

White Bagging

Jeopardizes Patient Care

What is White Bagging?

White Bagging occurs when payers require a narrow network of plan-selected pharmacies to dispense clinician-administered drugs and bill a patient's prescription medication plan. White bagging is a risk prone process that should only be considered when determined by the provider to be necessary and appropriate to support patient care.

What are the Consequences?

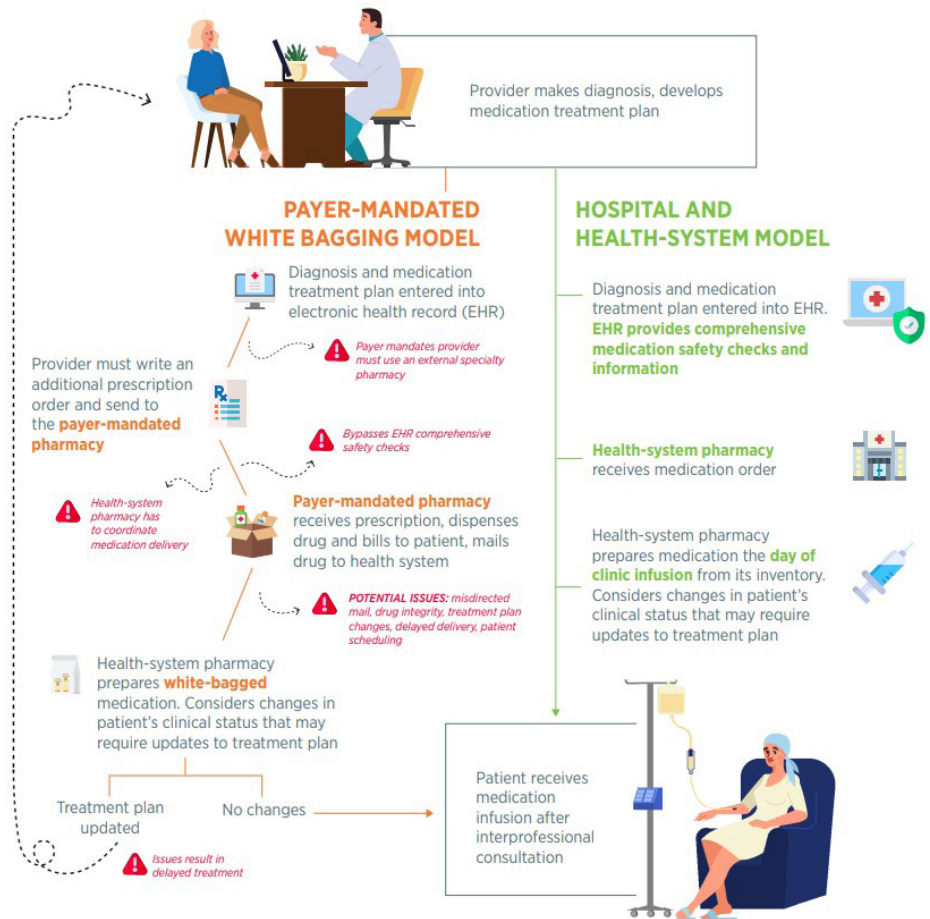
FOR PATIENTS:

- Delayed care for urgent treatment changes
- Delayed treatments due to payer benefit requirements
- Difficulty in care coordination
- May be charged co-pays for drugs not received due to shipping errors, treatment changes, etc.
- Anxiety when payer unnecessarily requires use of an additional unfamiliar pharmacy provider

FOR THE HOSPITAL:

- Negative impact on overall medication-use system
- Introduces multiple risk points
- Fragmentation of care and continuity of trusted care team-patient relationship

How Does White Bagging Work?



How to Protect Patients?

White bagging threatens practices that health care organizations have established to keep patients safe and hinders the ability of pharmacists to ensure medication and supply chain integrity.