



# Closing The Gaps in Specialty Medication Fulfillment

# Despite Rapid Growth, Specialty Drugs are 50% Less Likely to be Electronically Prescribed\*

Though they represent only 3% of all prescriptions written in the U.S. in 2020, specialty medications are expected to account for up to 50% of the total spend on prescription drugs. In order for a specialty medication prescription to be filled, it must pass through a broad cross-section of healthcare industry stakeholders, from BioPharma companies and payers, to specialty pharmacies and specialty medication hubs. The result can be wait times of weeks or even months for patients to receive their medication.





### Why Are Specialty Medications Not Being E-Prescribed?

There are many reasons why specialty medications require a different model for prescription fulfillment than other medications, including their high cost and special requirements for handling and dispensing.

#### Lack of EHR Integration

Patient data must then be manually input in order to complete the necessary paperwork, despite the fact that all of the requisite data could be automatically populated via integration to their EHR.



#### Manual Processes for Approval

Pharmacists processing specialty prescriptions often have no choice but to communicate manually to the patient, payer/PBM, case manager, and physician office for additional information to complete the necessary paperwork.



## Lack of Price and Benefit Transparency

Specialty prescriptions are often faxed to a pharmacy along with a drug-specific intake form because prescribers do not understand the implications of the patient's situation including co-pays and coverage, prior authorization requirements, and availability of financial assistance.



#### **Specialty Pharmacies**

Specialty meds regularly need to be dispensed from specific specialty pharmacies that have trained professionals who work with manufacturers and payers directly. Prescribers may not know where to electronically send the prescriptions since there are limited distribution networks for each specific medication.



# A One-of-a-Kind Solution for a First-of-its-Kind Challenge

Unlike online portals specific to a single payer or drug, Veradigm AccelRx<sup>™</sup> is an EHR-integrated, all-in-one solution that streamlines prescribing and fulfillment for all specialty drugs, doing so through a highly automated user experience for providers and a flexible technology that can integrate with any payer, specialty pharmacy or specialty medication hub.

## Veradigm AccelRx is transforming the way physicians manage their specialty prescriptions with innovations that include:

- Automatically adding the diagnosis to prescriptions
- Electronically communicating lab values, height, weight and allergies to the correct specialty pharmacy
- Empowering users to request and obtain PA, split order sets into individual medications, and identify REMs requirements
- Auto-populating patient contact information to coordinate delivery and clinical services
- Delivering of dedicated support for health systems with centralized PA teams



# The Path to Higher Specialty Medication Fulfillment



The obstacles that slow the current process to fill a specialty medication prescription are many and complex—but can be overcome by technology.









