FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE TO ESI PBM CLIENTS

This disclosure provides an overview of the principal revenue sources of Express Scripts, Inc. and Medco Health Solutions, Inc. (individually and collectively referred to herein as “ESI”), as well as ESI’s affiliates. In addition to administrative and dispensing fees paid to ESI by our clients for pharmaceutical benefit management (“PBM”) services, ESI and its affiliates derive revenue from other sources, including arrangements with pharmaceutical manufacturers, wholesale distributors, and retail pharmacies. Some of this revenue relates to utilization of prescription drugs by members of the clients receiving PBM services. ESI may pass through certain manufacturer payments to its clients or may retain those payments for itself, depending on the contract terms between ESI and the client.

Relationship with Cigna Corporation. On December 20, 2018, ESI’s parent company, Express Scripts Holding Company, was acquired by Cigna Corporation.

Network Pharmacies – ESI contracts for its own account with retail pharmacies to dispense prescription drugs to client members. Rates paid by ESI to these pharmacies may differ among networks (e.g., Medicare, Worker’s Comp, open and limited), and among pharmacies within a network, and by client arrangements. PBM agreements generally provide that a client pays ESI an ingredient cost, plus dispensing fee, for drug claims. If the rate paid by a client exceeds the rate contracted with a particular pharmacy, ESI will realize a positive margin on the applicable claim. The reverse also may be true, resulting in negative margin for ESI. ESI also enters into pass-through arrangements where the client pays ESI the actual ingredient cost and dispensing fee amount paid by ESI for the particular claim when the claim is adjudicated to the pharmacy. In addition, when ESI receives payment from a client before payment to a pharmacy, ESI retains the benefit of the use of the funds between these payments. ESI may maintain non-client specific aggregate guarantees with pharmacies and may realize positive margin. ESI may charge pharmacies standard transaction fees to access ESI’s pharmacy claims systems and for other related administrative purposes. ESI may also maintain certain preferred value or quality networks; pharmacies participating in those networks may pay or receive aggregated payments related to these networks.

Brand/Generic Classifications – Prescription drugs may be classified as either a “brand” or “generic,” however, the reference to a drug by its chemical name does not necessarily mean that the product is recognized as a generic for adjudication, pricing or copay purposes. For the purposes of pharmacy reimbursement, ESI distinguishes brands and generics through a proprietary algorithm (“BGA”) that uses certain published elements provided by First DataBank (FDB) including price indicators, Generic Indicator, Generic Manufacturer Indicator, Generic Name Drug Indicator, Innovator, Drug Class and ANDA. The BGA uses these data elements in a hierarchical process to categorize the products as brand or generic. The BGA also has processes to resolve discrepancies and prevent “flipping” between brand and generic status due to price fluctuations and marketplace availability changes. The elements listed above and sources are subject to change based on the availability of the specific fields. Updated summaries of the BGA are available upon request. Brand or generic classification for client reimbursement purposes is either based on the BGA or specific code indicators from Medi-Span or a combination of the two as reflected in the client’s specific contract terms. Application of an alternative methodology based on specific client contract terms does not affect ESI’s application of its BGA for ESI’s other contracts.

Maximum Allowable Cost (“MAC”) / Maximum Reimbursement Amount (“MRA”) – As part of the administration of the PBM services, ESI maintains a MAC List of drug products identified as requiring pricing management due to the number of manufacturers, utilization and/or pricing volatility. The criteria for inclusion on the MAC List are based on whether the drug has readily available generic product(s), is generally equivalent to a brand drug, is cleared of any negative clinical implications, and has a cost basis that will allow for pricing below brand rates. ESI also maintains MRA price lists for drug products on the MAC List based on current price reference data provided by Medi-Span or other nationally recognized pricing source, market pricing and availability information from generic manufacturers and on-line research of national wholesale drug company files, and client arrangements. Similar to the BGA, the elements listed above and sources are subject to change based on the availability of the specific fields. Updated summaries of the MAC methodology are available upon request.

Manufacturer Programs Formulary Rebates, Associated Administrative Fees, and PBM Service Fees – ESI contracts with manufacturers and/or group purchasing organizations (“GPOs”) for its own account to obtain formulary rebates attributable to the utilization of certain drugs and supplies Formulary rebate amounts received vary based on client specific utilization, the volume of utilization as well as formulary position applicable to the drug or supplies, and adherence to various formulary management controls, benefit design requirements, claims volume, and other similar factors, and in certain instances also may vary based on the product’s market-share. ESI pays formulary rebates it receives to a client based on the client’s PBM agreement terms and may realize positive margin. In addition, ESI provide administrative services to contracted manufacturers, which include, for example, maintenance and operation of systems and other infrastructure necessary for invoicing and processing rebates, pharmacy discount programs, access to drug utilization data, as allowed by law, for purposes of verifying and evaluating applicable payments, and for other purposes related to the manufacturer’s products. ESI receives administrative fees directly
from participating manufacturers and indirectly from GPOs. In its capacity as a PBM company, ESI may receive other compensation from manufacturers for the performance of various programs or services, including, for example, formulary compliance initiatives, clinical services, therapy management services, education services, inflation protection programs, medical benefit management services, cost containment programs, discount programs, and the sale of non-patient identifiable claim information. This compensation is not part of the formulary rebates or associated administrative fees, and ESI may realize positive margin between amounts paid to clients and amounts received. ESI retains the financial benefit of the use of any funds held until payment is made to the client.

