OPTUMRx DIABETES MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

Addressing the needs of all diabetic members
Market problem

Diabetes imposes a substantial burden: higher medical costs, lost productivity, premature mortality, and reduced quality of life.\(^1\)

Diabetes is one of the **top 5 chronic conditions** in the U.S.\(^1\)

More than **20% of all health care spending** is for diabetes.\(^1\)

Unmanaged diabetes can lead to **kidney failure, amputations and blindness**.\(^2\)

Diagnosed diabetes costs were $327 billion in 2017 **up 26% from 2012**.\(^1\)

The OptumRx® Diabetes Management program can control costs and help members achieve positive health outcomes.

Diabetes requires careful management. This program provides targeted guidance and services designed to prevent costly and clinically dangerous complications.
## Diabetes in the workplace

### Impact to employers

**$327 billion:** total cost of diagnosed diabetes in 2017. This includes **$237 billion** in direct medical costs and **$90 billion** in reduced productivity.

**Indirect costs include:**

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<td>Reduced productivity for those not in the labor force.</td>
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<td>Due to disease-related disability and inability to work.</td>
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**$90 BILLION**

REDUCED PRODUCTIVITY
Controlling diabetes

Reduces disease complications and overall health care costs

**People with Controlled Diabetes**

- Have fewer hospitalization and emergency room visits
- Adhere to medications
- Regularly test blood glucose levels and participate in preventive screenings
- Maintain a healthy lifestyle, including diet and exercise

**UP TO 10% DECREASE IN COSTS\(^3\)**

**People with uncontrolled diabetes\(^1\)**

- Use more Rx drugs
- Experience more ER and physician office visits
- Risk: cardiovascular, kidney/eye disease, cancer, obesity, hypertension, fractures, amputations

**AVERAGE COST: $17,000 PMPY\(^1\)**
Evidence-based engagement strategy varies by risk

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Lower-risk diabetics need proactive care

High-risk diabetics need higher-touch care

STANDARD SOLUTION FOR ALL MEMBERS

- Educate: Diabetes literacy
- Monitor: Medication adherence
- Resolve: Close gaps in care

HIGH-RISK RECEIVES STANDARD AND ENHANCED ENGAGEMENT

- Connected Devices: Cloud meter and digital
- Counseling: One-on-one
- Providers: Engaged for therapy changes
- Incentives: Free supplies (no copay)

MACHINE LEARNING MODEL

- Predicts high-risk factors
- Categorizes high vs. low risk diabetics
OptumRx Diabetes Management Program
Addressing needs through an evidence-based approach

Engagement strategy varies by risk and aligns with ADA guidelines.

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OPTUM IQ
Machine learning model
- Predicts high-risk factors
- Categorizes high vs. low risk

All diabetic members
- Educate
  Diabetes literacy
- Monitor
  Medication adherence
- Resolve
  Close gaps in care

Higher-risk members receive additional engagement
- Connected Devices
  Cloud meter and digital
- Counseling
  One-on-one
- Providers
  Engaged for therapy changes
- Incentives
  Free supplies (no copay)
OptumIQ advanced analytics and pharmacist engagement combine for improved health care outcomes.

**DATA SOURCES**
- Machine learning
- Rx claims
- Medical claims
- Lab data
- Member reported data

**DATA MINING**
- **A1C GOAL: 7.5**
  - At Goal
    - Reinforce adherence and lifestyle management
  - Not at Goal
    - Recommend therapy change to provider, as appropriate
    - Member adherence coaching

**COMORBIDITIES**
- (e.g. statin and hypertension meds)
  - Recommend therapy change to provider, as appropriate
  - Member adherence coaching
Medication adherence monitoring

For all members with diabetes

Targets member and providers at key therapy points using multiple channels.

We monitor medication compliance for antidiabetic therapy and 18 other medical conditions, including common co-morbidities associated with diabetes.

- Asthma
- Anticoagulants
- Anticonvulsants
- Antidepressants
- Antiplatelet Agents
- Antipsychotics
- Antiretroviral
- COPD Meds
- Diabetes
- Hep C
- High Cholesterol
- Hypertension
- Inflammatory
- Multiple Sclerosis
- Bisphosphonates
- Oral Oncology
- Pulmonary Hypertension Drugs
- Transplant
One-on-one counseling

For high-risk members with diabetes

Pharmacist-certified diabetes educators drive personalized consultations.

Automation drives better health outcomes

- Captures A1C scores from cloud-based meter
- Compares A1C levels with standard medication ranges
- Scans for gaps in care, safety and adherence across all diseases
- Stores profile information for a complete member snapshot
- Engages providers for clinical concerns

Personalized care and ongoing monitoring are key to improving diabetes health.
Closing Gaps in Care

For all members with diabetes

We evaluate each member’s claim history after a prescription has been dispensed. Our goal is to identify prescribing issues that are unsafe, ineffective, or inconsistent with evidence-based standards of care, and then alert the prescribing physicians.

- Identify and close gaps in medication therapy
- Improve compliance and lower health care costs
- Effective with chronic conditions like diabetes and cardiovascular disease

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| • Retrospective review of member claims  
  • Identify gap closure opportunities | • Provider intervention and provider-specific reporting  
  • Lists members and clinical rationale | • Post-intervention evaluation via claim review  
  • Clinical issues resolved & total health care savings |
Cloud-based connected care

Every diabetes program participant receives a $0 copay smart meter and testing supplies.

