



Leveraging Predictive Analytics Throughout the Entire Revenue Cycle

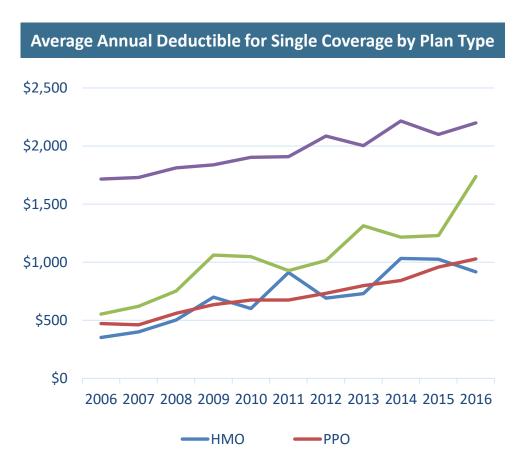
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Hospital Review

### **Consumer Driven Healthcare**

Healthcare is rapidly "consumerizing", with implications across the business model

- Since 2006, deductible increase:
  - HDHP +28%
  - HMO + 161%
  - PPO +178%
  - POS +214%
- Annual deductibles virtually all \$1,000 or higher
- High Deductible plans now 29% of Employer-sponsored lives

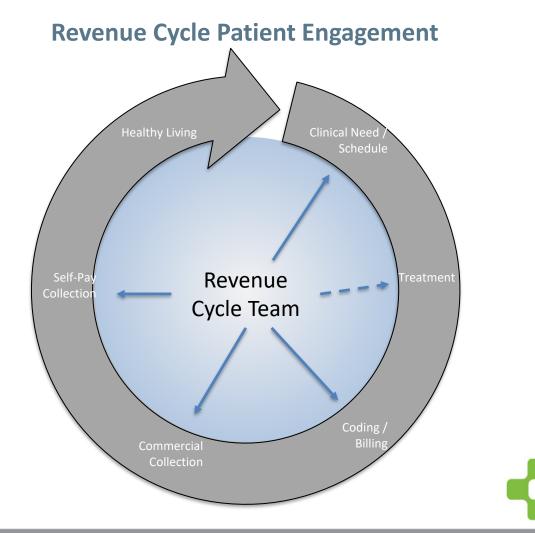


Note: Average general annual health plan deductibles for PPOs, POS plans, and HDHP/SOs are for in-network services. Source: Kaiser/HRET Survey of Employer-Sponsored Health Benefits, 2006-2016.



### Revenue Cycle and Patient Relationship Management

Revenue cycle interestingly one of the few functions that engages patients across the entire encounter and across multiple care sites



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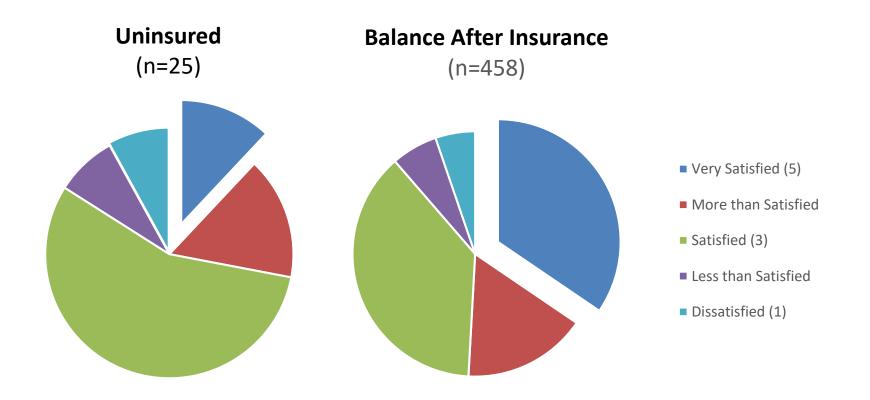
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### Consumer Satisfaction with the Billing Process

Satisfaction better among BAI, but still not what a world-class consumer business would consider excellent

