Spending Rate plus Inflation Allowance to preserve purchasing power should not exceed expected Total Long-Term Return

#### **Profitability Indicators**

#### **Operating Margin**

- Net Operating Income / Total Operating Revenue
- Measurers the operating profit retained per dollar of sales

#### **Total Margin**

- Net Income / Total Operating Revenue
- Measurers the net profit retained per dollar of sales inclusive of operating and non operating sources

#### **Bad Debt Percentage**

- Provision for Bad Debt/ Total Net Patient Service Revenue
- Measurers bad debts for trending and comparative purposes

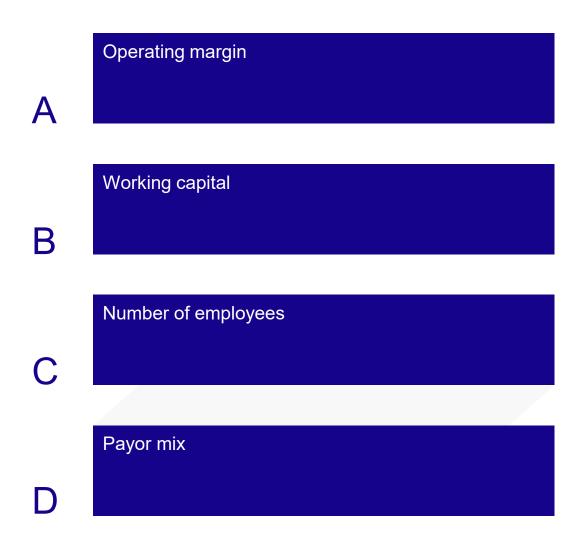
#### Payer Mix

Visits / Providers

Non-Recurring Items – Asset sales, extraordinary gifts/grants

### Polling Question #3

What is an example of a balance sheet metric to monitor and benchmark against peers?



### Other Reporting Requirements

### **IRS Reporting**

- IRS Form 990, Form 990-EZ, Form 990-T, Form 990-PF (due 4.5 months after fiscal year-end)
  - Validating exempt status of NFP
- Massachusetts Form PC (due 4.5 months after year-end)
- Massachusetts Annual Report (due by November 1st)

### **Cost Reporting**

- Support for reimbursable claims submitted
- Detail cost and allocation of cost to specific service centers
- Information of types of services provided

#### **Uniform Guidance**

- States, local governments and non-profit organizations with \$1,000,000+ of Federal awards during the fiscal year
- Preparation of the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Assistance "SEFA" by government sponsor and contract

#### **Other**

- MA Uniform Financial Report (entities receiving \$100,000+ in state contracts)
- Department of Education filing requirements for all healthcare entities that have a higher education component

# Thank you!





### **Today's Objectives:**

During this presentation, we will cover:

- 1. Overview of AI in the Healthcare Industry with a focus on clinical and non-clinical opportunities and challenges
- 2. Discuss hot topics / current trends within the complex realm of Al and how Al is viewed from a Compliance, Privacy, Legal, Clinical, and Technology perspective
- 3. Understand the best practices and key considerations for the now and future

### **Panel Members**



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# Polling Question #1

Have you used ChatGPT or another Al tool at work?

- A. Yes
- B. No
- C. May be (What is Al?)



## Polling Question #2

## How would you rate your current understanding of Al?

- A. Beginner—I know very little, but I'm eager to learn.
- B. Intermediate—I've heard the terms and maybe used some Al tools.
- C. Advanced—I'm very familiar with Al concepts and applications



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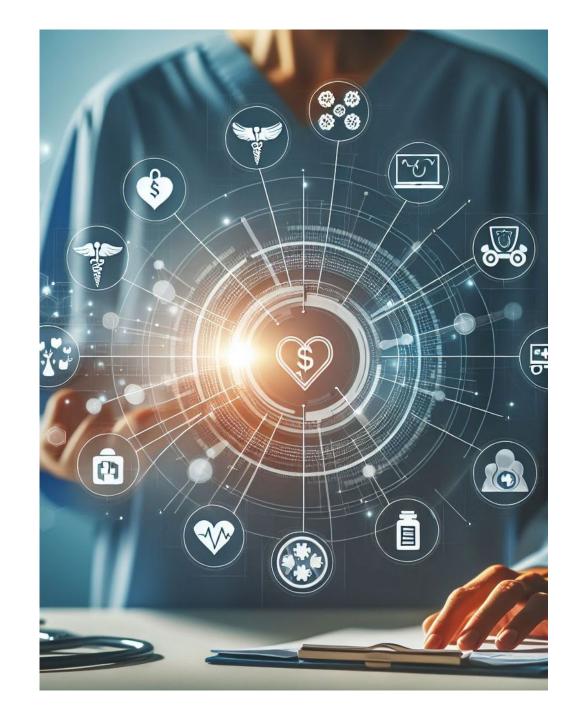
OVERVIEW OF AI IN THE HEALTHCARE INDUSTRY





# The ABCs of AI in Healthcare

October 2025



### What Is Artificial Intelligence?

Artificial Intelligence (AI) refers to computer systems that can perform tasks that, up until now, required human intelligence – such as learning, problem-solving, and pattern recognition.

