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## DHA Pharmacy MTF Update

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***“Medically Ready Force...Ready Medical Force”***

# Agenda



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# Update on DHA Pharmacy Initiatives



## ■ Core Operational Initiatives / Program Initiatives

## ■ Operational Initiatives – to ensure optimal function

### □ 1. ***Transition*** – to develop an operational unit under DHA

- Unit Manning / Position descriptions being reviewed

### □ 2. ***Essential Processes***

- Develop Central approach to managing Pharmacy Funds
- Identify / Pursue clinical pharmacy support in care settings

# Pharmacy Initiatives, continued



## ■ Program Initiatives – Integrated System; Savings

### □ 1. ***Move Select Maintenance Medications to Mail / MTF***

- TRICARE For Life Pilot
- Standard Prescription Transfer Process
- Uniform staffing formula / augmentation process for MTFs

### □ 2. ***Optimize MTF Capability and Capacity***

- Develop Requirements for Central Refill Support
- Optimize MTF to TMOP process
- Implement e-Prescribing to MTFs from community providers

# Pharmacy Initiatives, continued



## ❑ 3. ***Optimal MTF Use of Centralized Purchasing Rules***

- Enhanced reporting driving to full automation
- Improve communication of business rules / opportunities
- Expand collaborative initiatives with Federal Partners

## ❑ 4. ***Fully Leverage Formulary Management Capability***

- Business Process Reengineering
- Improve Communication
- Fully Integrate Clinical Practice Guidelines into Formulary Process and Outcome assessment



# Pharmacy Initiatives, continued



## ☐ 5. ***Reengineer New Drug Addition to Formulary Status***

- Proposed regulation; Tracking / medical necessity process

## ☐ 6. ***Centralize Pharmacy Automation Contracts***

- Identify existing contracts
- Articulate uniform automation requirements
- Develop central acquisition strategy ( Pending a relook)




## ☐ 7. ***Evaluate Future Role for Satellite Pharmacy Locations***

- Collaborate with Health Plan Initiatives
- Define requirements for satellite facilities / contracts

## ☐ Now new #8 – ***Implementation of DEA Rule***

# TFL Pilot Patient Activity Summary of Trends



- Feb – June 2014 utilization: Mail Order  11.8%; MTF  1%; Retail  5%
- Awareness of the TFL pilot has increased prompting many beneficiaries to send maintenance prescriptions directly to mail without filling at retail.
  - ❑ Over 35,000 prescriptions YTD have been filled this way.
- Beneficiaries are also moving their non-targeted drugs to mail
  - ❑ YTD over 470,000 prescriptions have moved to mail.
  - ❑ In July 2014, over 94,000 prescriptions for non-targeted drugs (from 45,000 TFL patients) moved
- The TFL pilot program continues to identify beneficiaries who had not previously reported having OHI. YTD, over 1,900 beneficiaries have subsequently reported OHI eligibility impacting almost 3,000 medications.

Source: ESI's TFL Pilot Monthly Summary Contract Report

# Polling Question



What is the next Pharmacy Shared Service policy that would be valuable to the field?

- A. Controlled medications
- B. Sole provider
- C. Disposal of pharmaceuticals
- D. Other (chat suggested policy topic)



# e-Prescribing Update

## ■ DoD eRx Initiative

- Defense Health Agency (DHA), Pharmacy Operations Division (POD) initiative
  - Collaboration with Pharmacy Shared Services
- Enables civilian providers to electronically transmit prescriptions to MTF pharmacies

## ■ NH Bremerton → test site for eRx

- Testing completed → August 25, 2014

## ■ Implementation/Training

- July/August 2014: eRx sessions were provided to MTF pharmacies
  - Focused on training, implementation plan, and lessons learned from NH Bremerton
- Documentation → Training (PowerPoint slides & User Guide), Implementation guide, CHCS Release notes, Communication flyers
  - Disseminated via PEC Website

# e-Prescribing Update

- POD is working with BE&S on Communication Plan
  - Focus on national outreach strategy, once eRx is available at all US locations
  - Local MTF outreach
    - Patient outreach → Flyers available for MTFs
      - Inform patients that your MTF is accepting electronic prescriptions
      - Educate them about the e-prescribing process
    - Provider outreach → Flyers available for MTFs
      - Inform providers that your MTF can accept electronic prescriptions
      - Ensure local MTF pharmacy formularies are published & provide location (e.g. website)
  - Articles, social media, local MTF website, etc.

# e-Prescribing Update

- Roll-out is scheduled for September 2014:

- September 19: Target date to begin installation of eRx software to MTFs

- Software will be deployed over a 4-5 week period

- Implementation will be spread-out over a few months

- POD will coordinate with the MTFs (on each CHCS host) regarding the implementation tasks necessary to activate the eRx capability; this will include a DHA eRx Guidance document

- Dec 31, 2014: target date for completion of implementation

# Hydrocodone- Schedule Conversion



- The Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) conducted an evaluation, reviewed data, and the recommendation from Health and Human Services (HHS) to reschedule hydrocodone combination products (HCPs)
  - ❑ HCPs present substantial potential for abuse, a significant risk for diversion, and amounts are sufficient to be hazardous or unsafe
- DEA published, “Rescheduling of Hydrocodone Combination Products From Schedule III to Schedule II” on August 22, 2014
  - ❑ Substances affected are listed in 21 CFR 1308.13(e)(1) (iii) and (iv)
  - ❑ Effective Date: October 6, 2014
  - ❑ HCPs prescriptions issued before October 6, 2014 and authorized for refilling, may be dispensed before April 8, 2015.

# Disposal of Controlled Substances



- The most current DoD Suicide Event Report (DoDSER), 2011 indicated a large percentage of suicide attempts involved prescription medications
  - The Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) did not include language in their regulation to allow an ultimate user to return controlled substances to DEA registrants
    - Beneficiaries were not able to return their unwanted, unused, or expired controlled substances to pharmacies
  - A medication take-back program can securely and easily reduce access to prescription medications by providing Service members and their families the opportunity to dispose of medications that could be used for suicide or suicide attempts

# Disposal of Controlled Substances



- On September 9, 2014, the DEA released their Final Rule, Disposal of Controlled Substances
  - Effective on October 9, 2014
  - Hospital/clinics with an on-site pharmacy can be “collectors”
    - MTF pharmacies registered with the DEA can be collectors
  - Collectors can have mail-back programs and collection receptacles
    - Drug take back events must have Federal, State, tribal, or local law enforcement present
- DoD Drug Take Back Efforts
  - Drug Take-back work group members from the Services, C&PP, and Pharmacy are working together to
    - Develop Directive-type Memorandum, directing the Services to have drug-take back programs
    - Develop Operational Guidance for implementation

# May 2014 P&T Committee Update

# Nasal Allergy Drugs: Formulary Status



Basic Core Formulary (BCF)	Uniform Formulary (UF)	Non-formulary (NF)
<b>Nasal Steroids:</b> Fluticasone (Flonase generic)	<b>Nasal Steroids:</b> Flunisolide (Nasarel generic) <b>Antihistamines:</b> Azelastine (Astelin generic) <b>Anticholinergics:</b> Ipratropium (Atrovent generic)	<b>Nasal Steroids:</b> Beclomethasone (Beconase AQ, QNASL) Budesonide (Rhinocort Aqua) Ciclesonide (Omnaris, Zetonna) Fluticasone propionate (Veramyst) Mometasone (Nasonex) Triamcinolone (Nasacort AQ) - OTC <b>Antihistamines:</b> Azelastine in sucrose (Astepro) Olopatadine (Patanase) <b>Antihistamines/Steroid:</b> Azelastine/Fluticasone (Dymista)

- *Step preferred* (must try a UF agent first): fluticasone propionate (generic Flonase), ipratropium (generic Atrovent), flunisolide (generic Nasarel), azelastine (generic Astelin)
- *Step non-preferred (and NF)*: All other branded agents to include azelastine (Astepro), beclomethasone, budesonide, ciclesonide, fluticasone furoate, mometasone, olopatadine, and fluticasone/azelastine combination
- Step therapy applies to new & current users who are older than 4 years of age



# Nasal Allergy Drugs: Key Points



- ***Nasal corticosteroids are first line agents*** in reducing nasal symptoms of congestion, rhinorrhea, congestion, and itching
- Nasal antihistamines are generally less effective than nasal corticosteroids for treating AR, but ***may be considered for use as first line therapy for AR and non allergic rhinitis***
- Nasal allergy drugs are clinically interchangeable, and generics meet the clinical needs of DoD patients