Copies of ESI’s standard formularies may be reviewed at https://client.medco.com/. In addition to formulary considerations, other plan design elements are described in ESI’s Plan Design Review Guide, which may be reviewed at https://client.medco.com/.

Third Party Offerings - ESI partners with multiple third party vendors to provide clinical programs and other product offerings to clients. ESI may have an ownership interest in certain third party vendors.

ESI Subsidiary Pharmacies – ESI has several licensed pharmacy subsidiaries, including our specialty pharmacies. These entities may maintain product purchase discount arrangements and/or fee-for-service arrangements with pharmaceutical manufacturers, wholesale distributors, and other health care providers. These subsidiary pharmacies contract for these arrangements on their own account in support of their various pharmacy operations. Many of these subsidiary arrangements relate to services provided outside of PBM arrangements, and may be entered into irrespective of whether the particular drug is on one of ESI’s national formularies. Discounts and fee-for-service payments received by ESI’s subsidiary pharmacies are not part of the PBM formulary rebates or associated administrative fees paid to ESI in connection with ESI’s PBM formulary rebate programs. However, certain purchase discounts received by ESI’s subsidiary pharmacies, whether directly or through ESI, may be considered for formulary purposes if the value of such purchase discounts is used by ESI to supplement the discount on the ingredient cost of the drug to the client based on the client’s PBM agreement terms. From time to time, ESI and its affiliates also may pursue and maintain for its own account other supply chain sourcing relationships not described below as beneficial to maximize ESI’s drug purchasing capabilities and efficiencies, and ESI or affiliates may realize an overall positive margin with regard to these initiatives.

The following provides additional information regarding examples of ESI subsidiary discount arrangements and fee-for-service arrangements with pharmaceutical manufacturers, and wholesale distributors:

ESI Subsidiary Pharmacy Discount Arrangements – ESI subsidiary pharmacies purchase prescription drug inventories, either from manufacturers or wholesalers, for dispensing to patients. Often, purchase discounts off the acquisition cost of these products are made available by manufacturers and wholesalers in the form of either up-front discounts or retrospective discounts. These purchase discounts, obtained through separate purchase contracts, are not formulary rebates paid in connection with our PBM formulary rebate programs. Drug purchase discounts are based on a pharmacy’s inventory needs and, at times, the performance of related patient care services and other performance requirements. When a subsidiary pharmacy dispenses a product from its inventory, the purchase price paid for the dispensed product, including applicable dispensing fees, may be greater or less than that pharmacy’s acquisition cost for the product net of purchase discounts. In general, our pharmacies realize an overall positive margin between the net acquisition cost and the amounts paid for the dispensed drugs.

ESI Subsidiary Fee-For-Service Arrangements – One or more of ESI’s subsidiaries, including, but not limited to, its subsidiary pharmacies also may receive fee-for-service payments from manufacturers, wholesalers, or other health care providers in conjunction with various programs or services, including, for example, patient assistance programs for indigent patients, dispensing prescription medications to patients enrolled in clinical trials, various therapy adherence and fertility programs, administering FDA compliance requirements related to the drug, 340B contract pharmacy services, product reimbursement support services, and various other clinical or pharmacy programs or services. As a condition to having access to certain products, and sometimes related to certain therapy adherence criteria or FDA requirements, a pharmaceutical manufacturer may require a pharmacy to report selected information to the manufacturer regarding the pharmacy’s service levels and other dispensing-related data with respect to patients who receive that manufacturer’s product. A portion of the discounts or other fee-for-service payments made available to our pharmacies may represent compensation for such reporting.

Other Manufacturer Arrangements – ESI also maintains other lines of business that may involve discount and service fee relationships with pharmaceutical manufacturers and wholesale distributors. Examples of these businesses include a wholesale distribution business, group purchasing organizations (and related group purchasing organization fees), and a medical benefit management company. Compensation derived through these business arrangements is not considered confidential information.
for PBM formulary placement, and is in addition to other amounts described herein. These service fees are not part of the formulary rebates or associated administrative fees.

Third Party Data Sales – Consistent with any client contract limitations, ESI or its affiliates may sell HIPAA compliant information maintained in their capacity as a PBM, pharmacy, or otherwise to data aggregators, manufacturers, or other third parties on a fee-for-service basis or as a condition of discount eligibility. All such activities are conducted in compliance with applicable patient and pharmacy privacy laws and client contract restrictions.

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THIS EXHIBIT REPRESENTS ESI’S FINANCIAL POLICIES. ESI MAY PERIODICALLY UPDATE THIS EXHIBIT AND THE FINANCIAL DISCLOSURES CONTAINED HEREIN TO REFLECT CHANGES IN ITS BUSINESS PROCESSES; THE CURRENT FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE IS AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST AND ACCESSIBLE ON EXPRESS-SCRIPTS.COM AT HTTPS://CLIENT.MEDCO.COM/.