• BAI: 35% rank "5" and 49% are "3" or less



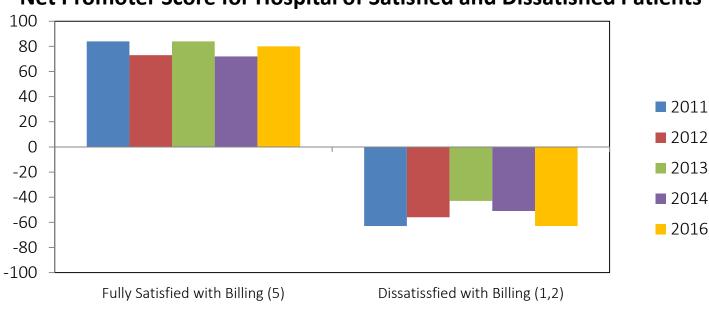
Source: Connance Consumer Survey, August 2016



## **Consumer Billing Satisfaction and**

Continue to see that satisfaction in the business process creates promoters and dissatisfaction detractors

- Overall 2016 NPS: 17
- Long term trend



#### Net Promoter Score for Hospital of Satisfied and Dissatisfied Patients

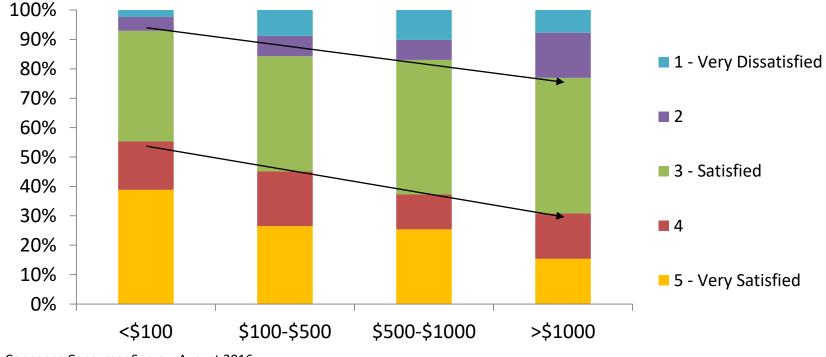
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### **Consumer Satisfaction by Amount**

As balances rise, attention to billing process and performance increases

### Satisfactions with the Billing Process By Balance Due



Source: Connance Consumer Survey, August 2016



### **Priorities Among Healthcare Finance**

Among survey of 100 CFOs and VPs of RCM, patient revenue key but...

- "Preventing denials and underpayments" top initiative for 81%
- 2 of the top 3 initiatives were related to denial management.
- 4 of the top 10 initiatives were related to collecting patient revenue

PERCENT OF RESPONDE RANKING INITIATIVE A TOP PRIO		23%	45%	68%	90%
Preventing denials and underpay	ments.		1	1	
Lowering total cost to					
Resolving denials and underpay	ments.				
Collecting more patient balances	at POS.				
Increasing collection rate among insured patients with Balance After Insurance respon	sibility.				
Calculating patient liability prior to or	at POS.				
Lower the cost to collect of patient ba	lances.				
Analyzing denial and underpayment trends to find pa	atterns.				
Increasing collection rate among uninsured p	atients.				
Improving efficacy of financial assistance	efforts.				



# The Challenge

# The Executive's view...

- Increasing patient financial engagement
  - Effectively the "profits"
  - Costly to resolve
  - Lowest overall yielding
- Denials cash-flow critical
- No room in the budget
- Just invested in new EMR

# The Path to Bright...

- Engage consumer efficiently
- Eliminate waste
- Focus on Net Cash
  - All payors matter
  - Recovery less cost
- Data, data and data!