#### Al Is a Spectrum

#### Rules-based systems

Systems that follow a set of rules written by people to make decisions. These rules can be simple or complex, but they are created ahead of time.

Example: "If a patient has a fever and a cough, test for Covid-19."

#### Machine learning

Systems that learn from data by finding patterns on their own, without being directly programmed. These patterns are often too complex for people to easily understand.

Example: A system that predicts hospital readmissions based on 100,000 past patients' data.

#### Generative Al

Systems that can make new content. In language tasks, it can understand and produce human-like text.

Example: A clinical documentation tool that drafts notes based on a recorded patient visit.



### AI Glossary

#### **Agentic Al**

A type of AI that can make its own decisions and take action without needing human help. Examples include self-driving cars, virtual assistants, and AI copilots that complete specific tasks.

#### **Artificial Intelligence (AI)**

Technology that allows machines to perform tasks that usually require human thinking, like learning, problem-solving, and decision-making.

#### **Al Bias**

When an AI system makes unfair or unequal decisions because of biased data, flawed programming, or human influence during its creation.

#### **AI Hallucination**

When an AI gives incorrect or made-up information. This can happen if the AI didn't learn enough, misunderstood the data, or was trained with biased information.

#### **Conversational AI**

Al that can understand and respond to human language, allowing it to have conversations with people. This is made possible through natural language processing (NLP).

#### **ChatGPT**

A well-known Al chatbot that can hold conversations and help with many different tasks using advanced language technology.

#### **Generative Al**

Al that uses deep learning to create text, images, audio, or video based on user input. In language tasks, it can understand and produce human-like text.

#### **Large Language Models (LLMs)**

Powerful AI models trained on huge amounts of data that can understand and generate natural language and other content.

#### **Machine Learning (ML)**

A part of AI that teaches computers to learn from data and improve their performance over time, similar to how humans learn from experience.

#### **Natural Language Processing (NLP)**

A field of AI that helps computers understand and work with human language by combining language rules, statistics, and machine learning.

#### **Predictive Analytics**

The use of data and AI tools to predict future outcomes. It analyzes past data to help make better decisions.



# Why AI Matters for Healthcare and its Transformative Impact

Use of generative AI (Gen AI) in healthcare is becoming mainstream



Gen AI can help lower healthcare costs and optimize resource allocation



Implementing AI solutions can augment employee experience



Physicians are growing more comfortable using generative Al



Healthcare employees are already using public Gen AI platforms



Utilize AI for task automation, enhance knowledge sharing and decision making



# Polling Question #3

Are you actively helping identify, assess, or deploy Al solution at work?

- A. Yes
- B. No



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PANEL DISCUSSION

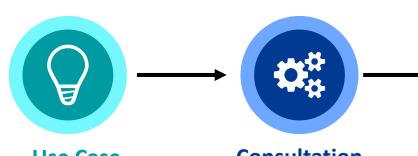


# Governing AI within Healthcare



### An Example: Fitting AI into current Intake & Review

**Processes** 

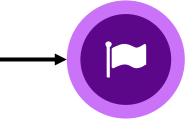


Use Case Request Intake

Documents the ask and/or request

#### **Consultation**

Identify need and provide guidance on best platform/environment/vendor



#### **DTR Review & Assess**

New vendor/tech would complete a Digital Technology Request & Al Assessment (Reviewed by Al Steer Co)



#### **Complete Digital Review**

Standard Digital Risk Deconditioning and Contract Execution



## Implementation & Ongoing Support

Monitor technology & features; If initial implementation is pilot, may need to repeat process for full operationalization



#### **Access**

Provision access for self-service type requests; if model creation or validation, may need to repeat process for full operationalization



### Example: AI Triage Risk Categorization

	Low	Medium	High
Use Case Consideration (examples)	Administrative/ operational, No/low clinical impact	May impact clinical care and/or significant impact to operations, (human review required)	Significant impact to patient care
Course of Action	Quick wins- scale if aligns with Strategic Priorities	May need some fine tuning- test & validate workflow before scaling	Higher risk to clinical care- ensure guardrails before moving through full scale of test & validate workflow
Timeline	Do now (turn on no need to test)	1-6 months (test with our 'alpha group')	6-12 months (partner with vendor to establish evidence first)

When considering the risk of an AI usecase, MGB is taking into account our relationship with the vendor/developer in addition to the general use case being tested.



