# Leveraging Electronic and Flexible Retrieval Strategies to Maximize Risk Adjustment Program Effectiveness

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### **Today's Presenters**



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# Welcome!

#### We are Change Healthcare

Agenda:

- The Power of Interoperability
- Poll Question 1
- Solving the "Chart Chase" Conundrum
- Poll Question 2
- Leveraging new solutions to change the risk game
- Poll Question 3
- Why Change is good: Next-level clinical interoperability



# Leveraging Connectivity to Optimize Strategy



The timely sharing of clinical data between providers and payers is critical, time sensitive, and required for a multitude of programs.

In this webinar, participants will learn:

- the value and importance of electronic data sharing and the ways it can both inform and improve risk adjustment strategy and maximize outcomes
- how to proactively engage with your provider networks
- what to look for to determine the best partners & solutions for your program needs.

# **Our Position in the Healthcare Ecosystem**

Our network reach, technology, and expertise collectively inspire us to create a stronger, bettercoordinated, increasingly collaborative, and more efficient healthcare system ... one that enables operational efficiencies, optimizes financial performance, and enhances the healthcare experience for individuals and at scale





# The Power of Interoperability

Change Healthcare is building the largest national clinical interoperability solution connecting requesters and submitters to deliver electronic clinical data in batch and near real-time



**Delivering discrete C-CDA patient data** 



# **Poll Question #1**

Does your current risk adjustment strategy leverage interoperability and expanded electronic retrieval?

- 1. Yes, we've maxed it
- 2. Yes, somewhat
- 3. No, not yet, but thinking about it
- 4. No, Not sure how to start



# Solving the "chart chase" conundrum



The Need

90%

of the nearly <u>100 million</u> Clinical records requests are fulfilled manually<sup>1</sup>



Each manual chart request can take a provider office

30 Mins+

to process, not counting fax/mail/upload or tracking time

On average, each physician receives

medical records requests per year<sup>2</sup>





- Resource burden of managing multiple vendors + internal resources
- Costly & unreliable copy center delivery timelines
- Records acquired from multiple sources and vendors with variable quality standards and inflexible processes
- Program success dependent on variable retrieval yields from misaligned 3<sup>rd</sup> parties



#### Traditional retrieval has a limited role in an evolving digital world



Traditional methods can delay & impact interventions, quality, payment and submissions.



#### **Traditional Retrieval vs. Next Gen Electronic Retrieval**

#### From that ...



#### **Traditional Record Retrieval**

Response times vary greatly by provider & vendor

- Mail: 20-40 days
- Fax: 5-15 days
- Portal: 7 days
- Electronic: <30 minutes
- Copy Center: 45 days ???
- Significant burden on provider & payer resources



#### **Clinical Data Retrieval**

Batch and near real-time electronic data sharing

- Retrieval time reduced to hours
- Ability to collect records based on your timeline needs
- Reduced provider abrasion & burden

# Poll Question #2

What % of your program records are electronically retrieved today?

- 1. Less than 10%
- 2. Less than 25%
- 3. More than 50%



# **The Change Healthcare Solution**

Highly flexible & configurable retrieval solutions that leverage national electronic connectivity coupled with market-leading field retrieval drives the optimal outcome and payer customization





# Change Healthcare's flexible & configurable retrieval solution to maximize yield & optimize outcomes



National retrieval solution with linkage to more than 700k providers including both electronic access and non-electronic methods



Access to most major EHRs (i.e., Epic, Cerner, and others) through proprietary partnerships



Fully configurable solution to support client retrieval strategy to elect either electronic only, or electronic plus non-electronic (per roster)





**Dedicated provider recruitment team & strategy** targeting your high volume / high value providers for electronic conversion, continually expanding the network





Non-electronic methods include remote access, onsite, secure provider portal upload, fax & mail



#### **Key Pillars of Retrieval Strategy to Drive Strong Outcomes**





- ▲ Accelerated acquisition & scheduling pace
- △ Boost retrieval yield earlier in project to support earlier coding & results to support sweeps, earlier analytics, etc.
- ▲ Leverage analytics on provider/location performance for earlier identification of challenging locations
- △ Consider a separate and early electronic only initiative to gain early analytics and leverage data to drive subsequent retrieval targets & strategy.