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### Up-Front

- Middle
- Back
- New World

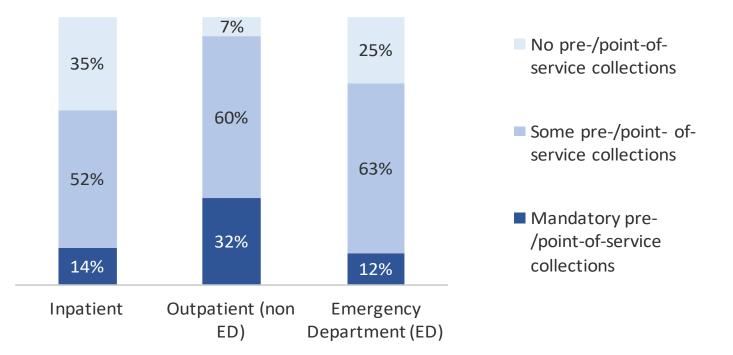
- Pre-Service patient engagement
- Educate and Prepare
- Resolution where possible
- Financial Assistance



## **Upfront Collections in Hospital Facilities**

Early patient engagement is becoming the norm now across the industry

### Pre-/Point-of-Service Collections by Service Line

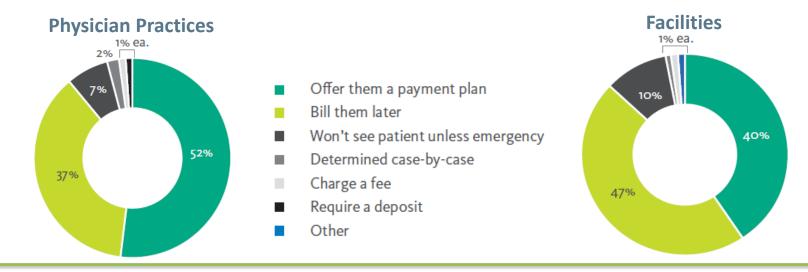


Source: HFMA's "Self Pay and The Benefits of Prospective Patient Engagement," hfma.org/self pay study, 2016.



### **Up Front Patient Payment Policies**

Significant portion of patients are unable to pay in full up front and payments plans are critical tool



Avg. Percent of Patients Who Can Pay Full Requested Amount





The Impact Of Consumerism On Provider Revenues, An Availity Research Study, February, 2015

## **Payment Plan Optimization**

### Analytic solutions develop better payment plan options

- Fixed-design payment plans average 40% delinquency rate
  - Costly and common "black hole" for patient accounts
- How about using data to develop "winwin" option
- Algorithm looks across all feasible scenarios and identified rank ordered list of 3 plans for maximum value
- Leverage in pre-service of point-ofservice applications

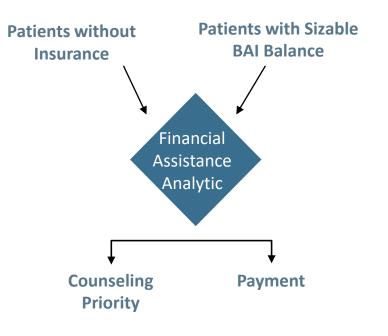




# **Financial Assistance Analytics**

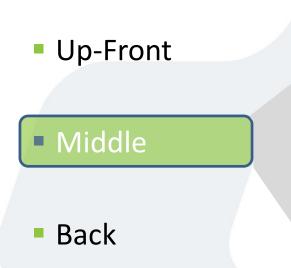
Analytic solutions to identify patients meriting financial assistance according to facility policies and government regulations

- People living in poverty unique challenge
  - Non-responsive to outreach
  - Lack traditional data profiles
  - Significant oversight burden
  - Expensive to process manually
- Typically, 30% of bad debt accounts qualify for financial assistance
- Financial qualification ≠ Propensity to Pay
- Predictive models specifically built to assess patient qualification for financial assistance
  - Support community benefit per IRS 990
  - Predict poverty, household income, assets in consistent and fair manner
  - Calibrated to local market and facility-specific policies and procedures
- Deployable up front for eligibility prioritization or at Bad Debt for presumptive charity