# Inhaled Corticosteroids: Formulary Status



Basic Core Formulary (BCF)	Uniform Formulary (UF)	Non-formulary (NF)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fluticasone DPI (Flovent Diskus)</li> <li>• Fluticasone HFA MDI (Flovent HFA)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Budesonide inhalation solution (Pulmicort Respules, generic)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Beclomethasone HFA MDI (QVAR)</li> <li>• Budesonide DPI (Pulmicort Flexhaler)</li> <li>• Ciclesonide HFA MDI (Alvesco)</li> <li>• Mometasone DPI (Asmanex Twisthaler)</li> <li>• Flunisolide HFA (Aerospan)</li> </ul>

- *Step preferred* (must try first): fluticasone (Flovent HFA or Flovent Diskus)
- *Step non-preferred (and NF)*: beclomethasone, budesonide, ciclesonide, flunisolide, mometasone
- Grandfathering applies - current users are NOT affected by the step
- All new users > 12 years are required to undergo step therapy; must try Flovent Diskus or Flovent HFA first
- Budesonide nebs (Pulmicort, generic) – not affected; remains UF & not subject to step therapy

# Inhaled Corticosteroids: Key Points



- Insufficient evidence to suggest one ICS is superior to another
- Maintains same ICS that's in the preferred ICS/LABA (Advair)
- Asthma
  - ❑ ICS do not differ with regards to symptom control, need for rescue medication, and exacerbations in patients with asthma
- COPD
  - ❑ There is insufficient evidence to determine clinically relevant differences regarding the efficacy of ICS in patients with COPD
- Safety
  - ❑ There is insufficient evidence to determine clinically relevant differences between ICS in terms of minor adverse events or systemic adverse event

# Oral Bisphosphonates: Formulary Status



Basic Core Formulary (BCF)	Uniform Formulary (UF)	Non-formulary (NF)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Alendronate</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ibandronate (Boniva)</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Alendronate/Vitamin D (Fosamax + D)</li><li>• Risedronate (Actonel)</li><li>• Risedronate delayed-release (Atelvia)</li><li>• Alendronate effervescent tablet (Binosto)</li></ul>

- *Step preferred* (must try first): Alendronate
- *Step non-preferred (but UF)*: ibandronate (Boniva); grandfathering applies - current users are NOT affected by the step
- *Step non-preferred (and NF)*: alendronate/vitamin D (Fosamax + D) and alendronate effervescent tablet (Binosto); risedronate (Actonel) and risedronate delayed-release (Atelvia); **NO** grandfathering (both new and current users are required to have tried alendronate)

# Oral Bisphosphonates: Key Points



- All agents increase bone density similarly
- Relative superiority of one agent vs. another cannot be determined by BMD data alone
- Insufficient evidence to suggest one agent is superior to another
- Atelvia (delayed released risedronate) and Binosto (effervescent alendronate) offer no clinically compelling advantages over existing generic UF agents
- The FDA issued a guidance document pertaining to bisphosphonates and adverse events

<http://www.fda.gov/downloads/AdvisoryCommittees/CommitteesMeetingMaterials/drugs/DrugSafetyandRiskManagementAdvisoryCommittee/ucm270958.pdf>

# New Drugs



## ■ 7 new drugs in previously reviewed classes

❑ Of these, 4 failed to show an advantage (in terms of clinical or cost effectiveness) over formulary agents and were designated non-formulary

- Budesonide MMX (Uceris) – for mild to moderate UC
- Indacaterol (Arcapta) oral inhaler – long-acting beta agonist (LABA) for COPD
- Dapagliflozin (Farxiga) - SGLT2 antidiabetic
- Low dose diclofenac (Zorvolex) – mild to moderate pain

❑ 3 new drugs were added to the Uniform Formulary

# Sofosbuvir (Sovaldi)

## HCV Drugs in the Class



Generic	Brand (Manufacturer)	Strengths & formulations	Initial FDA approval	Patent Expiration
<b>Direct Acting Agents</b>				
Boceprevir	Victrelis (Merck)	200 mg capsules	5/13/11	2022-2027
Telaprevir	Incivek (Vertex)	375 mg tablets	5/23/11	2025
Simeprevir	Olysio (Janssen)	150 mg	11/22/2013	
<b>Sofosbuvir</b>	<b>Sovaldi (Gilead)</b>	<b>400 mg</b>	<b>12/6/2013</b>	
<b>Ribavirin and Interferons</b>				
PEGInterferon alfa-2A	Pegasys (Genentech)	180µg/vial, 180µg /5ml	11/16/02	2017
PEGInterferon alfa-2B	PEGIntron (Merck)	50µg/0.5mL, 80µg/0.5mL, 120µg/0.5mL, 150µg/0.5mL—vials and syringes	1/19/01	2015 <sup>1</sup>
Ribavirin	Rebetol (Merck); Copegus (Genentech); other generics	40 mg/mL Oral solution, 200/400/500/600 mg tablets, 200 mg capsules		2017 2023 (oral solution)

# Sofosbuvir (Sovaldi)



- New molecular entity / breakthrough therapy designation
- Prodrug of a nucleotide (uridine) analogue inhibitor of the HCV NS5B RNA-dependent RNA polymerase
  - Uridine is not utilized in humans
- High barrier to resistance (S282T mutation)
- FDA indications
  - Sovaldi efficacy established in HCV genotype 1, 2, 3 or 4 infection, including those with hepatocellular carcinoma awaiting liver transplantation and those with HCV/HIV-1 co-infection
  - Can use without interferon (IFN) – genotype 1, 2, 3
- Studied in multiple populations including interferon ineligible / intolerant
- Not studied in a protease inhibitor failure population
- **New standard of care**



# Sofosbuvir (Sovaldi)

## Indications & Efficacy Summary



HCV genotype	Treatment	Duration	SVR / Cure
Genotype 1	SOFOSBUVIR + peginterferon alfa + ribavirin	12 weeks	90%
Genotype 1	SOFOSBUVIR + ribavirin	24 weeks	76%
IFN ineligible	SOFOSBUVIR + SIMEPREVIR +/- ribavirin*	12 weeks	93-96%
Genotype 2	SOFOSBUVIR + ribavirin	12 weeks	95%
Genotype 3	SOFOSBUVIR + ribavirin	24 weeks	93% naïve 77% experienced
Genotype 4	SOFOSBUVIR + peginterferon alfa + ribavirin	12 weeks	96%
Hepatocellular carcinoma awaiting transplant	SOFOSBUVIR + ribavirin	up to 48 weeks or at transplant	64%

\*Regimen not FDA approved

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# Sofosbuvir (Sovaldi) Formulary Placement



## ■ Decision

- ☐ UF: sofosbuvir (Sovaldi)
- ☐ Encourage pts to fill Rx's at Mail or MTFs
- ☐ Add sofosbuvir and the Direct Acting Agents to the Specialty Drug Program to facilitate Retail → Mail recapture

## ■ Justification

- ☐ New standard of care per AASLD/IDSA guidelines
- ☐ Better efficacy, lower risk of adverse events than telaprevir (Incivek) and boceprevir (Victrelis)
- ☐ Large price differential between Mail Order/MTFs and Retail

# No Longer Standard of Care

## Remove Telaprevir (Incivek) from ECF



### ■ Decision

- ☐ Remove telaprevir (Incivek) from the ECF; remains UF
- ☐ Do not designate any Direct Acting Agent on the ECF
- ☐ Hep C drugs remaining on the ECF:
  - PEG-interferon lfa-2a (Pegasys)
  - Ribavirin 200 mg capsules (generics); excludes Ribapak formulation

### ■ Justification

- ☐ Incivek is no longer standard of care; although FDA approved, is markedly inferior to preferred and alternative regimens
- ☐ New agents in pipeline likely to be candidates for ECF once approved

# HCV Direct Acting Agents Prior Authorization (PA)



- Applies to all new users
- Current users not affected by PA – can continue therapy
- Age  $\geq 18$
- Sofosbuvir (Sovaldi) / simeprevir (Olysio)

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- Revised telaprevir and boceprevir prior authorizations