# Al Issue Spotting for Healthcare Entities

#### Al-specific laws, regulation & guidance:

- **Legislation/regulation:** states and federal agencies have taken the lead so far on legislation and regulatory guidance.
- Focus so far: medical device requirements, consumer protection, accuracy of product claims, bias & discrimination, transparency, utilization management (CMS), use in employment.
- **Billing and coding:** if the product could impact billing, need to validate accuracy.
- **Contracts:** address who bears what risks, study the warranties and reps re: product.
- Data rights/privacy: consider who owns the data, how will it be used.
- **FDA device requirements:** understand what the intended uses of the product are, and whether the product might evolve.



# Al Issue Spotting for Healthcare Entities

- Governance & decision-making: need structure and process.
- Healthcare regulations and AI: issues include corporate practice, medical board licensure and discipline, telehealth + AI (both have state-by-state regulation)
- **IP:** consider who owns the product, product improvements, and the outputs. Be mindful of user agreements (and how they can change).
- Liability & insurance: consider both the organization and practitioners.
- Quality processes: For manufacturers, but customers should consider:
  - Protocols, controls, documentation,
  - Human-in-the-loop,
  - Auditing and monitoring (pre-launch, pilots, post-launch),
  - Reporting & quality feedback loops
- Security: Cybersecurity controls



# Considerations for AI Use in Healthcare: Responsible Use, Governance and Education



# An Example: Responsible AI Use Framework at Mass General Brigham

<b>Characteristics of Responsible Use of Al</b>	Sub-areas	
Fairness	<ul><li>Patient-centered</li><li>Equitable</li></ul>	
Transparent and Explainable	<ul> <li>Documentation of data and development</li> <li>Performance metrics / confidence intervals</li> <li>Patient education</li> </ul>	
Responsible and Accountable	<ul> <li>Responsibility across model lifecycle</li> <li>Al governance structure, controls, and policies</li> <li>ROI</li> </ul>	
Robust and Reliable	<ul> <li>Model performance across shifts in data</li> <li>Performance monitoring and thresholds</li> </ul>	
Privacy	<ul> <li>De-identified data used for model training</li> <li>Access to output</li> <li>Role of Informed consent and IRB</li> </ul>	
Safety and Security	User interaction Education Feedback loops / AE reporting Cybersecurity	
Benefit	<ul> <li>Patient outcomes and satisfaction</li> <li>Clinician and staff wellness</li> <li>Financial ROI</li> </ul>	



### Artificial Intelligence Strategy needs to align with entity strategy

MGB's holistic approach to AI is *ethical, equitable, and productivity- and quality-driven* 



**AI for Patient Care** 

**AI for Care Team** 

**AI for Research** 

**Al for Employees** 

Equitable, Ethical and Responsible AI

With Human Oversight

**Boosting Productivity** and Quality

**Enabling AI and Data**Commercialization



### An Example of MGB AI Use Cases and Programs

### Clinical Care Delivery 🙉 🖧





#### **Virtual Sitting for Safer, Smarter Monitoring**

Artificial Intelligence-powered alerts to prevent falls and reduce *sitter staffing needs* 

#### **Clinical Messaging with Artificial Intelligence**

Triaging, routing EMR InBasket, reducing manual review

#### **AI-Powered Pre-Visit Insight**

Artificial Intelligence-generated chart summaries to improve previsit planning

#### **Scaling AI-Powered Clinical Documentation**

Expanding automated draft note generation to 4,000+ ambient users

#### **AI-Guided Triage for Primary Care Gaps**

Piloting digital symptom checking and care routing to expand access

#### **Proactive Care Through Predictive Insights**

Models to anticipate admission, readmission, deterioration, and more

#### **Optimizing Clinical Operations with Artificial Intelligence**

Smarter workflows through cloudenabled and predictive tools

### **Employee**



#### **Artificial Intelligence to Automate the Everyday**

Reducing manual effort through Artificial Intelligence-powered task support

#### **Knowledge On-Demand with Artificial Intelligence Assistants**

Artificial Intelligence tools surface answers across documents, data, and systems

#### **Driving Decisions with Real-Time Artificial Intelligence Insights**

Leveraging Artificial Intelligence and real-time data to inform and accelerate outcomes

### Researcher Researcher



#### **Accelerating Heart Failure Trial Enrollment with Artificial Intelligence**

AI-enabled tools outperform manual screening for eligibility

#### **Artificial Intelligence Infrastructure for Clinical Trial** Inclusion

Using Retrieval-Augmented Generation and electronic health record data to improve eligibility detection

#### Al-Powered Innovation in **Cancer Research**

Artificial Intelligence tools for early detection, patient communication, and imaging breakthroughs



### **Upskilling Employees**

- Communication around approved tools
- Best practices education
- Prompt-a-thons
- Teams channel support for support crowdsourcing
- Educational Series hosted by Leadership

As healthcare organizations, however, we must ensure the privacy and security of protected health information (PHI) and ensure the safe and effective use of these technologies.



## Polling Question #4

In your opinion, is it likely that AI will eventually surpass human-level intelligence?

