

# Managing diabetes gains an 8:1 return on investment

## How a third-party administrator's client improved health outcomes and lowered costs

#### **BACKGROUND**

An OptumRx® third-party administrator's client participated in the OptumRx Diabetes Management program. The client has 2,797 lives and 277 of its high-risk members enrolled in the program. The steep cost of diabetes medication and supplies posed challenges for adherence, which resulted in additional treatment costs and hospital visits that could be avoided if the members stayed on track with their treatment plan.



### **GOALS**

By implementing the OptumRx Diabetes Management program, this client hoped to:

Increase medication adherence for high-risk members

Lower pharmacy and medical spend as well as total cost of care

Improve health outcomes and reduce disease complications

Enhance the member, provider and client experience



### **SOLUTION**

The OptumRx Diabetes Management program is designed to help clients and members better manage health care costs. Controlling diabetes results in members that have fewer hospitalizations and visits to the emergency room, get regular blood glucose level tests and preventive screenings and can maintain a healthy lifestyle, including diet and exercise. This program offers personal, risk-defined solutions with high-risk members receiving proactive case management support from certified diabetes educators and lower-risk members being monitored daily to slow the risk for disease progression.

Tailoring clinical interventions and outreach



Analyzing gaps in care



Identifying high-risk members before their conditions worsen





Providing case management by certified diabetes educators



disease progression and complications

Predicting varying risk levels for



Monitoring ongoing adherence



# **RESULTS**

The program helped this client:

Achieve an **8:1** return on investment

Save \$2.60 total per member per month

Boost member participation in the program by  $50\%^1$ Connect 63% of the members living with diabetes with an advisor to discuss their treatment and improve adherence to their medications<sup>2</sup>

Identify 166 gaps in medication therapy and fill 16%of those gaps which is 45% higher than average book



of business rate of 11%3

About OptumRx OptumRx is a pharmacy care services company helping clients and approximately 59 million members achieve

better health outcomes and lower overall costs through innovative prescription drug benefits services.

- 1. OptumRx internal analysis. Applies to high-risk program participates whose baseline A1c was above goal. 2020.
- 2. OptumRx internal analysis. Average book of business between 60–70%. 2020.
- 3. OptumRx internal analysis. Number of gaps filled is 45% higher than average book of business rate of 11%. 2020.



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