# Apixaban (Eliquis)

## Oral Anticoagulant Class



Generic Name	Brand Name (Mfg)	Formulations	FDA Approval	Patent Expiration
<b>Vitamin K Antagonists</b>				
Warfarin	Coumadin	1, 2, 2.5, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7.5, 10 mg tabs	Jun 1954	-
<b>Direct Thrombin Inhibitors</b>				
Dabigatran	Pradaxa (BI)	75, 150 mg caps	Oct 2010	2018-2027
<b>Factor Xa inhibitors</b>				
Rivaroxaban	Xarelto (J&J)	10, 15, 20 mg tabs	Jun 2011	2020-2021
Apixaban	Eliquis (Pfizer/BMS)	2.5, 5 mg tabs	Dec 2012	2019-2023

# Oral Anticoagulants: FDA Indications



	Warfarin	Dabigatran	Rivaroxaban	Apixaban	Enoxaparin
Stroke prevention non-valvular Afib	X	X (Oct 2010)	X (Nov 2011)	X (Dec 2011)	
VTE prophylaxis	X				
Hip & Knee	X		X (Jul 2011)	X (Mar 2014)	
Hip fx	X				
VTE treatment (DVT/PE)	X	X (Apr 2014) +LMWH 5-10d	X (Nov 2012)	X (Aug 2014)	PE : In-pt DVT: Out-pt
↓ risk of recurrent PE/DVT	X	X (Apr 2014)	X (Nov 2012)	X (Aug 2014)	
Stroke prevention s/p cardiac valve replacement	X				
↓ death/recurrent MI/stroke after MI	X				

\* Enox: VTE prophylaxis medically ill pts & general surgery (abdominal); Cardiac

# Apixaban (Eliquis): Clinical Conclusion



- Apixaban is the 2nd factor Xa inhibitor to reach the market.
- Apixaban, like the other NOACs, has advantages of
  - ☐ predictable anticoagulant effect
  - ☐ fixed dosing
  - ☐ fewer drug interactions compared to warfarin
- All the NOACs offer a convenience to patients
  - ☐ laboratory monitoring for efficacy
  - ☐ dietary restrictions are not required
  - ☐ more data is needed in patients with renal and hepatic impairment
- In non-valvular AFib, apixaban showed
  - ☐ superiority to poorly controlled warfarin at preventing stroke
  - ☐ significant reduction in mortality, although the confidence interval approached
  - ☐ Significantly reduced intracranial bleeding and major bleeding

# Apixaban (Eliquis): Clinical Conclusion



- For VTE
  - ❑ Non-inferior to LMWH/warfarin for reducing risk of recurrent VTE/VTE-related death; significantly less bleeding compared to warfarin
  - ❑ Benefits were shown with apixaban vs. placebo for extended treatment of VTE, with no difference in bleeding
- Orthopedic surgery prophylaxis, apixaban was
  - ❑ Non-inferior to enoxaparin 40 mg QD at reducing VTE with no difference in bleeding
- Discontinuing apixaban in inadequately anticoagulated patients increases the risk of thrombotic events in those with nonvalvular atrial fibrillation
- Patients require education and clinical monitoring to ensure appropriate use and avoid adverse reactions
- Full class review and potential BCF selection of a newer oral anticoagulant in 2015; awaiting FDA-approval of edoxaban



# Apixaban (Eliquis): Formulary Placement



## ■ Decision

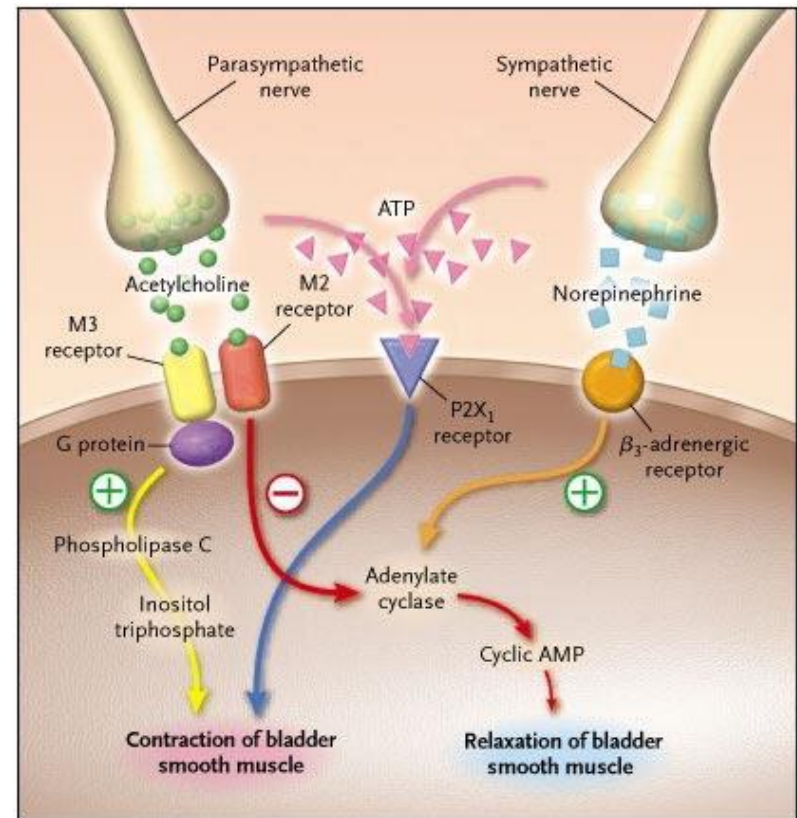
- ☐ UF: apixaban (Eliquis)

## ■ Justification:

- ☐ Clinically shows benefits for stroke prevention in Afib, VTE treatment, and for VTE prophylaxis in orthopedic surgery
- ☐ Cost effective vs. the other NOACs

# Mirabegron (Myrbetriq) for Overactive Bladder

- $\beta_3$ -adrenoreceptor agonist activity – new molecular entity (NME) in the class
- Step therapy implemented in Nov 2012; must try cost-effective generic or Detrol LA first
- Prior Authorization placed on Mirabegron in Feb 2014; implementation on 11 June 2014



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# Mirabegron (Myrbetriq): Clinical Conclusion



- Mirabegron is a new molecular entity that is effective in the management of OAB
- Mirabegron 50 mg achieved efficacy objective when compared to placebo
  - Reduction 0.55 micturition / 24hr
  - Reduction 0.40 incontinence episode / 24hr
- There is insufficient direct evidence comparing mirabegron to other OAB drugs, but it does not appear different from the anticholinergic agents
- Mirabegron is well tolerated with the most common ADE including HTN, nasopharyngitis and UTI; dry mouth and other anticholinergic effects were reported less frequently in mirabegron than tolterodine
- Mirabegron has not been studied in cognitively impaired individual or other high risk fall population
- In the MHS, mirabegron mean MPR at 180 days is about 72%, vs. 61% with other agents
- Discontinuation rates are similar to other OAB drug and no persistence data has been published

# Mirabegron (Myrbetriq): Formulary Placement



## ■ Decision:

- ☐ UF and step non-preferred: mirabegron (Myrbetriq)
- ☐ Grandfathering for step therapy – all new users will hit step

## ■ Justification

- ☐ Mirabegron is more costly than the OAB step preferred drugs, but has a different adverse event profile that does not include anticholinergic effects
- ☐ Due to the large number of current users who were not affected by the OAB step therapy recommended at the November 2012 meeting, current users are grandfathered

# Self-Monitoring Blood Glucose Systems (SMBGS) Test Strip Update



- August 2013, P&T Committee reviewed SMBGS with recommendations to be implemented on 7 May 2014
- Implementation delayed due to GAO protest
- On 27 August 2014, the Court of Federal Claims issued a *permanent injunction* setting aside DHA's BPA bids
- SMBG test strips will be re-evaluated at an upcoming DoD P&T Committee meeting

# MTF Communication



- May DoD P&T Committee MTF Formulary Management Documents will be forthcoming for the following:
  - ☐ Inhaled Corticoid Steroids
  - ☐ Nasal Allergy Drugs
  - ☐ Osteoporosis Drugs
  
- Feb DoD P&T Committee MTF Formulary Management Documents sent to the field last week of August for the following:
  - ☐ Inhaled Corticosteroids/Long-Acting Beta Agonist Combinations
  - ☐ GI-1 drugs – 5-Aminosalicylates (mesalamine products)