- A. Yes, definitely
- B. Possibly, in the distant future
- C. Unlikely
- D. Never



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Q&A



# Polling Question #5

## Have you taken an Al course or obtained Al-related certification?

- A. Yes
- B. No
- C. Planning to in the future



### HFMA AI Governance Micro-Credential





#### **Elevate Your Career with the Al Governance Micro-Credential**

**Program Highlights –** Access the training on ALIGNMT Al's user-friendly platform, where you'll explore seven in-depth courses:

- Introduction to AI in Healthcare: Uncover the potential of AI to transform healthcare finance and understand the risks involved.
- Al Governance Committee Operations: Learn how to establish and lead an Al governance committee focusing on ethical decision-making and accountability.
- Enterprise Al Risk Mitigation: Develop strategies to minimize Al-related risks and maintain compliance across your organization.
- Incident Response for Al Applications: Equip yourself with the skills to manage and respond to Al-related incidents effectively.
- Conflict of Interest Standards: Understand how to recognize and manage conflicts of interest within AI operations to maintain transparency.
- Whistleblower Protection for AI Compliance: Gain knowledge on fostering a culture that encourages reporting of AI misconduct while ensuring confidentiality.
- Al Governance Policies: Learn to design and implement robust governance policies tailored to your organization's needs.

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# Polling Question #6

# Are you planning to attend our December Compliance & Internal Audit Conference?

- A. Yes
- B. No
- C. May be



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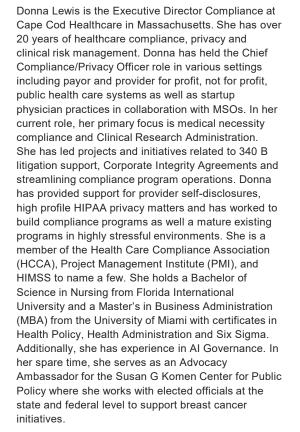


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Medicine. Previously, he was a Strategic Compliance Lead and Regulatory Counsel for Verily Life Sciences, a Google company. In these roles, he has provided guidance, created training materials, and developed intelligence. Before that, he was the Vice President, Deputy General Counsel & Corporate Compliance Officer at Boston Medical Center HealthNet Plan (now WellSense Health Plan), which is part of the integrated BMC Health System. Prior to that, he worked at CVS Health as the lead lawyer and an Executive Team member for MinuteClinic, and he was Of Counsel in Mintz Levin's Health Law Section. Garrett is a former President of the Massachusetts-Rhode Island Chapter of the Healthcare Financial Management Association and is a graduate of Yale University and the University of Virginia School of Law.





#### Resources

- Joint Commission and Coalition for Health AI (CHAI) Release Initial Guidance to Support Responsible AI Adoption Across U.S. Health Systems [Link]; The guidance is publicly available here.
- FDA Request For Public Comment: Measuring and Evaluating Artificial <u>Intelligence-enabled Medical Device Performance in the Real-World</u>
   Issued on 9/30/2025
- 7 ways Al is transforming healthcare by World Economic Forum
- Saenz AD; Mass General Brigham AI Governance Committee; et al.
   Establishing responsible use of AI guidelines: a comprehensive case study for healthcare institutions. NPJ Digit Med. 2024 Nov 30;7(1):348 [Link]
- DOJ Evaluation of Corporate Compliance Programs (Updated September 2024) [Link]
- Building a Comprehensive Al Governance Framework [<u>Link</u>] Client Alert by Paul Hastings LLP













## Thank You

# HFMA Emerging Healthcare Leaders Summit

# Revenue Cycle Overview

Mary Beth Remorenko MHA, SVP Revenue Cycle Operations BILH

Keisha Downes MBA-HM, RN, VP Mid-Revenue Cycle, BILH



## Agenda and Learning Objectives

#### Agenda:

Intro and Patient Access Mary Beth Remorenko

Middle Revenue Cycle Keisha Downes

Patient Financial Services Mary Beth Remorenko

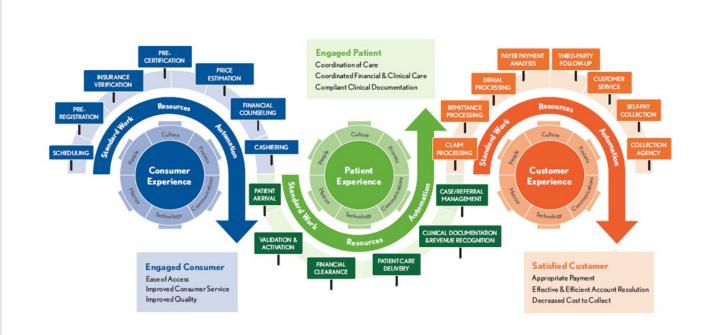
#### **Learning Objectives:**

Understand definitions and functional components of the revenue cycle
Introduction of key revenue concepts and financial impacts to health care providers
Overview of enabling capabilities, strategy and innovation in the revenue cycle