Premium formulary member receive a cloud-based OneTouch Verio® Flex meter.

Select formulary members receive a cloud-based OneTouch Verio® Flex meter or Accu-Chek® Guide meter.

- Members receive a letter explaining how to get their and supplies.
- Their doctor can provide a prescription can be filled at the pharmacy of their choice.
- Members can call their Certified Diabetes Educator (CDE).
- Meter testing results are shared via mobile app or on the web.

OptumRX integrates testing data from the cloud-based meter into a member’s profile for enriched coaching.
Diabetes member journey: John’s story

High-touch engagement helps prevent serious/costly events

John, age 57
Suffers from diabetes, hypertension and high cholesterol

Machine learning identifies John as high-risk based on his complex patient profile.

OptumIQ machine learning identifies John as a high-risk diabetic based on his medical history, utilization patterns and other data points. He is enrolled in the high-risk component of the OptumRx Diabetes Management program.

When John receives his welcome letter, he calls to request his free cloud-based meter and supplies. He begins coaching with Judy, an OptumRx pharmacist and certified diabetes educator.

Judy assesses John’s adherence, gaps in care and general health information. Using data from John’s meter, Judy determines that John’s blood glucose levels were out of normal range the past few weeks. Judy calls John for a second session and he admits that he has not been consistent with his medication or testing.

Judy develops a nutrition plan and goals for John to maintain until their next session. She also reinforces the importance of adherence, testing and annual eye/foot exams. John learns to set an alarm to test and take medications. John’s adherence begins to improve, and his blood glucose levels remain consistent.

1:1 counseling supports John in making better health choices and getting the most from the program.
Diabetes member journey: Maria’s story

Helping a diagnosed member prevent complications

Maria, age 43
Taking metformin for diabetes

Engaged low-risk members may avoid health issues later.

Alerts and outreach help identify and resolve adherence issues.

Our rules engine and provider engagement help close gaps in care.

Members can save time and money through home delivery.

1. Machine learning flags Maria as low-risk for diabetes complications. So she is enrolled in the low-risk, proactive component of the OptumRx Diabetes Management program.

2. Maria receives a welcome letter. When she forgets to refill her metformin prescription, the system identifies her as “late to refill.”

3. OptumRx calls Maria and connects her to her last dispensing pharmacy. The pharmacist refills Maria’s metformin and the adherence issue is closed.

4. Maria is diabetic but she is not currently on a medication to protect her kidneys. The automated clinical rules engine flags this as a “gap in care.”

5. OptumRx alerts Maria’s provider, who recommends lisinopril. Per Maria’s request, the doctor calls in a 90-day supply to OptumRx Home Delivery Pharmacy.

6. OptumRx Home Delivery Pharmacy ships the lisinopril prescription and the gaps-in-care issue is closed. Maria is adherent to her new medication moving forward, which successfully keeps her kidney function intact.
How our Diabetes Program compares
Flexibility to meet individual needs across the care continuum

Comprehensive and modular solution, offering more than simple standalone features

**Stratify member risk levels** through OptumIQ data insights and Machine Learning

**Provide individualized care** beyond current conditions to support total well-being

**Offer expert guidance and care for members** through certified Diabetes specialists

**Member Benefits**
- Monthly risk scoring using advanced data sets
- Case management and adherence engagement
- Individualized education and support
- Free cloud meters and test strips
- Daily adherence tracking
- Monitoring for out of range blood glucose trends

**Client Benefits**
- Comprehensive reporting
  - Quarterly or annually
- Flexibility in setup
  - Tailored outreach to at-risk populations
  - Programmable high-risk threshold targeting
- Accuracy in assessing financial impact
  - Member engagement drives case management program costs
  - Preferred test strip use drives down member cost

**Provider Benefits**
- Engagement to optimize therapy for high-risk members
- Alerts for primary nonadherence and low adherence
- Recommendations on gap closure opportunities
- Continued communication for out of range blood glucose readings
Metrics reporting
Diabetes adherence and gaps in care

Value of machine learning

>50% of members engaged through outreach have A1c values not at goal
✓ Reinforces the opportunity to deliver meaningful care

37% nonadherence intervention success rate
converting nonadherent intervened diabetic members to adherent

11% overall adherence rate lift
PDC improvements resulting from member and provider interventions

25% gap closure success rate
identifying and closing gaps in care relative to cardiovascular/renal protective medications

Top ranked gap closure opportunity
Statin in therapy ranked #2 in gap closure success and #1 in total health care savings achieved

PDC = Proportion of Days Covered, a measure of adherence calculated as the number of days with medication on hand divided by the number of days in the specified time period. Results may vary based on opportunities for interventions and member engagement. Figures included represent a book of business analysis for a large commercial health plan client with ~1M member lives conducted August 2019.
What to expect

The OptumRx Difference

Better outcomes and total cost of care
Multichannel outreach and engagement with members and providers
Tailored education and counseling
Synchronized care across the Optum enterprise

Our Commitments to Our Clients

Putting our clients first, offering flexibility and options to problem-solving
Partnership and understanding to meet business as well as member health needs
Integration and ongoing operational excellence in approach
Innovation, data and clinical insight and advanced technologies to optimize program results
See how we can help

OptumRx is a full-service pharmacy care services company serving more than 65 million members with innovative prescription drug benefits services. Our resource library is full of great ideas and examples of how we are helping clients achieve better health outcomes and lower overall costs.

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