# DoD P&T Committee

## Upcoming Evaluations



### August 2014

- UF Class reviews
  - ☐ Targeted Immunomodulatory Biologics (TIBs)
- New drugs
  - ☐ Non-insulin DM drugs, GLP1-RAs: albiglutide injection (Tanzeum)
  - ☐ ADHD: methylphenidate ER oral suspension (Quillivant XR)

### November 2014

- UF Class review
  - ☐ Pulmonary Artery Hypertension
  - ☐ Multiple Sclerosis
  - ☐ V-Go
  - ☐ Blood Glucose Test Strips
- New Drugs
  - ☐ COPD drugs: umeclidinium/vilanterol (Anoro Ellipta)
  - ☐ Ophthalmic NSAIDs: bromfenac (Prolensa)
  - ☐ Glaucoma: brimonidine/brinzolamide (Simbrinza)

# Specialty Pharmacy



# Specialty Medications

## Background



- No industry standard definition of specialty
- US specialty drug spending projected to quadruple by 2020 to \$402B per year
- Top 3 specialty therapy classes FY13: oral oncology agents; inflammatory conditions (targeted immunomodulatory biologics); multiple sclerosis
- MHS spent \$1.2B in FY13 (19% of total spend)

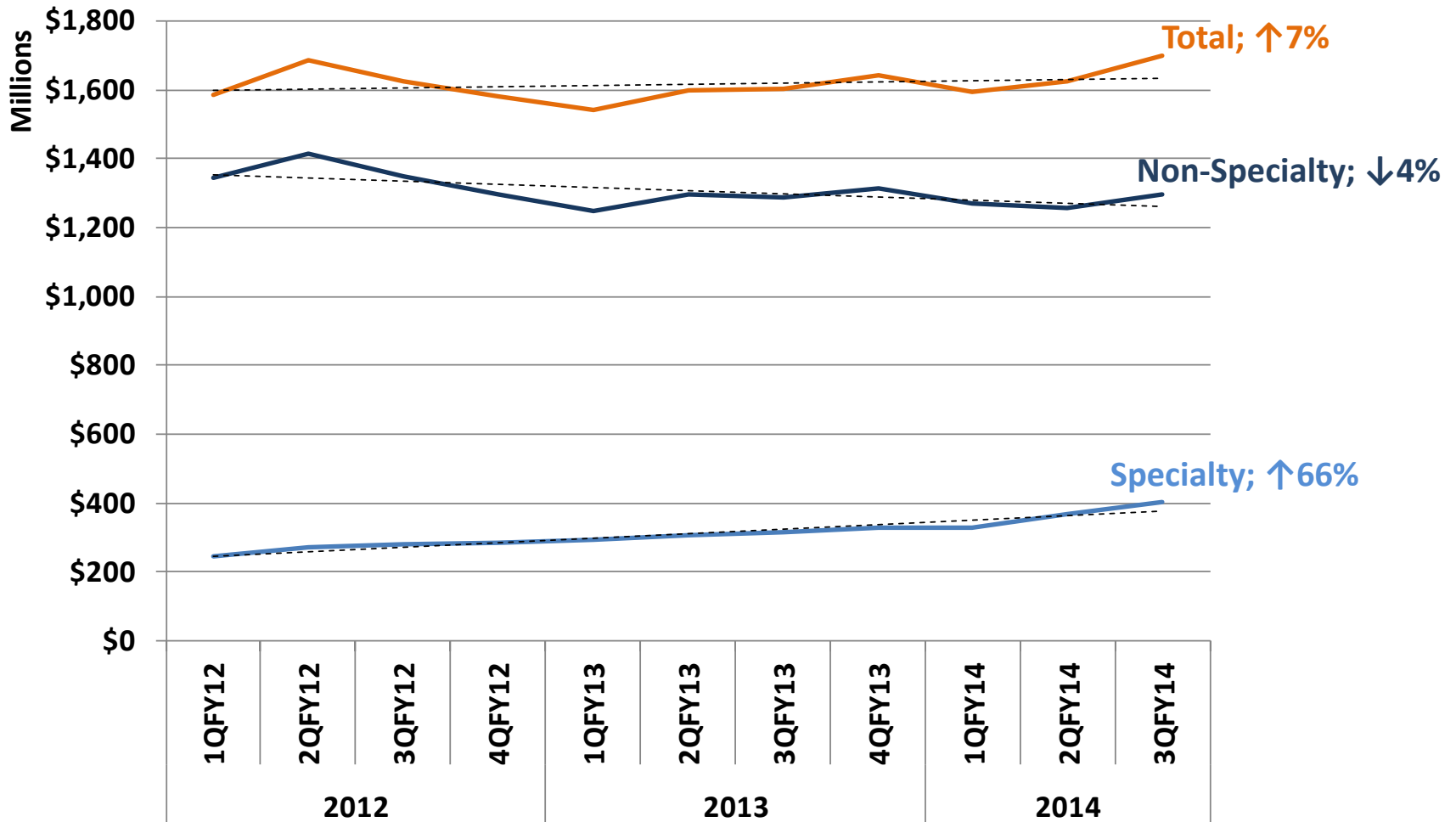
# Specialty Agent Definition

## (for Reporting Purposes)



- A product can be classified as a DOD Specialty Agent if it meets at least two of the following:
  - ☐ Costs \$500 or more per dose or \$6,000 or more per year;
  - ☐ Difficult or unusual process of delivery;
  - ☐ Requires patient management beyond traditional dispensing practices;
  - ☐ As defined by DOD
- Standard definition for reporting and monitoring
- Begin analysis on optimizing this new drug “class” across all points of service

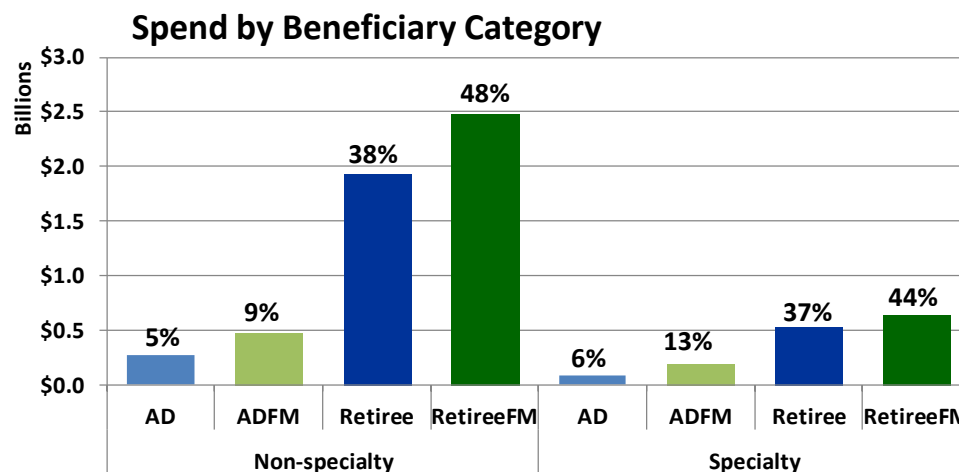
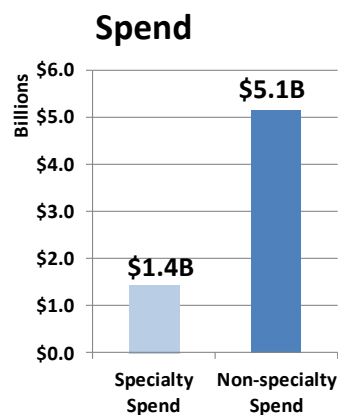
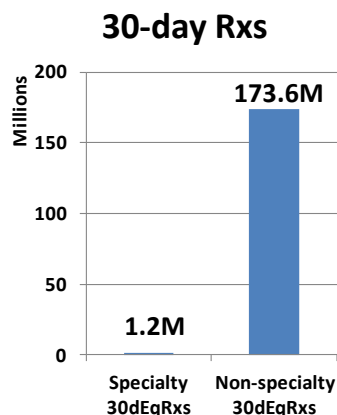
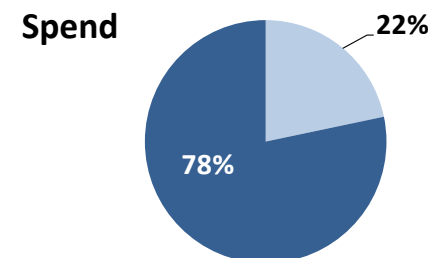
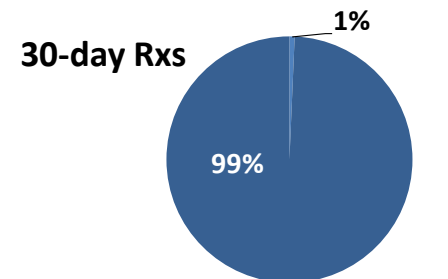
# Increases in Overall Spend 3QFY14 vs. 1QFY12