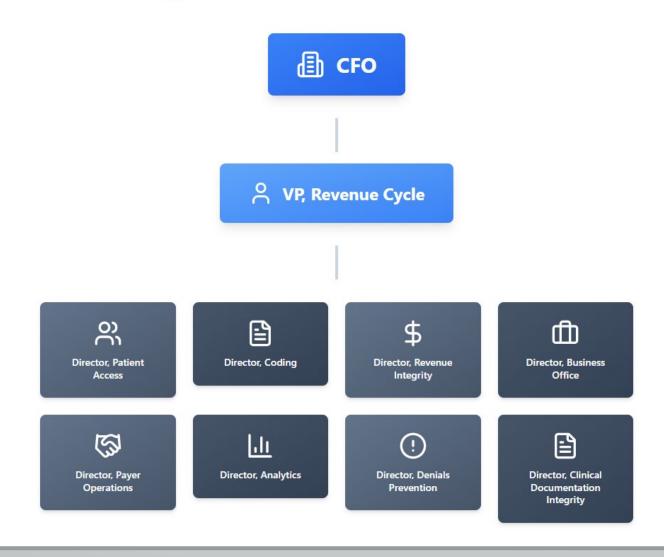
### Revenue Cycle Management

Revenue Cycle Management is the process used by healthcare systems to track the revenue obtained from the initial appointment or encounter patients have with the healthcare system to their final payment of balance.

The revenue cycle is comprised of all administrative and clinical functions that contribute to the capture, management, and collection of patient service revenue.



### **RCM Organizational Chart**



# Polling Question 1

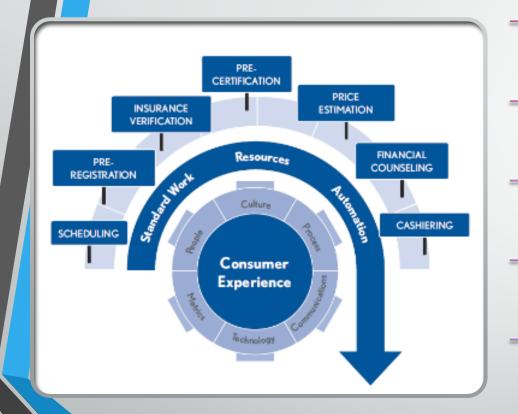
Revenue Cycle is typically characterized by how many groups of functions:

a. 3- front, middle, back

b. 4- left, right, top, bottom

c. 2- front, back

# Patient Access



Patient Access & Experience- 'Front end"

**Ambulatory Contact Center** 

**PSC** Registration

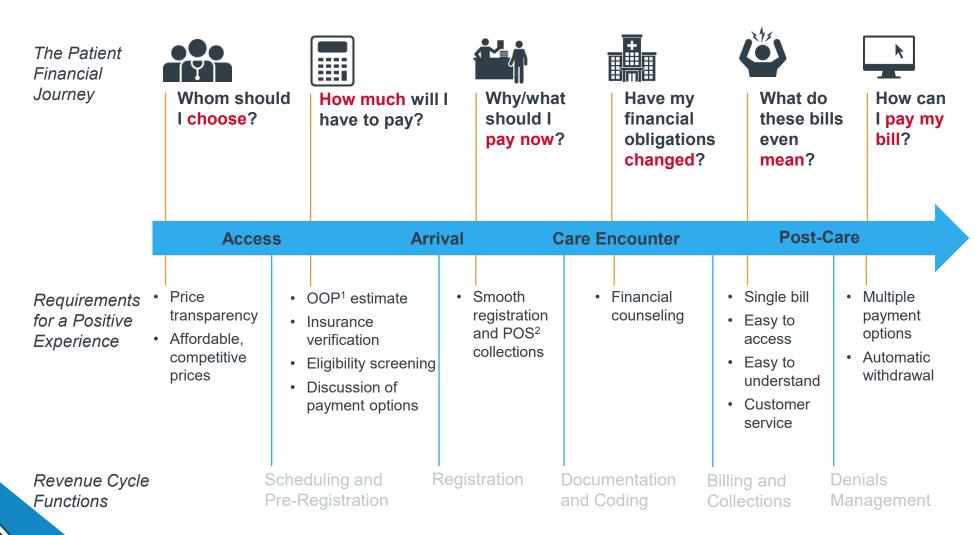
**PSC Referrals** 

Patient Financial Experience

Patient Billing Solutions

### The Patient Financial Journey

#### Meeting Patients' Expectations Requires a New Approach to Revenue Cycle



#### Compliance with the No Surprises Act Provisions

## No Surprises Act: Federal

Federal Law effective January 1, 2022 to protect patients from surprise medical bills, especially from out-of-network providers or in emergencies.

