



# Making Pharmacy Benefits More Affordable for a School System

## The Challenge

A school system located in the southern United States with 7,600 members had an annual pharmacy spend of \$9.96M. The plan's per member per month (PMPM) cost was \$109.64 and was on track to increase to \$124 PMPM.

**\$9.96M**  
Annual Pharmacy Spend



## The Solution

Our clinical team designed and implemented our Clinical Advantage Program (CAP) solution to address the organization's specific risk areas as identified in our claims analysis. The CAP solution contained a mix of these targeted components:

- **Formulary optimization with low clinical value drug exclusions** – Preventing unnecessary drug spend by removing non-essential, high-cost, low clinical value drugs from the formulary
- **Foundational utilization management review** – Laying the groundwork for appropriate medication use and oversight by putting in place an independent, comprehensive clinical review process
- **High-dollar claim review** – Providing umbrella protection for the school system and its members by guarding against unnecessary spending on high-cost medications
- **Manufacturer assistance programs for specialty medications** – Enabling the school system to maximize the available assistance funds and offset costs for certain specialty medications while protecting their plan design

**CAP**



## Overall Optimization Results

Through our tailored CAP solution, the school system was able to increase its clinical visibility and optimize its prescription drug program. Focusing on the plan's specific risk areas enabled us to help the school system limit its exposure to high-cost drugs, which resulted in a more affordable and more sustainable pharmacy benefit.

**\$9.14M** Reduced annual drug spend from \$9.96M

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**\$200K** savings (\$27 PMPM) in plan cost after just one month

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**\$820K** Net savings during a 12-month period



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