# Specialty vs. Non-Specialty Spend By Beneficiary Category



Row Labels	4Q FY13	1Q FY14	2Q FY14	3Q FY14	Grand Total (\$M)
<b>Specialty</b>					
AD	\$19	\$19	\$21	\$23	\$82
ADFM	\$45	\$44	\$50	\$51	\$191
Retiree	\$117	\$119	\$136	\$152	\$524
RetFM	\$146	\$144	\$160	\$178	\$628
	<b>\$327</b>	<b>\$326</b>	<b>\$368</b>	<b>\$404</b>	<b>\$1,424</b>
<b>Non-specialty</b>					
AD	\$65	\$64	\$68	\$67	\$265
ADFM	\$120	\$111	\$116	\$118	\$465
Retiree	\$495	\$482	\$470	\$482	\$1,930
RetFM	\$634	\$612	\$603	\$630	\$2,479
	<b>\$1,315</b>	<b>\$1,270</b>	<b>\$1,256</b>	<b>\$1,297</b>	<b>\$5,139</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$1,642</b>	<b>\$1,596</b>	<b>\$1,624</b>	<b>\$1,701</b>	<b>\$6,563</b>



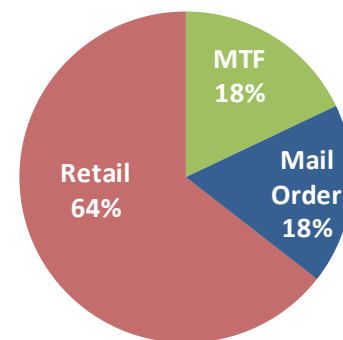
# Specialty vs. Non-Specialty Spend

## By POS

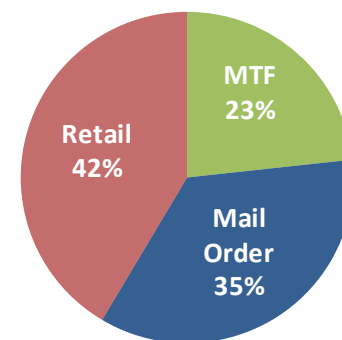


Row Labels	4Q FY13	1Q FY14	2Q FY14	3Q FY14	Grand Total (\$M)
<b>Specialty</b>					
MTF	\$56	\$58	\$68	\$74	\$256
Mail Order	\$53	\$53	\$63	\$81	\$250
Retail	\$218	\$215	\$236	\$250	\$918
	\$327	\$326	\$368	\$404	\$1,424
<b>Non-specialty</b>					
MTF	\$293	\$285	\$304	\$315	\$1,197
Mail Order	\$436	\$458	\$427	\$492	\$1,813
Retail	\$586	\$527	\$526	\$490	\$2,129
	\$1,315	\$1,270	\$1,256	\$1,297	\$5,139
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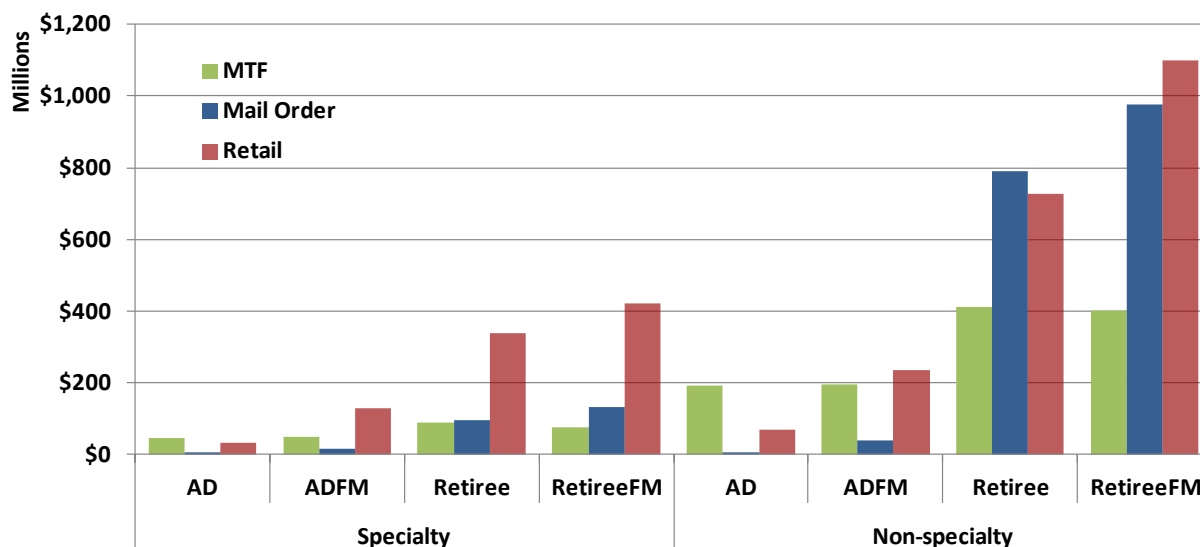
**Specialty Spend**



**Non-Specialty Spend**



**Beneficiary Category by POS**



# Top 20 Specialty Drug Categories

## All POS, by 2QFY14 Total Spend for Specialty Agents



Categories	Cost 2QFY14 (\$M)	
ONCOLOGICAL	\$97.4	} 55%
TIBs	\$65.3	
MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS	\$53.3	
HEPATITIS C	\$25.8	
ANTIRETROVIRALS	\$18.2	
RESPIRATORY MISC (PAH)	\$16.7	
ANTIHEMOPHILIC FACTORS	\$14.1	
ENDOCRINE (corticotropin, cinacalcet)	\$10.0	
ANTICOAGULANTS (LMWH)	\$9.2	
GROWTH STIMULATING	\$6.8	
IMMUNOLOGICAL –MISC (infusion/injectables)	\$6.7	

Categories	Cost 2QFY14 (\$M)
NEUROLOGICAL –MISC (mostly botulinum)	\$6.7
OSTEOPOROSIS (mostly teriparatide)	\$6.2
WBC STIMULANTS	\$5.1
ANTISERA (e.g., Hizentra)	\$4.8
ADHD –WAKEFULNESS – sodium oxybate [Xyrem]	\$4.6
IMMUNOSUPPRESSIVES	\$4.4
FSH-LH FERTILITY	\$3.9
RBC STIMULANTS	\$3.8

**Top 20 = 93% of total**

# Specialty Medications

## Takeaways



- Spending on specialty medication has experienced significant growth and trend is expected to continue
- Multiple planned formulary management evaluations from DoD P&T Committee for specialty medication
  - ❑ TIBs (Aug 2014); PAH and MS (Nov 2014)
  - ❑ Oncology Agents (Feb 2015); HCV (May 2015)
- Evaluate cost effectiveness at the site of care for specialty medication (MTF/mail order vs. retail)
- Ensure safe and effective use of specialty medication for all MHS beneficiaries