In-Network Convening Providers/ Out-of-Network Co-Providers

Full Compliance required with emergent and non-emergent services (ERAP)

Each individual provider responsible for their own cost estimate

Patients only responsible for in-network cost sharing

Uninsured/Self-Pay Good Faith Estimates

One all-inclusive estimate is provided to the patient including ALL professional and technical costs... however, each provider held responsible for their own GFE and \$400.00 threshold variance

**Dispute Resolution Process** 

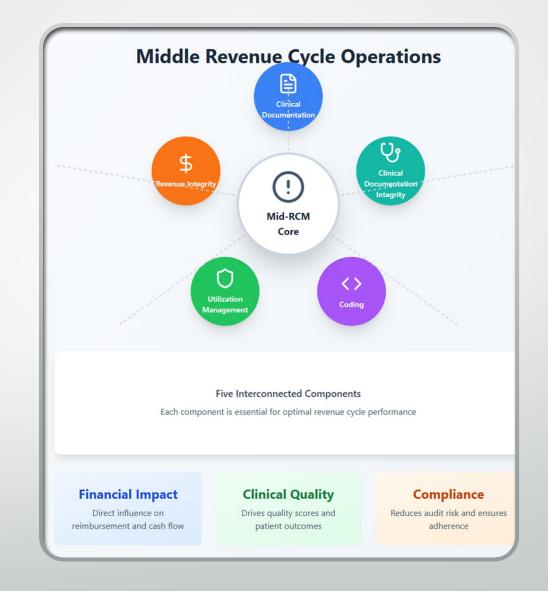
Independent dispute resolution (IDR) process for escalating and resolving payment disagreements between providers and insurers

# Middle Revenue Cycle

# Middle Revenue Cycle (Mid-RCM)

Why is Mid-Revenue Cycle Important?

- Financial Impact: The middle revenue cycle directly influences reimbursement, denials, and cash flow.
- •Clinical Quality & Outcomes: Documentation and coding drive quality scores, risk adjustment, and population health metrics.
- •Compliance & Risk: Accurate coding and documentation reduce audit risk and ensure regulatory adherence.
- •Strategic Decision-Making: Leaders who understand Mid-RCM can make better decisions around staffing, technology investments, physician engagement, and payer negotiations



### Clinical Documentation





### **Clinical Documentation**

"If it's not documented, it didn't happen."

### Purpose

Ensure the medical record accurately and completely reflects the patient's story, care provided, diagnoses, and clinical decision-making.



### Foundation

For coding, quality metrics, reimbursement, and legal compliance



### **Documentation Standards**

Must be clear, complete, specific, and timely



### **Clinical Impact**

Affects SOI, ROM, DRG assignment, and quality reporting



### Collaboration

Between providers, CDI, coding, and revenue cycle teams



Quality Documentation Reduces Denials and Audit Risk Downstream

# Clinical Documentation Integrity



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### **Clinical Documentation Integrity (CDI)**

"Translating clinical reality into coded language."

### **Purpose**

Bridge the gap between clinical language and coding requirements to ensure documentation accurately supports coding, billing, and reporting.



### **CDI Specialists**

Nurses or coders review records to identify documentation gaps and clarification needs



### **Provider Queries**

Capture clinical specificity and completeness (sepsis severity, type of heart failure)



### **Performance Impact**

Improves CMI, reimbursement accuracy, quality scores, risk adjustment, and reduces denials



### **Expanding Role**

Increasingly involved in outpatient CDI and value-based care documentation

Strong Provider Engagement and Education are Key to CDI Success

## Coding



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### Coding

"Turning care into data."

#### Purpose

Assign standardized codes (ICD-10, CPT, HCPCS) to diagnoses, procedures, and services based on clinical documentation. Accurate coding ensures appropriate reimbursement, compliance, and reliable data.



### **Core Function**

Ensures proper reimbursement, compliance, and analytics through accurate coding



### **Coder Expertise**

Interpret clinical language, follow official guidelines, and stay current with regulatory changes



### **Broad Impact**

Affects MS-DRG/APC assignment, HCCs, quality reporting, and public health data



### **Technology Integration**

Computer-assisted coding, NLP, and Al transform workflows, but human oversight remains critical

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Collaboration with CDI and Providers Strengthens Documentation and Reduces Queries

## **Utilization Management**





### **Utilization Management (UM)**

"Right care, right time, right setting."

### Purpose

Ensure patients receive medically necessary care in the appropriate setting, aligning clinical decisions with payer requirements and clinical standards to support reimbursement and compliance.



### **Utilization Review**

Appropriateness of admission, level of care, continued stay, and case management



### **Medical Necessity**

Ensures clinical documentation supports medical necessity and payer authorization criteria



### **Revenue Protection**

Prevents denials, protects revenue, and optimizes patient flow



### Value-Based Care

Plays a critical role in value-based care models and population health strategies

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Collaboration with Providers, Payers, and Revenue Cycle Teams is Essential

## Revenue Integrity



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### **Revenue Integrity**

"Protecting revenue by getting it right the first time."

### Purpose

Ensure that clinical services provided are accurately documented, appropriately charged, compliantly billed, and fully reimbursed — safeguarding the organization from revenue leakage, denials, and compliance risk.