### Places to Leverage Data Differently



### New World

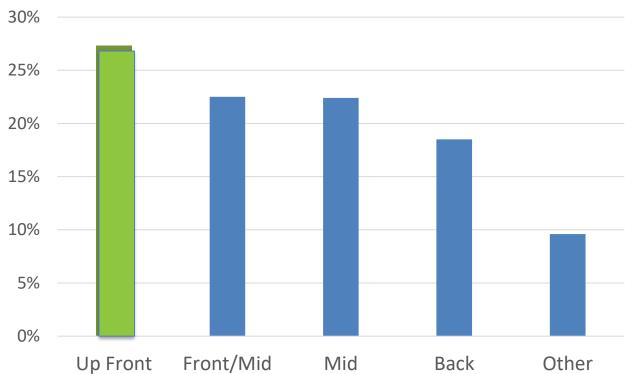
### Denial Management

- Not going away
- Time delay
- Budget investment
- Recovery driven strategy



### **Denial Sources**

#### 50-70+% of denials are rooted after patient arrival



#### **Time in Care Process Where Denial Issues Initiate**

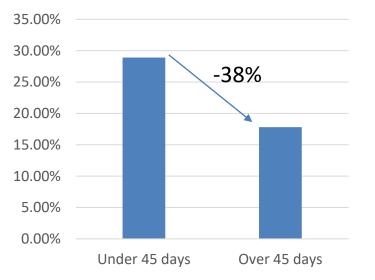


Source: Change Healthcare Healthy Hospital Revenue Cycle Index, June 2017

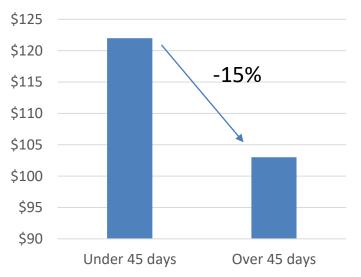
# Yield Impact on Early-Out Bill Drop Timing

When accounts linger in denial follow-up, it significantly impacts patient balance recovery

### Collection Rate on Patient Portion Based on Days in Claim Follow-up



### Unit Yield on Patient Portion Based on Days in Claim Follow-up



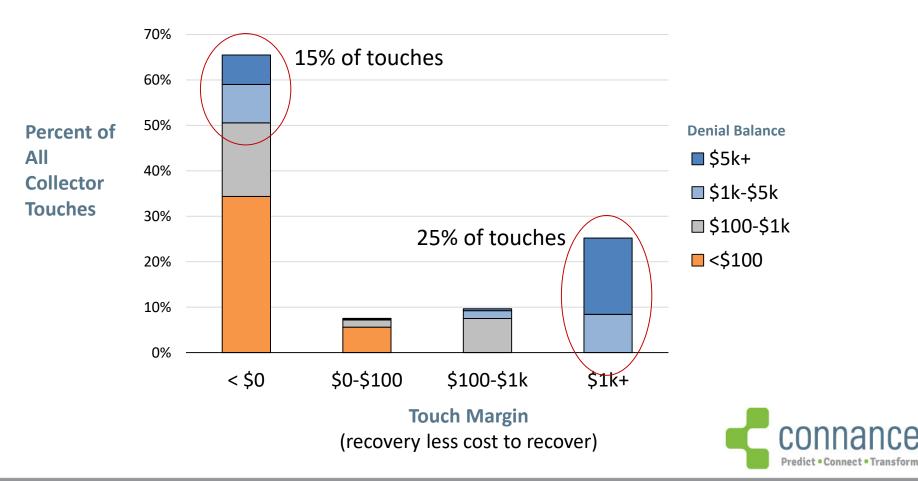
Source: Connance analysis of Patient recovery following denial follow-up efforts



### **Denial Follow-up Economics**

Much denial follow-up work has sketchy ROI (cost vs. incremental payor cash)