# Hepatitis C

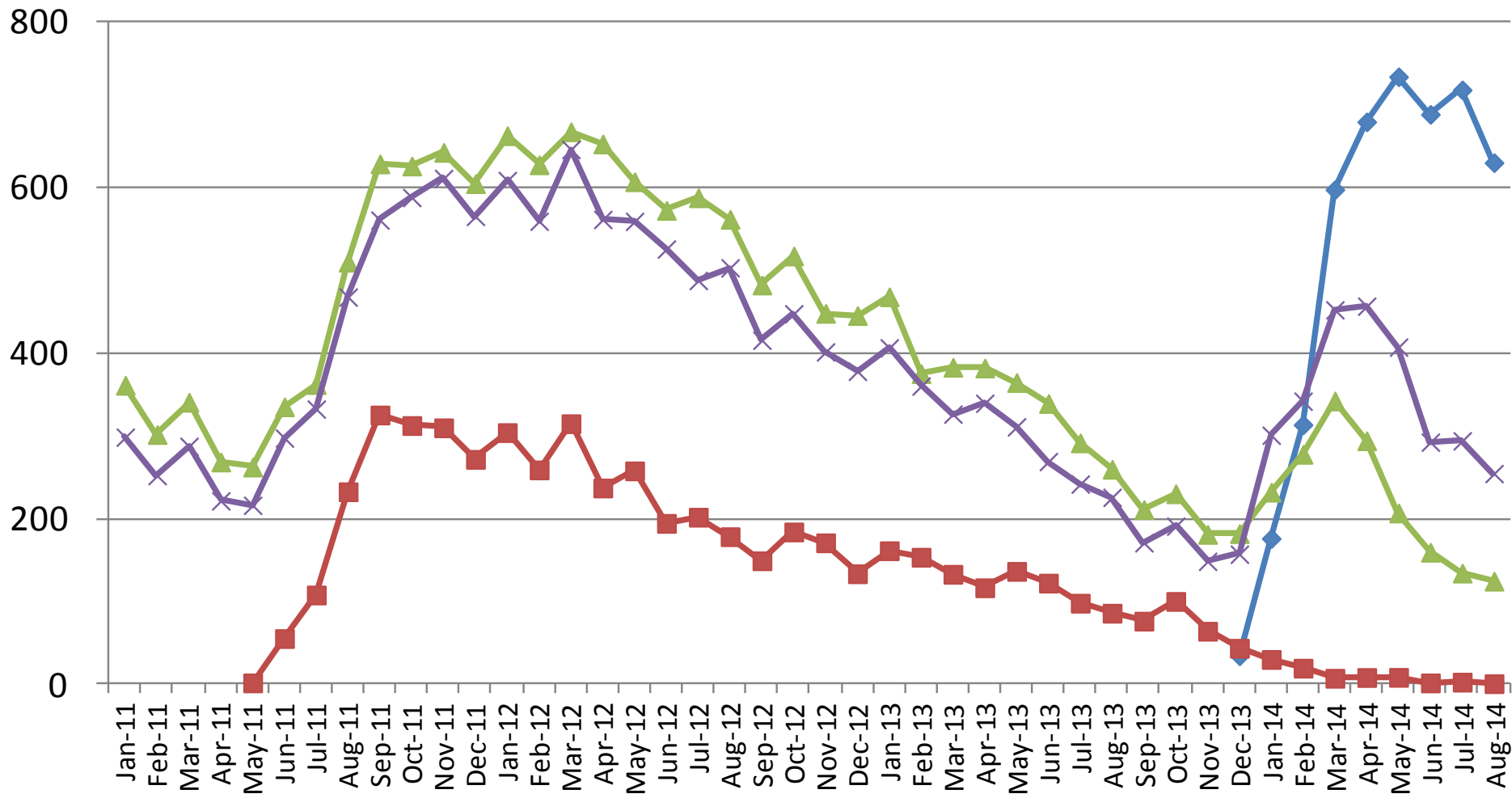


# Hepatitis C Agents

## 30 DE – Direct Acting, INF, and RBV



◆ Sofosbuvir & Simeprevir  
 ■ Boceprevir & Telaprevir  
 ▲ Interferon  
 × Ribavirin