### **Charge Capture Accuracy**

Verifies all services are documented and charged correctly, preventing missed or duplicate charges



### **CDM Oversight**

Maintains charge description master to ensure codes, pricing, and descriptions align with regulations



### **Proactive Auditing**

Identifies patterns, errors, and opportunities before claims submission, reducing denials and rework



### **Cross-Functional Collaboration**

Works across clinical, coding, billing, compliance, and finance teams to resolve revenue leakage

Safeguarding the Organization from Revenue Leakage, Denials, and Compliance Risk

# Polling Question 2

Which Mid-Revenue Cycle function has the MOST direct impact on Case Mix Index (CMI)?

- a. Clinical Documentation Integrity (CDI)
- b. Utilization Management (UM)
- c. Revenue Integrity
- d. Coding

# Patient Financial Services

# Patient Financial Services "Back End"





### Top rejections:

Auth/Referral Coordination of Benefits Patient not covered Not Medically Necessary Filing Limit Responses from payers are posted to Epic through an electronic remittance advice (ERA), HIPAA 835.

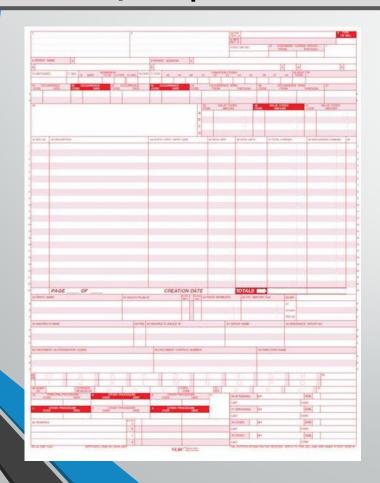
The file contains the following information:

- Payment
- Allowed amount
- Rejection codes
- CARC- Claim Adjustment Reason Codes
- RARC- Remittance Advice Remark Codes
- Patient Liability

Once the detail is posted to patient financial system, logic determines what the next actions are:
Patient Liability → bill patient
Partial Pay (80%) Co-insurance due → bill secondary
Claim Rejects → file to a work queue for third party
reviewer processing

# Patient Financial Services – Hospital Billing UB-04/837i

## **UBo4/Hospital Claim**



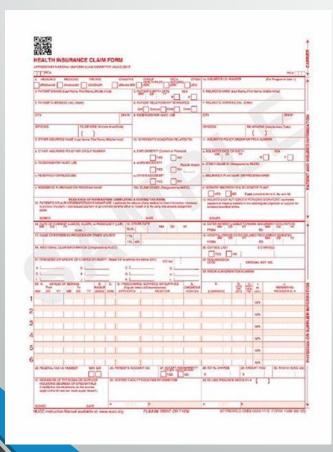
### **UBo4 Data Sources**

### 81 field locators

Patient Access – 40%
Service Departments – 11%
Clinical Coding – 20%
Billing/System – 20%
Reserved for future use – 9%
Acute Care @ Home
Z-codes

# Patient Financial Services – Professional Billing CMS 1500/837p

## 1500/Professional Claim



## 1500 Data Sources

### 33 Fields

Patient Access – 90%

Service Departments – 2.5%

Clinical Coding – 1%

Billing/System – 4.5%

Reserved for future use - 2%

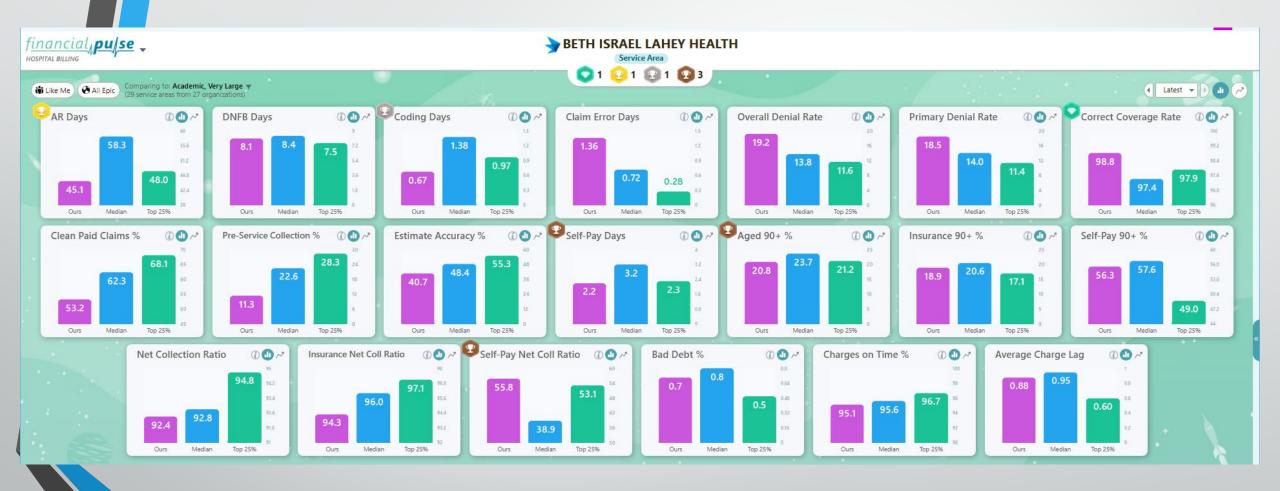
Telehealth codes

# Polling Question 3

True or False

Hospital claims are billed on a UB92 and Professional claims are billed on a CMS1500.

