

# LEGAL AND REGULATORY CHALLENGES REGARDING RISKSHARING ARRANGEMENTS

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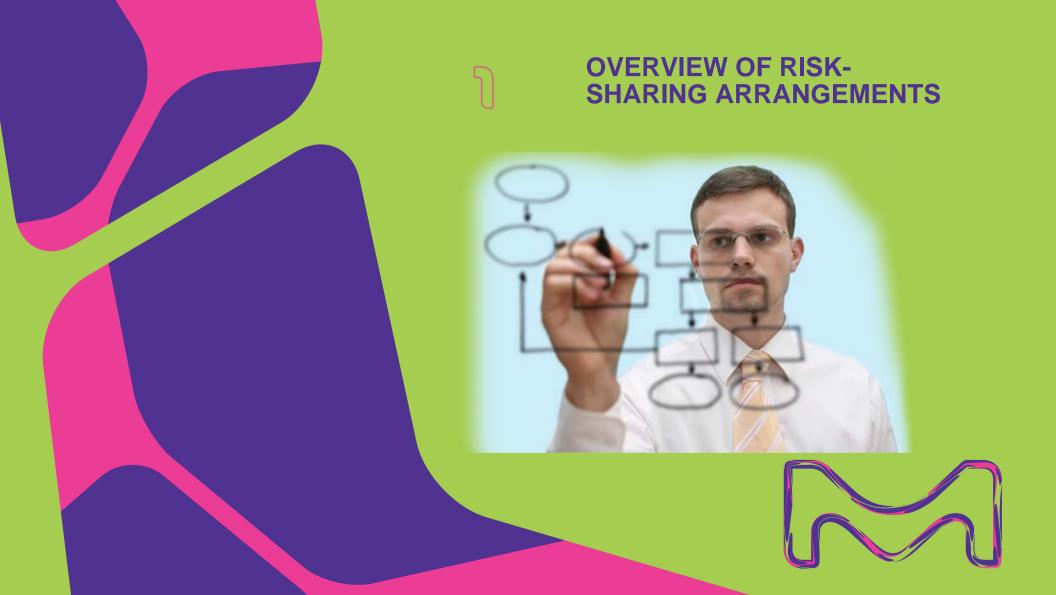
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# **Agenda**

- 1. Overview of Risk-Sharing Arrangements
- 2. Outcomes-Based Contracts in the US
- 3. Legal and Other Considerations
- 4. Questions / Discussion





## What is Outcomes-based Contracting?



### Neumann et al defines an outcomes-based contract as:1

A contract between a payer and a manufacturer in which the reimbursement for a drug is tied to the health outcomes achieved with "real-world" use

### Other examples may include:

Supplemental rebates

**Discounts** 

Other contract components



### **Outcomes-based Contracts Reflect a Shift to Real-World Demonstration of Effectiveness**



Focus on high-cost diseases









## What are some other Risk-Sharing (Value-Based) arrangements?

- Free trial first cycle or first dose of therapy is free
- Price caps payor does not pay for more than a certain amount per patient
- Indication specific pricing price differs depending on, for example, tumor type being treated



# What are the advantages of Risk-Sharing arrangements?

- For Payors:
  - Reduces the risk of paying for a product with unpredictable benefits
  - Provides budget predictability
  - Reduces costs
- For Manufacturers:
  - Encourages adoption of product with unpredictable benefits
  - Highlights what is good about the product
  - Puts your "money where your mouth is"





# OUTCOMES-BASED CONTRACTING AGREEMENTS IN THE US





### **Outcomes-Based Contracts in the US**

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Partner	Bayer HealthCare Pharmaceuticals	MERCK Be well	WARNER CHILCOTT SANOFI	Senomic Health
Disease	Relapsing Multiple sclerosis (MS)	Type 2 diabetes	Osteoporosis	Breast Cancer
Payer	Health Alliance	🔆 Cigna.	Health Alliance	UnitedHealthcare*
Outcome Measure	Relapses requiring hospitalizations <sup>1</sup>	Mean HbA1c (across all type 2 diabetes patients) <sup>2</sup>	Number of non-spinal fractures; adherence <sup>2</sup>	Number of women receiving chemotherapy <sup>2</sup>
Year Initiated	2011	2009	2009	2007





# **Legal and Other Considerations**

- Anti-kickback statute
- Government price reporting challenges
- "Off-label" promotion considerations
- Data collection and data privacy
- Key operational considerations



### **Anti-Kickback Statute**

- AKS prohibits any person from:
  - Knowingly and willfully
  - Offering, paying, soliciting or receiving
  - "Remuneration"
  - Directly or indirectly
  - With the intent to induce or reward business reimbursable under federal healthcare programs
- Arrangement does not violate the AKS if it falls within a statutory exception or regulatory safe harbor
- No guidance from OIG on extent to which discount safe harbor may apply to risk-sharing or valuebased arrangements
- What do you do?



### **Government Price Reporting**

- Manufacturers must report to the government data on commercial drug sales as a condition of government reimbursement
  - Reported metrics calculated on per unit basis
- Medicaid Best Price is the lowest price paid in any one quarter by a commercial customer on a per unit basis
- No exception for risk-sharing or value-based arrangements
- A low Medicaid Best Price means that:
  - Higher rebates paid by manufacturer on Medicaid utilization
  - Lower Medicaid reimbursement rates on physician administered drugs
  - Lower 340B prices



## **Government Price Reporting (con't)**

- Depending on the type of risk-sharing value-based arrangement you have, it could result in a very low unit Medicaid Best Price
  - Capped price
  - Per course of therapy price
  - Pricing that varies by indication
- What do you do?
  - Focus on arrangements where the outcome measure impacts the rebate percentage for the quarter (instead of giving a specific patient free or significantly discounted product)
  - Be prepared to allocate if rebate percentages will vary over time (bundles over time satisfying a contingency in one quarter affects discounts in another quarter)
  - Best price protection contract provisions (claw-back)



### "Off-label" Promotion and Data Issues

- "Off-label" Promotion
  - Is the outcome being measured on-label for the product?
  - If there is significant off-label use of product, consider whether such off-label use will skew outcome results
- Data Collection and Data Privacy
  - Who will collect the necessary data to measure the relevant outcome in such risk-sharing value based arrangements?
  - Does the manufacturer pay the customer for this (is it a bona fide service)?
  - Unless de-identified, detailed outcomes data would likely be PHI (limited disclosure to manufacturer)



# **Key Operational Considerations**



### Selection of the appropriate product / therapeutic area

- Most contracts are for therapies in high-spend, high-impact disease states<sup>1</sup>
- Potential benefits > implementation and transaction costs<sup>2</sup>



# Collaboration between the manufacturer and the payer on the outcomes measured

- "Objective, clearly defined, reproducible, and difficult to manipulate"
- Appropriate measurement period (1–2 years)<sup>3</sup>



### Access to adequate data and personnel

- Complexity of outcomes dictates the needs and level of IT<sup>3</sup>
- Payment and reimbursement mechanisms are clearly established<sup>2</sup>



Engagement of payer and manufacturer resources is critical to support tactics leading to desired patient outcomes