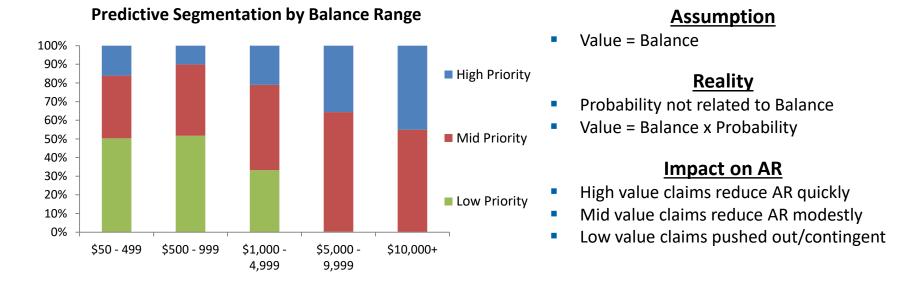
- 28% of \$5,000+ touches have negative ROI
- 50% of \$1,000-\$5,000 have negative ROI



## Value Driven Denial Operations

Applying recovery-type data science to denials demonstrates the difference between "balance" and "value" even in a contracted revenue stream

• Flaw in standard Balance-Age follow-up routines



Reason Code splits also have similar mix of Hi/Mid/Low segments



### **Denial Follow-up Economics**

Applying recovery-based logic to denial follow-up reduces workload significantly

• Reallocate touches (cost of \$5-30 per touch) on 53% of claims

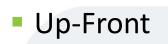
Expected	Recovery	Driven	Segmentation
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_	# of Claims	Post Denial Payments	Payment per Claim	% of Claims	% of Payments
High Priority	6,791	\$7,149,986	\$1,053	25%	86%
Low Priority	5,968	\$899,844	\$151	22%	11%
No Follow Up	14,098	\$321,482	\$22	53%	3%

Source: CHRISTUS Health ANI Presentation, 2017



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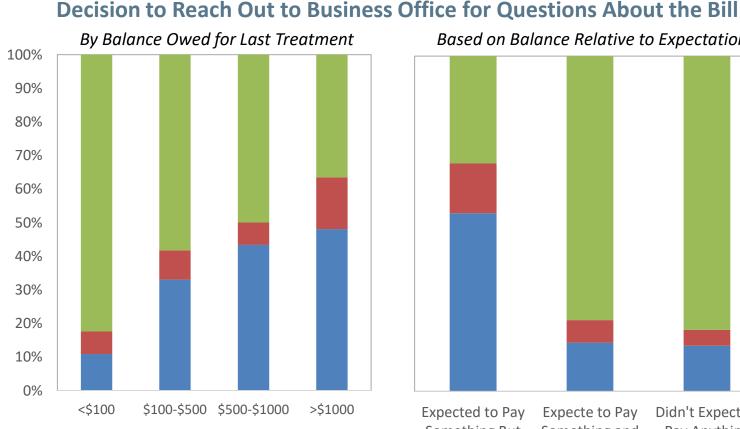
New World

- Continuing volume
- Beyond basic Propensity-to-Pay
- Other analytics emerging



### Influence of Balance Due on Consumer Activity

#### Increasing balance drives up business office engagement



Yes Yes, But Not Yet No Expected to Pay Expecte to Pay Didn't Expect to Something But Something and Pay Anything Balance Was Balance Was

