

Self-Pay Collections

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What is Patient Liability?

Patient Liability is the amount owed by the patient for services rendered due to a shift in the cost burden from payor to patient or to a lack of insurance.

Patient Liability impacts both the insured, underinsured, and uninsured and can take a variety of forms

> "True Self-Pay" Coinsurance Deductible Co-Pay



Other Words for **Patient Liability**

Self-Pay
Self-Pay After Insurance
Patient Responsibility
Patient Portion
Cost Sharing
Point-of-Service Collections
"What I Owe"



Trends align with Patient Liability?



Complex Reimbursement landscape

Fate of health reform and alternative payment methods



Rise in Health Consumerism

Rising patient expectations for customer services in healthcare



Increase in Patient Responsibility

Shift of the cost burden from payors and employers to patients



Rise in Cost and Utilization

Innovations, technology, pharma and increased utilization (aging population) drive the cost to deliver and cost to collect

If common goods increased at the same inflationary rates as healthcare costs, one dozen eggs would cost about \$55



Does Patient Liability Matter to Our Clients?





Sources: nThrive A&M Research Report 2016



How does Patient Liability impact organizations?



Changing Payor Mix

"Self Pay" is now the 3rd largest payer behind Medicare & Medicaid¹

30% of hospital revenue now comes from patients²

Patient liabilities are more complicated—no longer just co-pays— and include cost sharing arrangements like coinsurance and deductibles



Increased Bad Debt

>80% of self-pay bills and 50% of patient responsibilities after insurance end up as bad debt³

A recent AHA survey indicates uncompensated care is a \$35.7B industry problem⁴

25% of insured adults (31 million people) are considered under-insured and lack the ability to fund their care ⁵



Increased Cost-to-Collect

Patient payments require more resources to collect downstream

Providers can only expect to collect 50-70% of a balance after a patient visit⁶

From patients with high-deductible plans, providers are collecting about \$0.18 to \$0.34 on the dollar⁷



Self Pay Collections Solves for...



Compressed Margins

Solution: Increase Revenue Decrease Expense Improving the margin requires a positive impact to REVENUE and / or a reduction in expense

In the context of patient liability:

Revenue Impact

Cash acceleration, reduction in bad debt

Expense Impact

Reduction in cost-to-collect





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