# Key Performance Metrics



# **Revenue Cycle Strategy**

**Objective and Desired Outcomes** 

Design a future state structure that enables efficiency, enhances collaboration, and ensures system-wide Revenue Cycle best practices



### Enhanced Core Capabilities

Enhanced core capabilities and new strategic capabilities to create a leading, future focused organization



### Improved Experience

Improved patient and provider experience by aligning customer facing capabilities



### Employee Engagement

Increased employee engagement by cultivating opportunities for innovation and advancement



### Strategic Alignment

Increased alignment with system strategic priorities and objectives through enterprise level integration



# Enterprise-Site Collaboration

Enhanced alignment and collaboration of Enterprise Revenue Cycle and Site Revenue Cycle capabilities

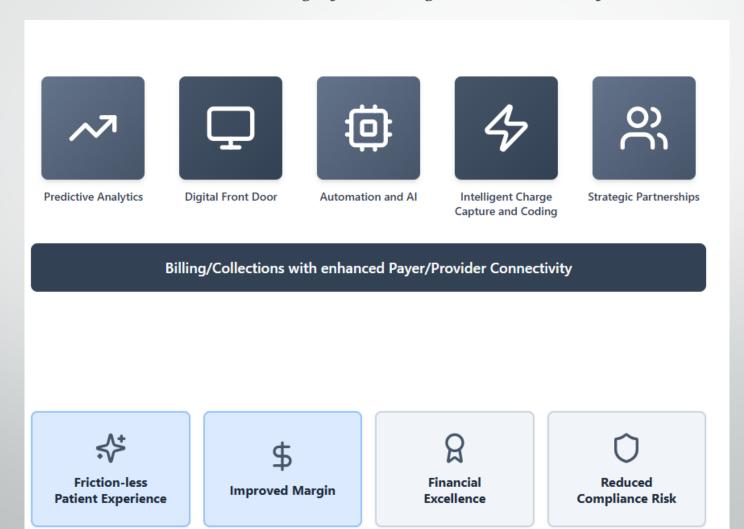


### Operations Partnership

Enhanced collaboration between Operations and Revenue Cycle via data and feedback loops

# Revenue Cycle Innovation

Sometimes the old way of thinking needs to be shifted...



# Rev Cycle Technology and Vendors



Technology in the revenue cycle is a key capability and enabler. Robotic Process Automation (RPA) and AI have emerged in this space over the last 5-10 years.

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# Career Spotlight

Emerging Healthcare Leaders Summit
October 17, 2025

# **Emerging Healthcare Leaders Summit Career Spotlight**

# **Objectives**

Listen to a panel of healthcare finance experts discuss their professional journeys and provide personal insights on career experiences

Learn about potential opportunities in the diverse healthcare finance field



# **Emerging Healthcare Leaders Summit Career Spotlight – Polling Question #1**

How many years have you worked in healthcare?

- A. Fewer than five years
- B. More than five and fewer than ten years
- C. More than ten years
- D. Not Applicable



# **Emerging Healthcare Leaders Summit Career Spotlight – Polling Question #2**

As an early careerist, which of the below do you feel will be most helpful in your continued career growth?

- A. Further education
- B. Professional society certification
- C. Networking
- D. All of the above



# **Emerging Healthcare Leaders Summit Career Spotlight – Polling Question #3**

Do you have someone you would call a mentor?

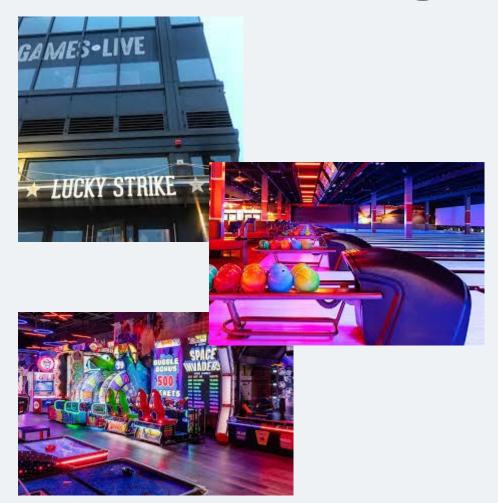
A. Yes

B. No





# **Emerging Healthcare Leaders Summit Offsite Networking Event**



Please join us for postconference networking/social event from 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm @ Lucky Strike Assembly Row