Based on Balance Relative to Expectation

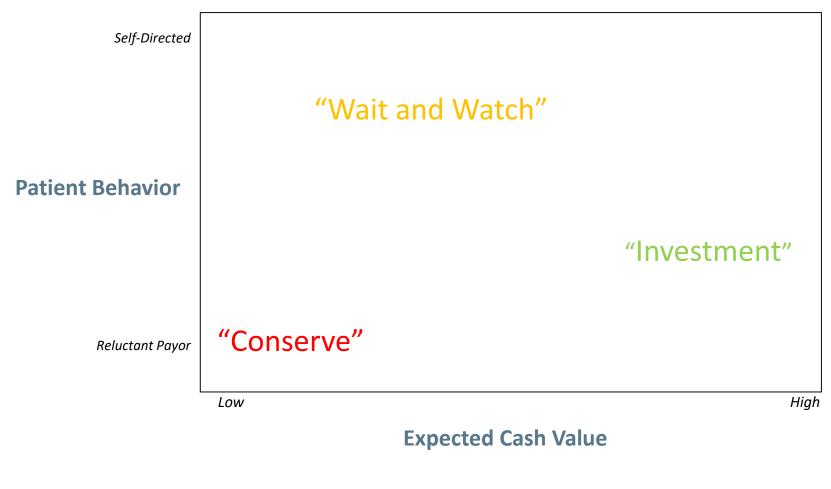
About Right



#### Source: Connance Consumer Survey, August 2016

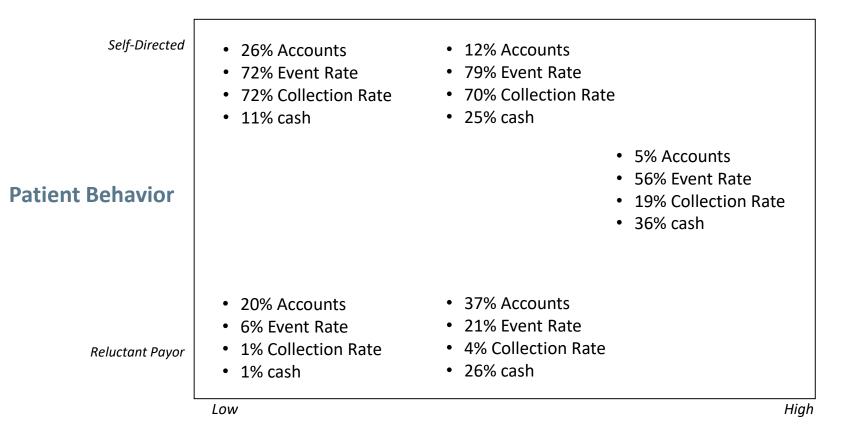
Much Larger

### Patient-Pay Collection ROI Segmentation





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#### **Expected Cash Value**



# Patient Pay Segmentation Case Study

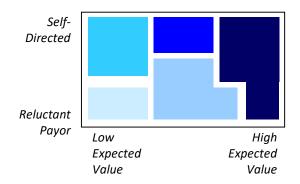
Deployed predictive technology to focus effort against high ROI opportunities

#### Pre: Traditional Balance-Based logic



- Balance vs. uninsured/BAI
- Everyone received same letter sequence
- Calling program focused on higher balance accounts

#### Post: Collection ROI-Based Strategy

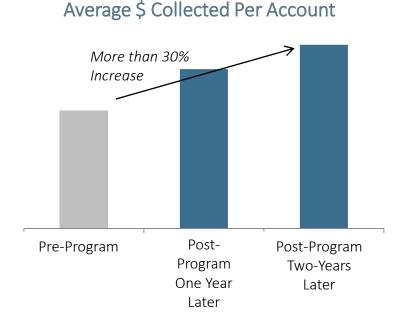


- Cost to collect vs. Expected cash value
- Five segments, upside value whenever marginal effort applied
- Each segment a unique sequence of letters, calling and messages to match opportunity and need

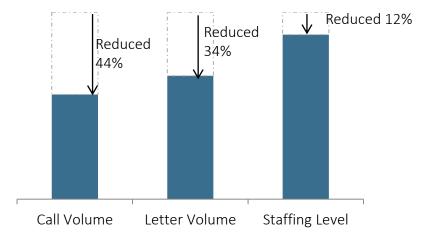


### Patient-Pay Collection Segmentation Case Study

Transformed collection performance by targeting activity against highestvalue opportunities



#### Change in Operating Statistics

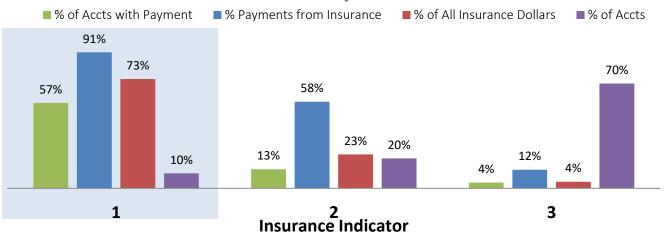




## **Insurance Flag Analytic**

### Indicator to identify the subset of accounts likely to have missed insurance

- **Prioritize Segment 1**: 10% of accounts that constitute 70+% of all found insurance dollars. ~60% of patients in this group will make a payment and 90% of this is insurance. High ROI group.
- Deprioritize Segment 3: 70% of accounts which contribute only 12% of insurance money. Low ROI