- ∆ Successful retrieval of the Right Chart, Right Components to support risk adjustment coding efforts
- △ Configurability to enable payer strategy and create "bespoke" engagements focused on your program success
- △ Ensuring completeness to support Clinical Activities
- ▲ Robust training and QA programs for retrieval teams to ensure minimal abrasion, positive provider experience



#### **Enhance Partnership**

- ▲ Ability to retrieve charts via multiple methods, meeting provider "where they are" while actively working to shift higher yield to electronic
- ∆ Strategic recruitment targeting of high volume / high value providers
- △ Reduces burden on provider office staff
- Vendor Provider Relations support & flexibility
- △ Strategicalignment on key provider locations, "special handling" and sensitive Sites

#### The Power of the Offense in Prospective Programs



- Concurrent review & electronic retrieval should be part of everyone's strategic playbook
  - Retrospective is largely a defensive play
  - Offensive play is prospective / concurrent review
- Early retrieval & coding > Interim submission > Earlier payment
- Impact of prospective on the strategic outcomes

#### Leverage Connectivity to Optimize Risk Adjustment Outcomes

#### **Control the timeline**

- Consider an electronic only run prior to your typical project timeline
- Early charts > early data > inform remaining retrieval strategy & submission timelines

#### Reduce both payer & provider administrative burden

- Significantly reduce provider abrasion
- Consolidate vendors, reduced chase list creation & project resources

#### Improve program & cost effectiveness

- Reduce dependency on unreliable, high-cost drivers like copy centers
- Empower the shift from retrospective to prospective & concurrent



# **Poll Question #3**

Does your organization have both retrospective and prospective risk adjustment programs?

- 1. Currently retrospective only
- 2. Mostly retrospective, but working towards prospective
- 3. Advanced retrospective & prospective programs



#### Information Blocking Rules Accelerate the Need for Electronic Connectivity Between Providers and Payers

- Permitted Purposes now considered Required Purposes when a valid requester asks for Electronic Health Information
- Providers **must comply with any legitimate request to access electronic health information** held in the provider's electronic health record unless:
  - Not technically feasible
  - No contractual agreement within 10 business days
- Delays in fulfilling requests for electronic health information may be considered information blocking
- Limited set of general exceptions where a request can be denied



# **Maximizing the Payer-Provider Partnership**

- Provider participation is key to electronic success start early.
- Identify not only high volume, but also high value providers to target first
  - What providers best impact your program success?
  - Which providers have historically been a challenge?
- Communicate your strategy & priorities with a strategic timeline & targets
- **Keep it simple** but effective speak to provider motivating drivers
  - What's needed, why, when and what's in it for them
  - Provide the right education, tools and highlight opportunities to "remove the burden" from the provider
  - Encourage & facilitate engagement with your vendor or host introduction sessions or a recruitment drive to boost connectivity well ahead of your next program cycle
- Crawl first, then Walk, then Run but find the right partner and get started now



# Change Healthcare partners with clients to continually expand the electronic network



#### Initial Assessment & Strategy

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**Tailored analysis** to identify electronic matching & current non-electronic footprint of NPI/TIN listings

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#### **Collaboration & Prioritization**

Strategy, implementation and goals to prioritize recruitment of your high volume and/or high-value providers



**Alignment.** We'll mutually agree on recruitment targets & goals



#### Production

Client onboarding & implementation with your dedicated Customer Success team

Transparent recruitment updates and electronic conversion progress

- Outreach activity
- Successful recruitments
- Challenging providers & refusals

**Data rights** CHC will be responsible for securing appropriate data use agreements and work with provider technical teams to ensure that connections are secured & tested



#### Post-Production Analysis and Improvement

Continuous Improvement across both:

#### ...Outcomes

- Post-engagement deep-dive analysis
- Reassessment & refinement of recruitment efforts

#### ...and Experience

 Collaborative Lessons Learned & strategy session to continue to increase electronic contribution each iteration

# **Overcome Barriers to Interoperability**



National Patient Identity Matching

National Provider Identity Matching

#### **Usability Barriers**

RISF

- APIs will have a standard look and feel
- Data can be pulled into inhouse tools, so users don't have to learn new workflows or interfaces.

# Change is Good – Use it to your advantage!

- Our approach to solving clinical interoperability is **unique in the marketplace**
- Change Healthcare provides a **comprehensive solution** that **optimizes risk adjustment** retrieval needs, as well as quality and other use cases
- We have developed a flexible and configurable solution that digitizes a manual process, reduces administrative burden for payers & providers and empowers data driven strategy to maximize success



Change Healthcare is an industry leader in Clinical Interoperability & Retrieval Solutions



# **Questions?**



For additional questions after the session, don't hesitate to reach out:

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# THANK YOU

