

## **Panel III. A Brave New World. Rx Post Rebate Revolution, Trump's Blue Print & the Implications for Pharmaceutical Coverage in the US Mainland versus Puerto Rico**

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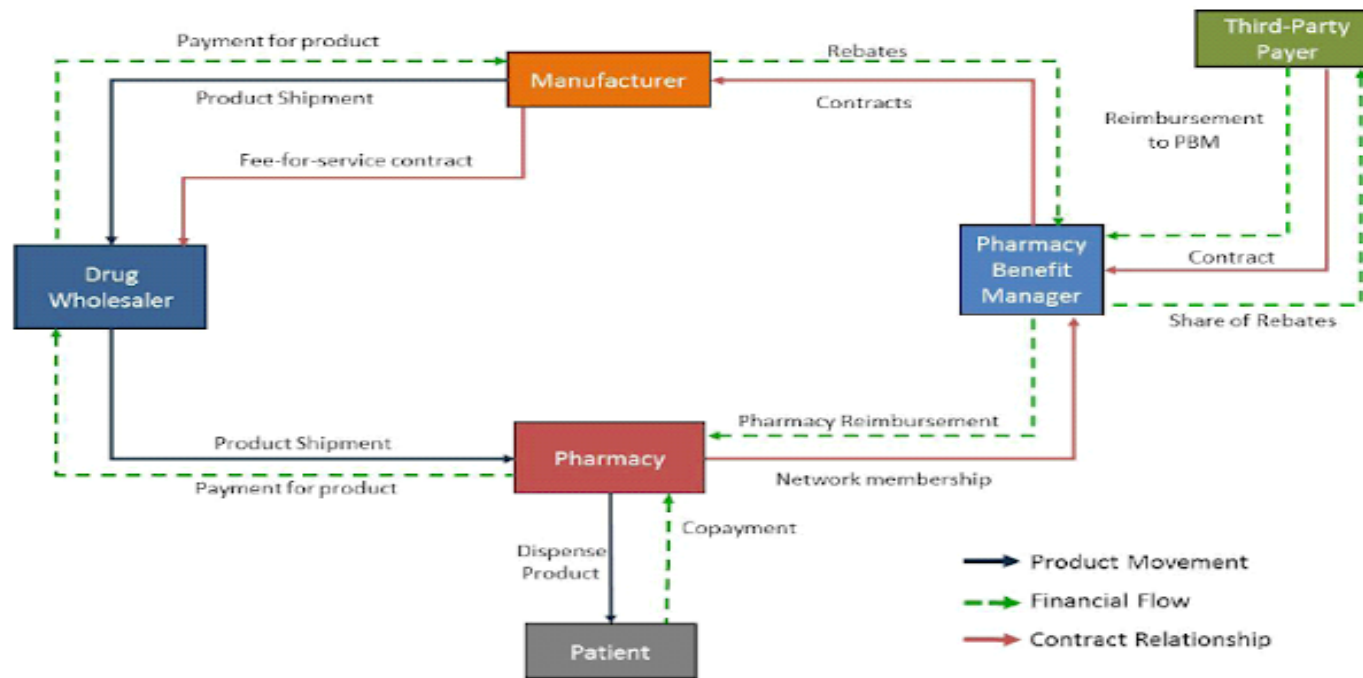
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# Background and Context

- On May 2018, the U.S Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) release the Blue Print
  - ❖ Detailed diagnosis of US Drug Pricing ( What is the problem?)
  - ❖ Comprehensive plan with the intention to bring drug pricing down
  - ❖ 4 key strategic areas:
    - Improved competition
    - Better Negotiation
    - Incentives to lower prices
    - Lowering out of pocket
  - ❖ Phases: Immediate actions and others that requires industry feedback

# What is the problem .....

## The U.S. Pharmacy Distribution and Reimbursement System



# HHS Proposed Rule for Rebates

1. **Revision:** to remove the safe harbor protection of the manufacturers rebates in relation to the Federal anti-kickback statute
2. **Addition:** add a new safe harbor to protect rebates discounts directly to patients at the point of sale
3. **Addition:** add a new safe harbor protection for fixed fees services arrangements between Manufacturers and PBM's

# Panelists Discussion

- What are the implications of this vision to PBM's and Health Plans as your clients?
- HHS published a proposed rule on how rebates should be managed:
  - How will this impact the PBM model in terms of pharmaceutical negotiations and the way PBM help Plans Sponsors to reduce drug cost. How would this post-rebate model work?
  - Will brand drug prices really come down?
- How do you see the future of pharmacy administration and Rx coverage being impacted and if beneficiaries will really benefit from these changes? **Will this be different in Puerto Rico vs the US mainland?**



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