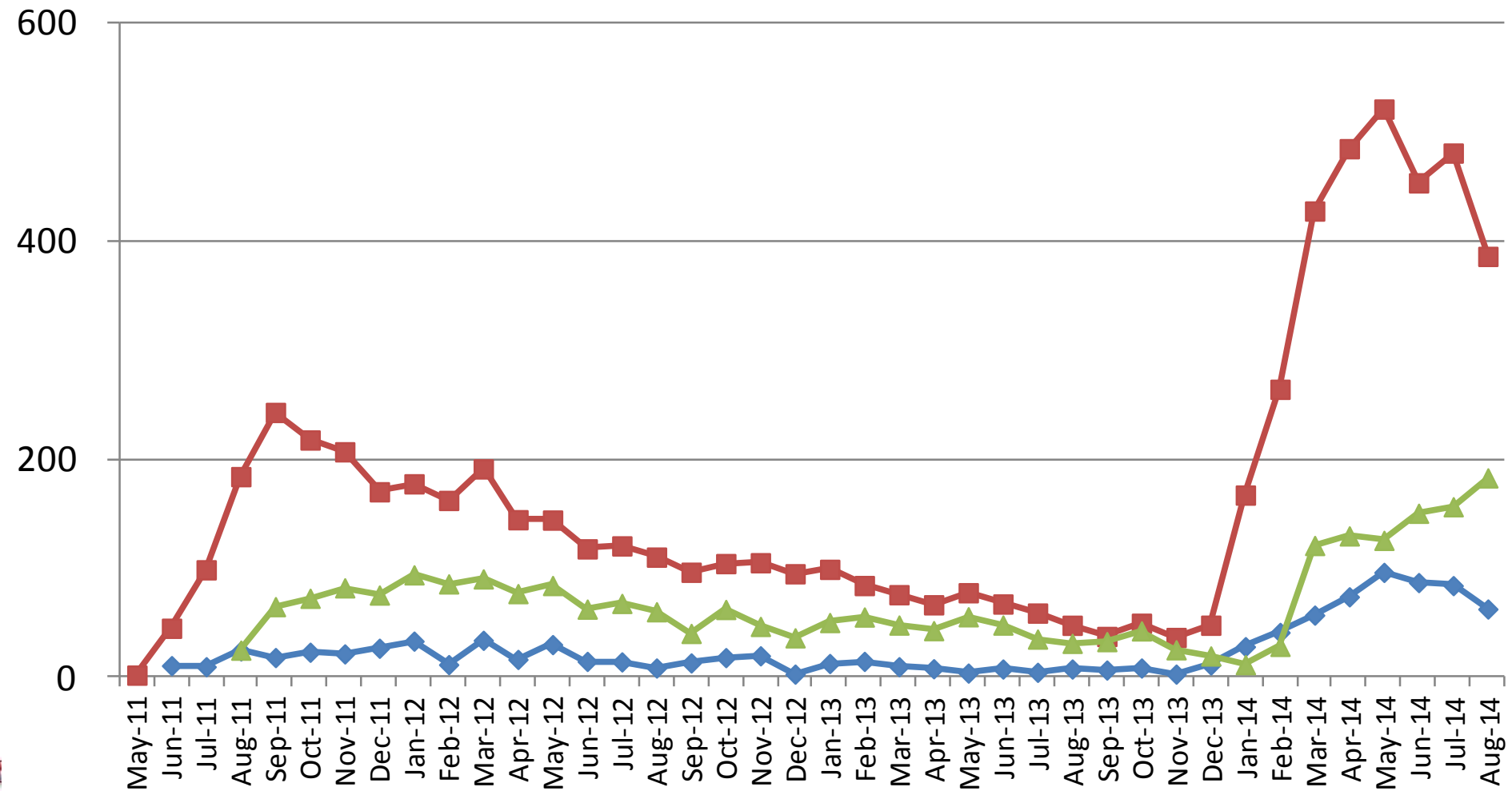


# Hepatitis C Agents

## 30 DE – Direct Acting Agents by POS



Mail Order Retail MTF



Source: PDTs

# Hepatitis C Agents

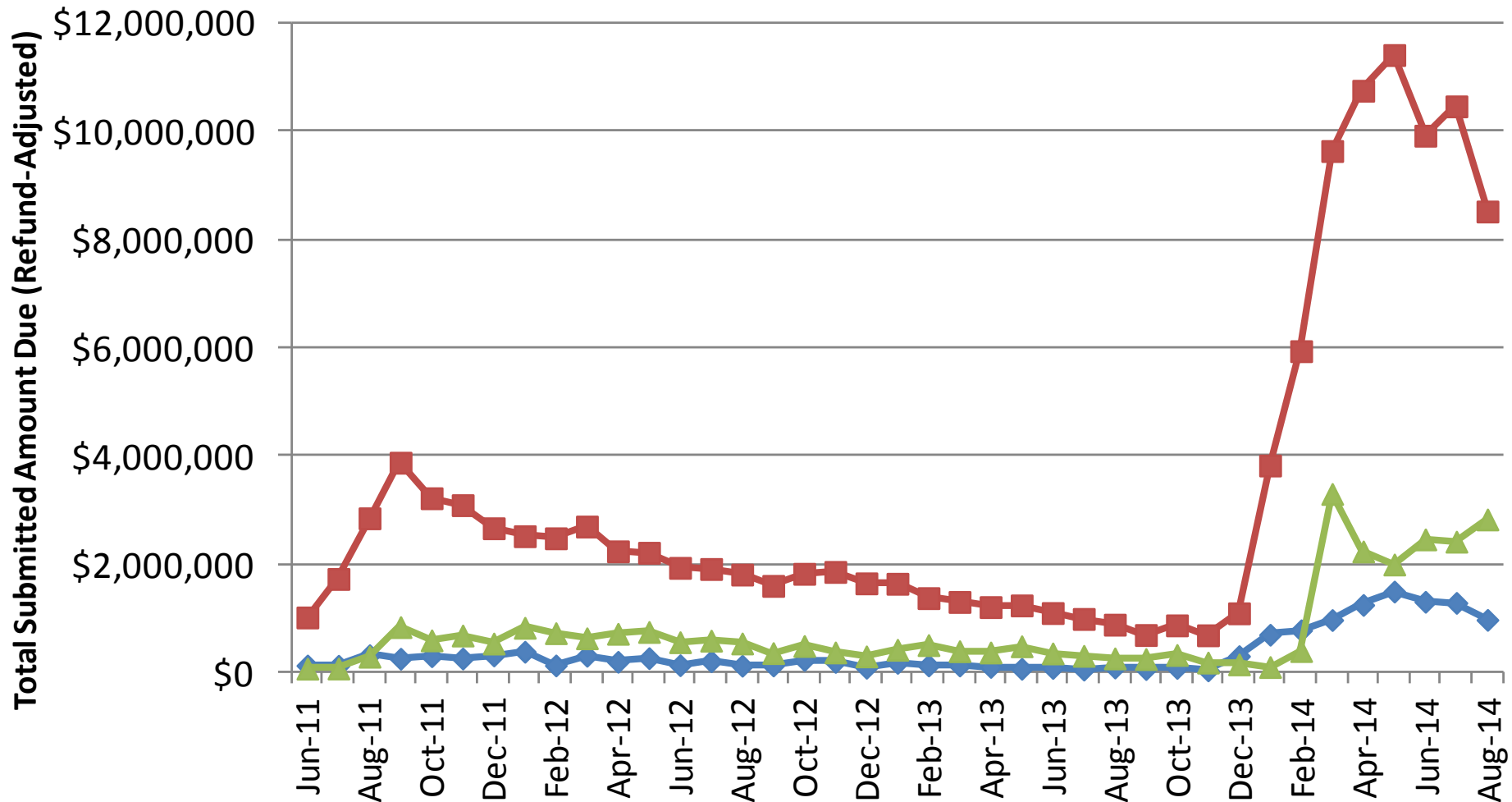
## Cost – Direct Acting, INF, and RBV



Mail Order

Retail

MTF



Source: PDTs

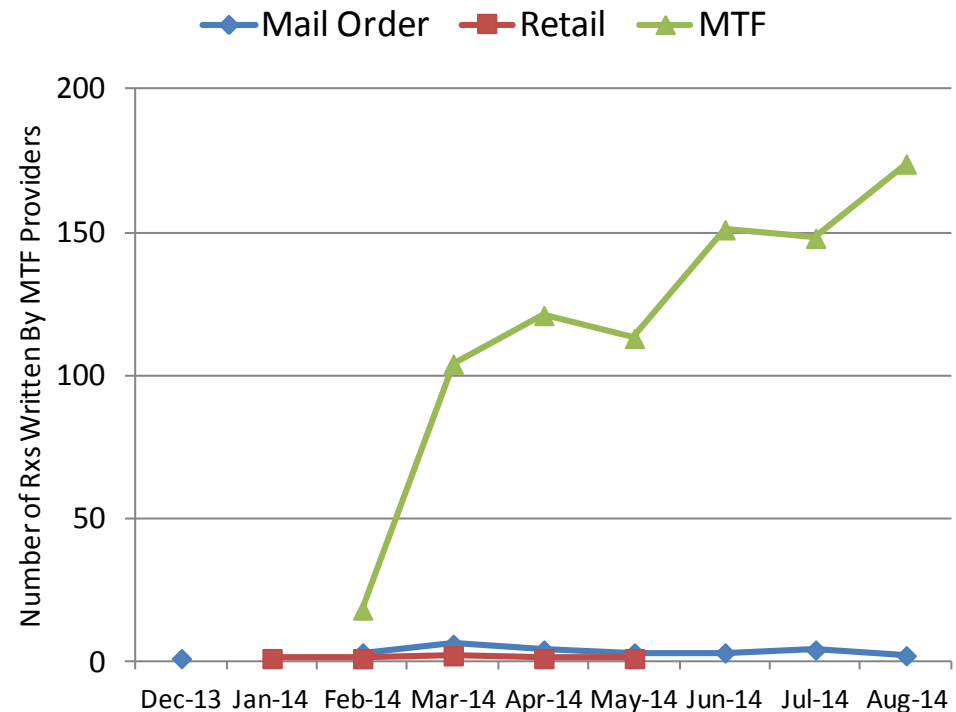
# Hepatitis C Agents

## MTF Provider Prescriptions



- Majority (96%) of Sovaldi and Olysio prescriptions written by MTF providers were filled in MTF pharmacies
- Significant savings are realized when these medications filled in the direct care system (MTF/Mail vs Retail)

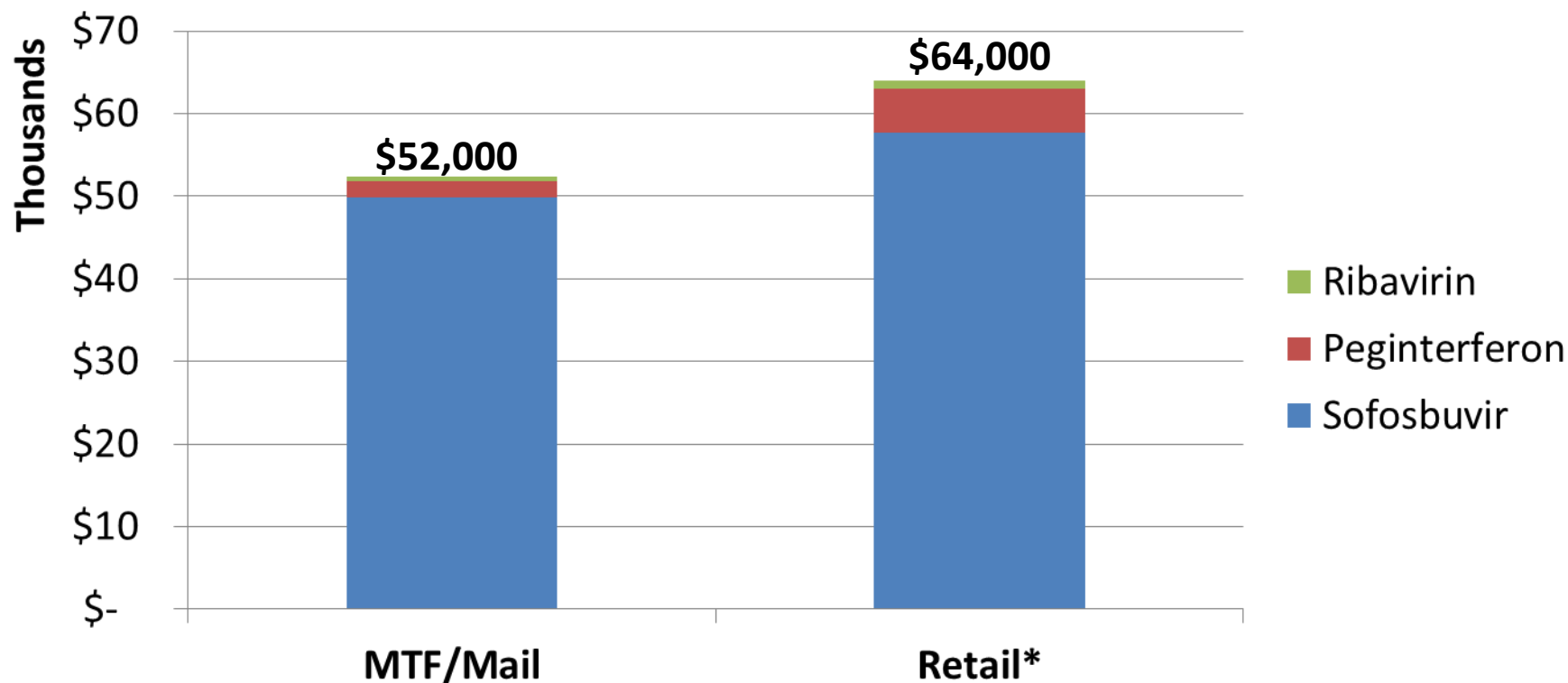
“Fill Location” for Sovaldi and Olysio Prescriptions Written by MTF Providers



# Estimated Cost of HCV (Genotype 1) Treatment by Point of Service (POS)



## Drug Ingredient Costs over 12 weeks by POS



\* Retail total cost after refunds for sofosbuvir and PEG-IFN

# HCV Takeaways



- About 1255 MHS patients have been treated to date (Aug 2014) with either sofosbuvir (Sovaldi) or simeprevir (Olysio) or both
- Vast majority of MTFs executing “write it, fill it”
- Opportunity for HCV recapture at MTFs
- Use PEC website for PA resources to assist with MTF formulary management
- Recommend against additional end of year purchases for Hep C agents pending availability of new interferon-free oral regimens in near future

# Polling Question



Do you have sufficient funding in the pharmacy budget to fill Sovaldi Rx's from outside specialists?