### Found Insurance By Indicator Value

Indicator Value	Workflow implications
1	Proactive outreach to patient to identify and bill insurance
2	Enhanced messaging to encourage insurance identification
3	Focus on patient collections, standard insurance messaging

### Some Thoughts and Ideas



- Middle
- Back

### New World

- Social determinants
- Readmission management
- Patient engagement



### **Consumer Social Determinants and Health**

Key elements that contribute to the sustained health and financial engagement of a patient often missing from the core patient record and IT systems of a provider

#### Community Content • Urban / Rural / Suburban • Education Level • Income Mix

- Safety
- Weather Patterns
- Cultural Mix
- Community Centers
- Resource(S) Available
- Transportation
- Others

#### Individual / Family Socio-Economics

- Household Structure
- Household Income
- Individuals Education
- Ethnicity
- Head-Of-Household Situation
- Car Ownership
- Occupation
- Change In Employment Status
- Rent Or Own House
- Others

#### **Clinical Data (EHR)**

- History
- Physical Exam
- Allergies
- Medications
- Laboratory Data
- Imaging Studies

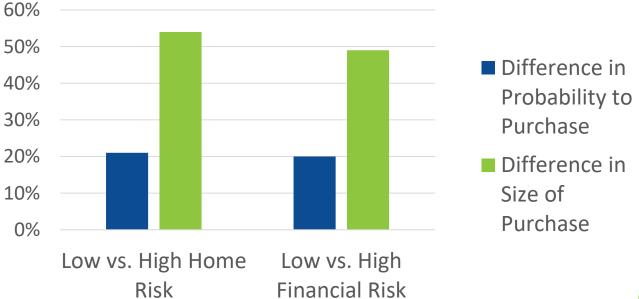
\*According to the CDC, social and economic factors drive upwards of 40% of consumer health and behavioral elements account for another 30%.



### **Consumer Social Determinants and Retail Health**

For a retail health network, social determinant information correlated to purchase activity, providing a guide to advertising and offer development

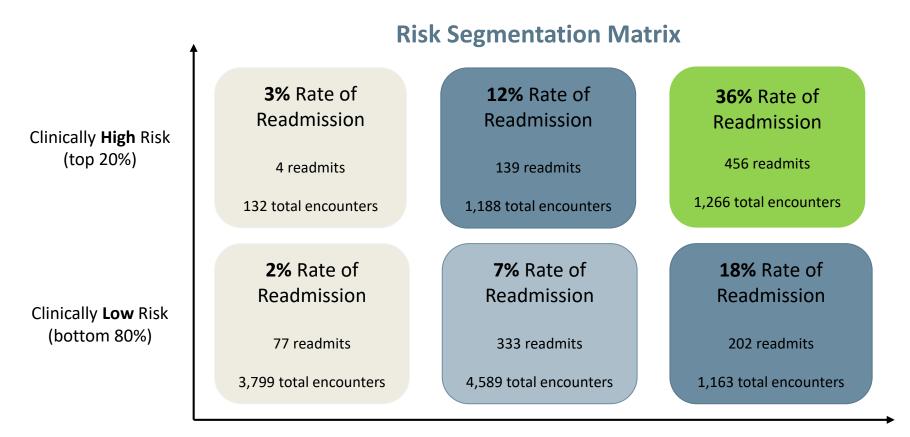
• Able to analyze registries and panels before clients arrive to deliver better experience



