## Follow the money

Your guide to Medicare financial performance

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## Financial overview



## FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

## Stakeholders and arrangements

Market overview


## Medicare advantage financial formula

Extremely simplified version


Revenue


Largely fixed from bids


Estimated in bids, but
uncertain

## Revenues and cash flow



Source of revenue

## MAPD / PDP

## Defined by bid

-Bid @ 1.0 risk score
-Rebates
-Member premium
-Prospective reinsurance, LICS, CGDP
-Part D direct subsidy

## Determined in operations

-Risk scores (to adjust bid revenue)
-Actual reinsurance, LICS, CGDP
-DIR

## Cash Flows and Reconciliations



Risk score settlement timing



## revenues and cash flow

## Part D settlement timing

## Challenges

- Prospective revenue accrues evenly through the year
- Actual claims have seasonal patterns
- More reinsurance claims occur in the later part of the year
- LICS is uneven as members move through benefit phases
- Risk corridor is impacted by risk score settlements
Performing a settlement estimate with partia year data can lead to misleading results Recommend creating full year projections for settlement purposes
https://www.soa.org/globalassets/assets/library/newsletters/health-watch-newsletter/2019/june/hsn-2019-iss89-herbig.pdf


## Timing of reinsurance

Example
\$100


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## Key files



## MMR

- Member level
- Monthly payments for bid, rebates, PD direct subsidy
- Prospective LICS and reinsurance payments from bid
- Risk score from current run (retroactively updated for settlements)


## PDE

- Claims level
- Part D claims, actual LICS, actual GDCB/GDCA (for reinsurance)
- Track PD claim expense in real time
- Part D settlement


## MOR

- Member level for members that are not newly enrolled in Medicare
- Contains CMS HCC condition information
- Create risk score settlements, even for members that you don't have full diagnosis capture for


## MAO-004

- Encounter level
- Contains diagnosis submission info for risk adjustment
- Create risk score settlements, using latest submissions not included in the risk score run reflected in the MMR


## PPR

- Monthly totals of retroactive changes in MMRs
- Risk score settlement totals
- Part D
settlement totals


## Financial performance



## FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

## MAPD loss ratio and margins

2021 medical loss ratio
Administrative Loss Ratio

$50 \%$ of the entities had a positive margin


## FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

MAPD market financial performance (2017-2021)
COVID impact on 2020 and 2021 loss ratios


For similar summary of 2016-2020 results, refer to whitepaper here:
https://us.milliman.com/en/insight/medicare-advantage-organizations-financial-results-for-2020

## MAPD administrative expense (2017-2021)

2019 and 2021 saw some decline in administrative PMPM relative to prior years

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## Claims and revenue PMPM (2017-2021)

Steady growth in claims and revenue-2021 remains a slight outlier


## PDP financial performance

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## PDP market financial performance (2019-2021)

Market pressures have been compressing margins and increasing loss ratios

PDP statutory loss ratios (2019-2021)


PDP underwriting margin PMPM (2019-2021)


## PDP market revenue and claims PMPM (2019-2021)

Market pressures have been compressing margins and increasing loss ratios

PDP revenue PMPM (2019-2021)


PDP claims PMPM (2019-2021)


## PDP market financial performance by carrier size (2019-2021)

Underwriting margins vary materially between Top 5 PDP carriers and Other National PDPs


2022 individual PDP market share


## Risk-based capital



## RISK-BASED CAPITAL

## Risk-based capital (RBC) requirements

## RBC overview

- The RBC formula calculates a benchmark to compare against actual capital to determine insolvency risk
- The formula is factor-based, multiplying prescribed factors by values in a company's financial statements
- The RBC ratio is equal to Total Adjusted Capital (TAC) divided by the Authorized Control Level (ACL)
- Health plans typically target a multiple of the ACL, with RBC ratios often ranging from $400 \%$ to $600 \%$ or higher


## RBC calculation

The Health RBC formula has several components:

- $\mathrm{H}_{0}$ : Affiliate Asset Risk
- $\mathrm{H}_{1}$ : Asset Risk
- $\mathrm{H}_{2}$ : Underwriting Risk
- $\mathrm{H}_{3}$ : Credit Risk
- $\mathrm{H}_{4}$ : Business Risk
$\mathrm{H}_{2}$ : Underwriting risk is the primary driver of Health RBC.
See formulas below for reference.