- A. Yes
- B. No

# Telmisartan Update



# Average Cost of Selected Angiotensin Receptor Blockers (ARBs)

## Methodology:

- Pulled MTF prime vendor purchases of ARBs from Apr – Jun 14
- Applied August 2014 pricing updates provided by DLA

## Results:

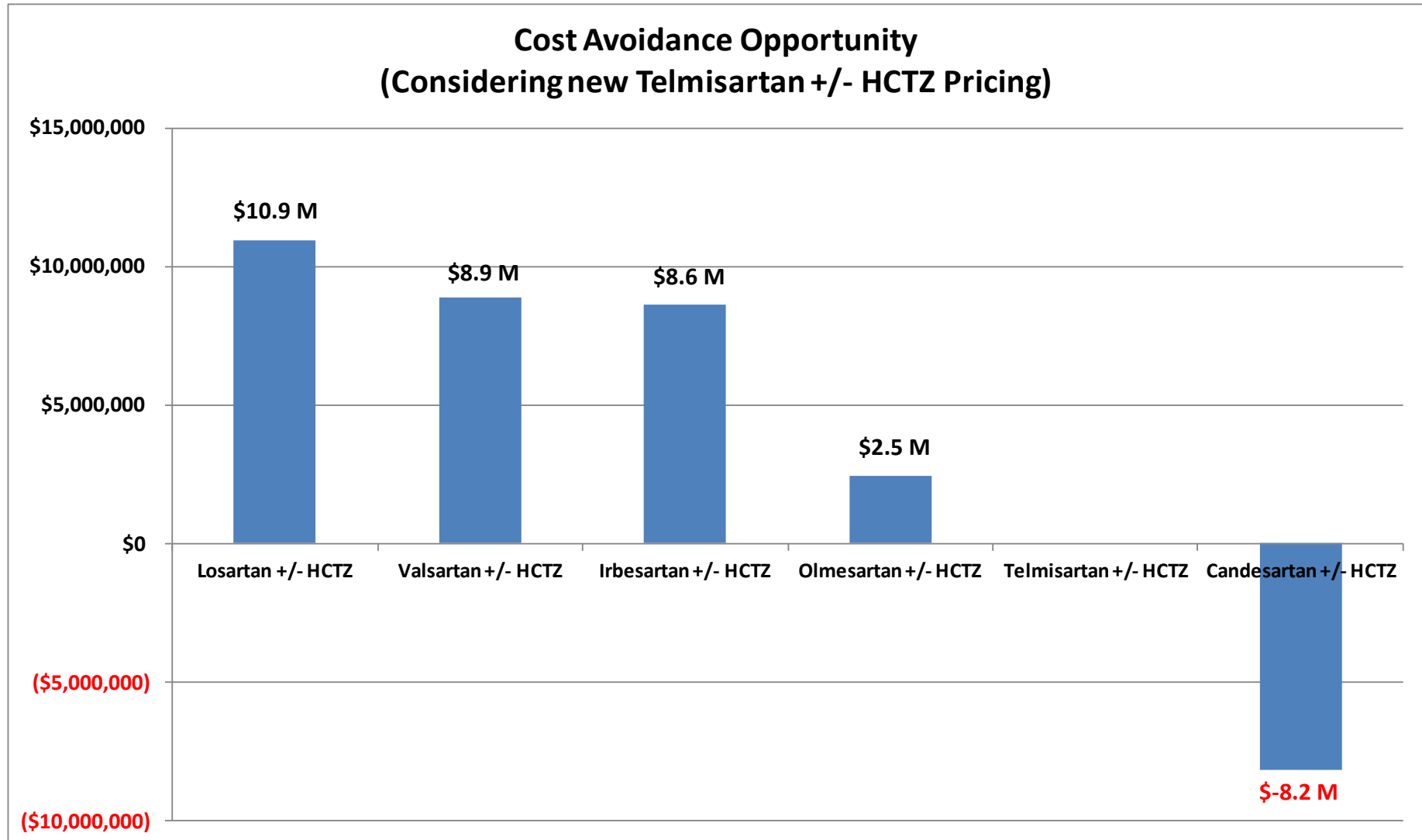
Medications	MTF Tabs Delivered (PV)	Average Unit Cost	Difference in Unit Costs
Losartan +/- HCTZ	8,339,280	\$0.10	\$1.32
Valsartan +/- HCTZ	2,205,060	\$0.34	\$1.07
Irbesartan +/- HCTZ	113,190	\$0.38	\$1.04
Olmesartan +/- HCTZ	126,570	\$1.12	\$0.30
Telmisartan +/- HCTZ	8,301,030	\$1.42	-
Candesartan +/- HCTZ	813,720	\$2.40	(\$0.99)

Temporary Price Reduction (TPR): 9/1/2014 – 12/31/2014  
Will monitor for future TPRs/price changes after 2014

## Conclusion:

- Telmisartan +/- HCTZ moved from being the most expensive ARB (\$2.58/tab) to the second most expensive ARB (\$1.42/tab) with their new TPR. Significant cost avoidance opportunities still exist.

# Potential MTF Cost-Avoidance Opportunity with ARBs per Quarter



# Telmisartan Take Home Bullets

- ❖ **Many choices among ARBs; agents are fairly interchangeable**
- ❖ **Losartan and Valsartan remain Basic Core Formulary (BCF)**
- ❖ **Telmisartan moved from BCF to Uniform Formulary (UF)**
  - **Currently has ~ 50% of MTF market share by volume**
- ❖ **Opportunity to switch to more cost-effective medications in class**
  
- ❖ **Way forward:**
  - **At a minimum, brief local providers on price differences in class**
  - **Local P&T committee can discuss and recommend switching campaigns, if they deem appropriate**
  - **DOD P&T committee (or subgroup of clinicians) can address and make recommendations to field**

# Polling Question



Based on the information presented do you plan on implementing a switch in ARBs?

- A. Yes
- B. No

# Compounding Update



## ■ GAO Report will be published end of September

- ☐ Likely to focus on disparity of Regulations (i.e. FDA approved) and current patient care needs (i.e. paying for compound prescriptions)

## ■ Providing input for ASD/HA response to GAO

- ☐ Analysis of options to ensure safety / cost control / appropriate therapy for compounded prescriptions
- ☐ Considering options that may be created by NDAA 15 and pending actions from FDA

## ■ Recommend you understanding your MTF activity

- ☐ Compound Rx Demand; In-house compounding; Other sources

# Questions

## ■ Questions?

## ■ For additional information, please reach out to one of the following:

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# Backup



# 21 CFR 1308.13(e)(1) (iii) and (iv)



## ■ Narcotic Drugs. Unless specifically excepted or unless listed in another schedule:

□ (1) Any material, compound, mixture, or preparation containing any of the following narcotic drugs, or their salts calculated as the free anhydrous base or alkaloid, in limited quantities as set forth below:

- (iii) Not more than 300 milligrams of dihydrocodeinone (hydrocodone) per 100 milliliters or not more than 15 milligrams per dosage unit, with a fourfold or greater quantity of an isoquinoline alkaloid of opium
- (iv) Not more than 300 milligrams of dihydrocodeinone (hydrocodone) per 100 milliliters or not more than 15 milligrams per dosage unit, with one or more active nonnarcotic ingredients in recognized therapeutic amounts