

Highmark Delaware
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# **Discussion Topics**

- Hospital Reimbursement Overview
- Hospital Casemix Adjusted Discharge Analysis
- Outpatient Site of Service Differential
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## **Hospital Reimbursement Overview**

#### **ENVIRONMENT**

- Hospital spend represents largest portion of total medical spend.
- Delaware hospital market is dominated by a single hospital or system in each region.
- Hospital acquisitions of physician practices have accelerated and increase costs to the system.
- Hospital payments per casemix adjusted commercial admission are significantly higher in Delaware than other Highmark markets.
- Hospital payments from Medicaid and Medicare are significantly lower than commercial payments for similar services.
- Medicaid payments to Delaware hospitals for inpatient services are approximately 56% of commercial payments for similar services.

#### **INPATIENT SERVICES**

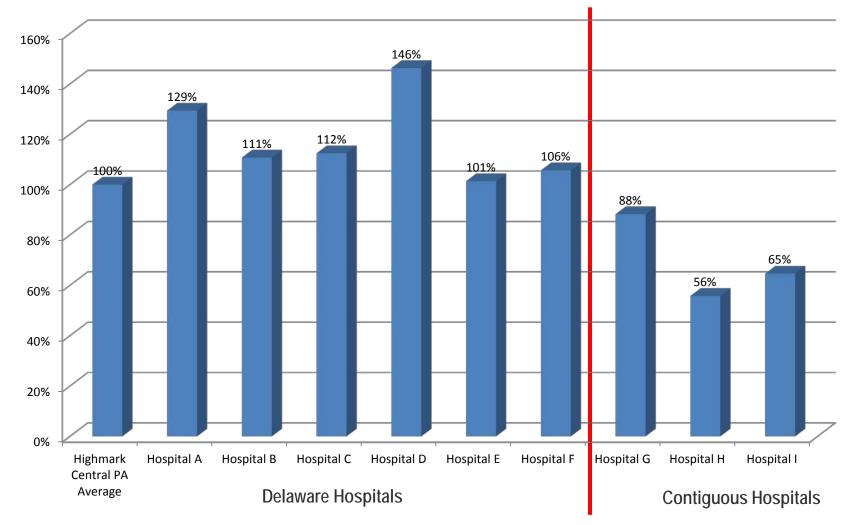
- Highmark is converting hospital reimbursement from fee-for-service to DRG-based agreements and is targeting to have migrated 80% of Inpatient claims activity to a DRG-based approach by the end of 2016.
- DRG-based contracts have fixed annual increases based on quality performance.
- Three Delaware hospitals are also participating in Highmark's Hospital Quality Blue Program

#### **OUTPATIENT SERVICES**

- Highmark has converted many high volume services from percentage of charges to fixed fee schedules or case rates at most hospitals.
- Products are being modified to incentive use of high-quality cost-effective alternatives.

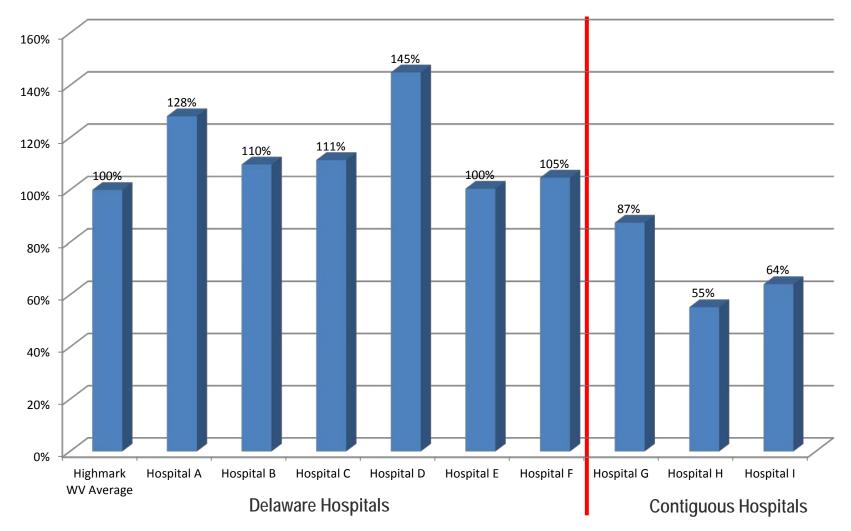


# Hospital Casemix Adjusted Discharge Analysis (Percentage of Highmark Central Pennsylvania Average)





# Hospital Casemix Adjusted Discharge Analysis (Percentage of Highmark West Virginia Average)





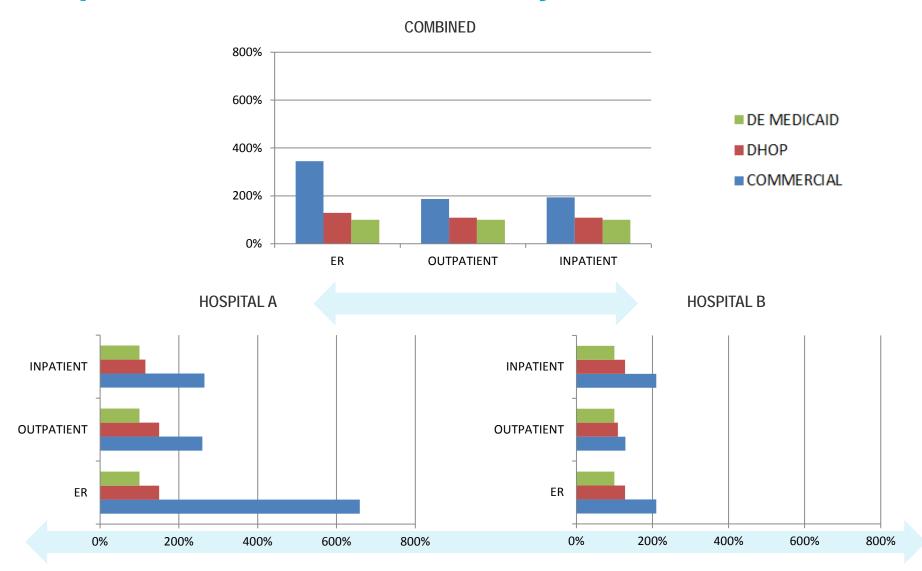
# **Site of Service Differential Analysis**

#### **Outpatient Lab and Imaging Services**

- Outpatient Lab and Imaging services are more expensive when rendered in a hospital setting.
  - Hospitals have higher overhead and operate 24/7
- If all Outpatient Lab and Imaging services shifted to a freestanding facility for SOD members, the State would realize annual savings of approximately \$5.7M.



# **Hospital Reimbursement Analysis**





### Leverage - [lev-er-ij, lee-ver-] noun

- 1. the action of a <u>lever</u>, a rigid bar that pivots about one point and that is used to move an object at a second point by a force applied at a third.
- 2. the mechanical advantage or power gained by using a lever.
- 3. power or ability to act or to influence people, events, decisions, etc.
- 4. the use of a small initial investment, credit, or borrowed funds to gain a very high return in relation to one's investment, to control a much larger investment, or to reduce one's own liability for any loss.

#### **Commitments**

Highmark Delaware will continue to pursue contract negotiations that bring outliers into new contract arrangements that incorporate pay for value provisions and include fixed increases tied to CPI and/or quality.

#### **Opportunities**

Incorporate benefit design changes that:

- Incent member behavior to utilize more cost efficient providers where possible
  - Incentives
  - Penalties
  - Reference Based Pricing
  - Rewards
- Enhance member education efforts around cost drivers

Improving Health

Increasing Patient Satisfaction

**Reducing Cost** 



# Questions