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\begin{gathered}
A C L=\frac{H_{0}+\sqrt{H_{1}{ }^{2+} H_{2}{ }^{2+} H_{3}{ }^{2+} H_{4}{ }^{2}}}{2} \\
\text { RBC Ratio }=\frac{T A C}{A C L}
\end{gathered}
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## RISK-BASED CAPITAL

## RBC action levels

## RBC Action Levels

- Low RBC ratios trigger additional oversight from insurance regulators
- At an RBC ratio of $100 \%$ or lower, insurance commissioners are authorized to take control of the company

| RBC ratio | Regulatory action |
| :--- | :--- |
| $\geq 200 \%$ | None |
| $150 \%-200 \%$ | Company Action Level |
| $100 \%-150 \%$ | Regulatory Action Level |
| $70 \%-100 \%$ | Authorized Control Level |
| $<70 \%$ | Mandatory Control Level |

## Illustrative capital needed by line of business (total dollars)

- We estimated an illustrative ACL for four different lines of business based on average revenue / claims for 2021
- This does not reflect total capital needed for start-ups, which will include capital to cover administrative expenses and losses in initial years
- Business lines with higher claims volume and risk (Medicare Advantage) require greater capital
- Individual PDP is less capital intensive than Medicare Advantage and other business lines on a dollar basis

Does not reflect minimum capital requirements, which vary at a state level

Illustrative regulatory capital needed at 400\% RBC ratio for 10,000 lives (\$Ms)


Note: Assumes 15\% Managed Care Credit for Group Dental, Group Medical, and Medicare Advantage populations (i.e., assumes a fee schedule contracting strategy)

## RISK-BASED CAPITA

## Illustrative capital needed by line of business (\% of revenue)

Estimated capital needed as a \% of revenue by product and lives
Assuming 400\% RBC ratio for capital needed


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## RISK-BASED CAPITAL

## Impact of managed care credit on capital needed

- RBC needs are lower for organizations that shift more risk to providers
- The "Managed Care Credit" measures this risk. The graph illustrates examples of using each of these categories exclusively:
- Discount off Billed Charges (Category 0)
- Fee Schedule (Category 1)
- Bonus / Withhold (Category 2)
- Capitation (Category 3)
- Staff Model (Category 4)
- Contracting is likely a mix of several different strategies in reality

Illustrative capital to target 400\% RBC ratio under different contracting strategies for MAO with 10 K lives (\$ in millions)


## PDP-specific RBC considerations

## Working capital needs

- Additional capital need due to timing of certain payments (e.g., rebates)
- Pharmacy rebates can exceed \$100 PMPM
and paid quarterly in arrears, creating large receivables
- For start-up PDPs, working capital needs continue to increase with enrollment growth



## Supplemental benefits

- Measured separately, with a $50 \%$ factor applied to supplemental claims for $\mathrm{H}_{2}$ : Underwriting Risk
- For comparison, the net factor for basic claims is $\sim 3.5 \%$ to $6.0 \%$, depending on premium volume
- Can increase capital needs materially for richer supplemental benefits, decreasing ROE



## PDP EGWP RBC

- EGWPs are treated separately from individual PDPs in RBC formula
- EGWPs are categorized as "Other Health", receiving a $13 \% \mathrm{H}_{2}$ factor, which does not vary with revenue
- More capital intensive, with higher factors as risk corridors do not apply


## Keys to success



## Financial success in Medicare Advantage

-Understand regulatory and capital requirements
-Analyze target markets
-Revenue optimization
-Manage claim costs
-Minimize administrative expenses


## Questions



## QUESTIONS

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