



DRUG SAVINGS REVIEW CASE STUDY

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National CooperativeRx Adds Value to Clinical Programs

National CooperativeRx exists to protect members' bottom lines and promote employee health. That is why we independently research clinical programs for effectiveness and help members implement those that are most successful.

The Drug Savings Review program is one example. It features behind the scenes interventions that target physicians and other prescribers to promote safety and effectiveness, and helps ensure the right drugs are prescribed for the right duration. Its goal is to manage utilization in a cost effective and patient-friendly way.

National CooperativeRx piloted the program and found it to be effective. You can see for yourself the findings of our evaluation on the right hand side of this page.

Drug Savings Review would cost a company \$0.33 per member per month if they were to purchase it on their own. But now that we've tested this program and found it to bring a significant return to plans, the coalition is offering it at no charge to members. It's one of the many ways National CooperativeRx adds value to pharmacy benefits for its members.

"Our company has enjoyed a return on investment for clinical interventions without upfront costs, thanks to our partnership with National CooperativeRx."
- Vincent Dekker, Benefits Manager
QBE the Americas

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QBE the Americas with 5,028 health plan participants underwrites property, casualty, specialty and reinsurance products.



The **WAICU Benefits Consortium (WBC)**, with 3,067 enrollees, is a jointly administered health plan for the faculty and staff at many of Wisconsin's independent colleges and universities.



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Drug Savings Review:

During a one year period ending in June 2010, there were 1,401 Drug Savings Review interventions involving QBE enrollees and 699 for WBC participants. Drug Savings Review was working behind the scenes with enrollees' healthcare providers to help ensure:

1. Safe, cost effective medications were prescribed at the right dose;
2. Chronic condition therapies were complied with and conditions were managed;
3. Medications were not overused or taken for an ineffective or unsafe duration.
4. Prescriptions were not duplicated.

The Results:

Drug Savings Review saved QBE the Americas \$255,743 in one year, or 6.5 percent of their total drug spend. WBC saved \$163,598 during the same timeframe, or 6.3 percent of their total prescription costs. Enrollees were healthier because prescribers took additional steps to ensure safety and effectiveness in one third of the interventions. Providers' response to the data presented was overwhelmingly positive.