#### Impact of Social Uncertainties and Risk on Retail Health Purchase Patterns



### **Consumer Social Determinants and Readmissions**



Low Social Determinant Risk (bottom 30%) Med Social Determinant Risk (middle 50%) High Social Determinant Risk (top 20%)



Source: 2016 data study with Northeast Provider



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### **Predictive Technology**

### Lots of ways to leverage data

- Front / Middle / Back
- Consumer and Payor
- Financial and Social
- Rapidly changing environment
  - More innovation every day
- Realistically providers need partners
  - Data breadth
  - Modeling capabilities
  - Continuous improvement

### **Examples shared**

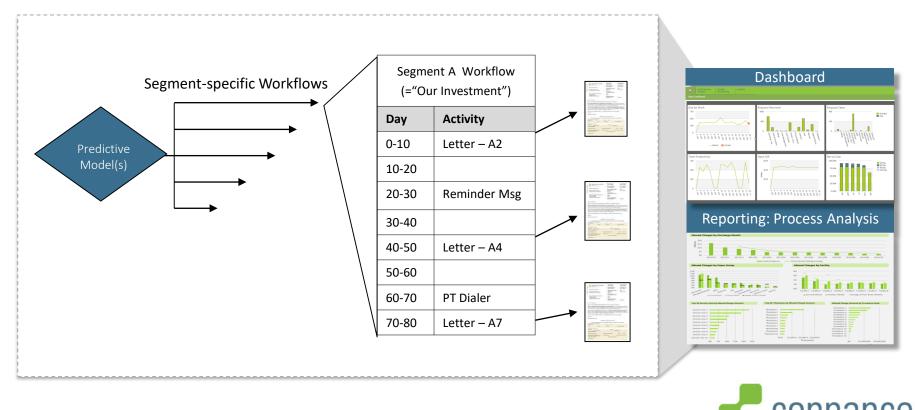
- Propensity to Pay Scores
- Payment Plan Analytics
- Missing Insurance Flags
- Financial Assistance Scores
- Denial Recovery Scores
- Social Determinant Risk Measures



# **Applying Predictive Technologies**

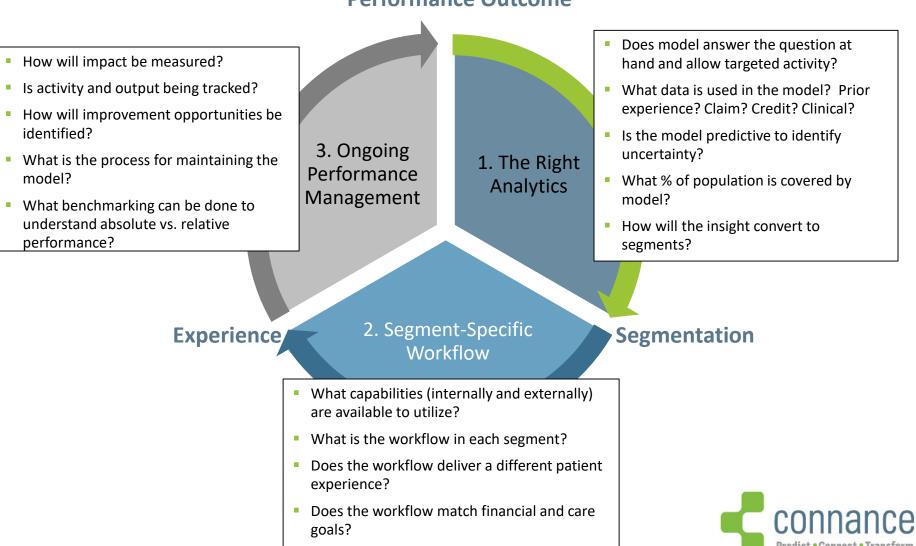
### A "score" or "model" only has value when it leads to different workflow

- Segment accounts, patients, claims and such based on expected outcome
- Each segment should deliver a consistent and unique experience
- The experience in the segment should match the business need of the group
- Measurement needs to track both outcome and process



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## Checklist for Successful Consumer Analytic Applications



#### **Performance Outcome**

## Questions

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