

Creating a 21st Century Medicaid System

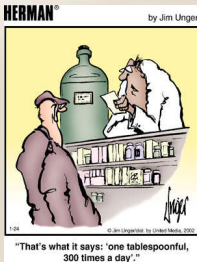
Lessons from the Private Sector

E-Prescribing Process and the Impact on Physicians,
Pharmacists and Patients

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Importance of E-Prescribing

- It is safer
- It saves time and money
- It improves the quality of healthcare





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- Formed in 2001 by pharmacy associations representing nation's 57,000 pharmacies

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- Formed in 2001 by 3 largest PBMs representing more than 200M covered lives

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Medicaid – Building on Infrastructure

- ePrescribing infrastructure is in place
- Time is right to build in ePrescribing into Medicaid
 - Contracts for nearly all of the vendor-operated MMIS in about 2/3 of states will come up for renewal
 - The remaining states, which operate their own MMIS systems, likely to consider outsourcing and pursuing technology solutions
- MMIS Processors getting connected
 - ACS
 - EDS
 - FirstHealth
 - MedMetrics
 - SXC

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Medicaid can Build on Existing Efforts

- Leverage initiatives in place by payers and stakeholder collaboratives
 - Examples: SEMI, ePrescribe Florida
 - New incentives in Medicare to promote widespread adoption
- Leverage initiatives in states
 - New impetus coming from National Governors' Associations
 - Foresight by individual governors and legislatures
 - Medicaid transformation grants and RHIOs
- Leverage early adopter efforts in
 - New Mexico
 - Delaware
 - New Hampshire
 - Arkansas

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Medicaid – Other Opportunities

- Emergency Response Program
 - In response to the lessons learned in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, a collaborative of public and private organizations launched ICERx.org (In Case of Emergency Prescription Database).
 - An online resource that allows authorized physicians and pharmacists to obtain the medication records of evacuees.
 - The prescription history information is pooled from a variety of sources participating in ICERx.org, including SureScripts-RxHub, pharmacy benefit managers and state Medicaid programs.
 - Armed with this information, health care professionals can able to safely renew prescriptions for evacuees and help coordinate care, while avoiding harmful prescription errors and potential drug interactions.
 - For more information, visit www.icerx.org.

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