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**SB 121**



the  
**PACIFIC HEALTH  
COALITION**

# Who is the Pacific Health Coalition?



- Alaska based non-profit coalition representing self-funded health plans
- Public entities and labor/management trusts.
- Primary goals
  - Lower costs and
  - Increase quality for members
- Global membership is 49 plans and 250,000 lives
- Alaska membership is 29 plans and 110,000 lives

- SB 121 increases costs to our members.
- Reduces our ability to
  - Manage costs
  - Steer members to high quality pharmacies
  - Trade increased volume for reduced rates

- Complicated relationship with PBMs
  - PBMs provide a needed and valuable service but we don't always like them
  - Consider vendors like cell phone companies, cable TV, car dealerships
  - Health plans cannot contract with every pharmacy directly
- Our plan sponsors hire, fire, and manage the services provided by the PBMs

# How has the PHC engaged to contract with PBMs



- PHC formed a relationship with a larger non-profit coalition focused solely on PBM services
  - National Cooperative Rx
    - 315 Health plans and 480,000 lives
    - Independent auditing
    - Pricing guarantees and 100% return of rebates
    - Pharmacist team to evaluate clinical programs and recommend cost containment programs

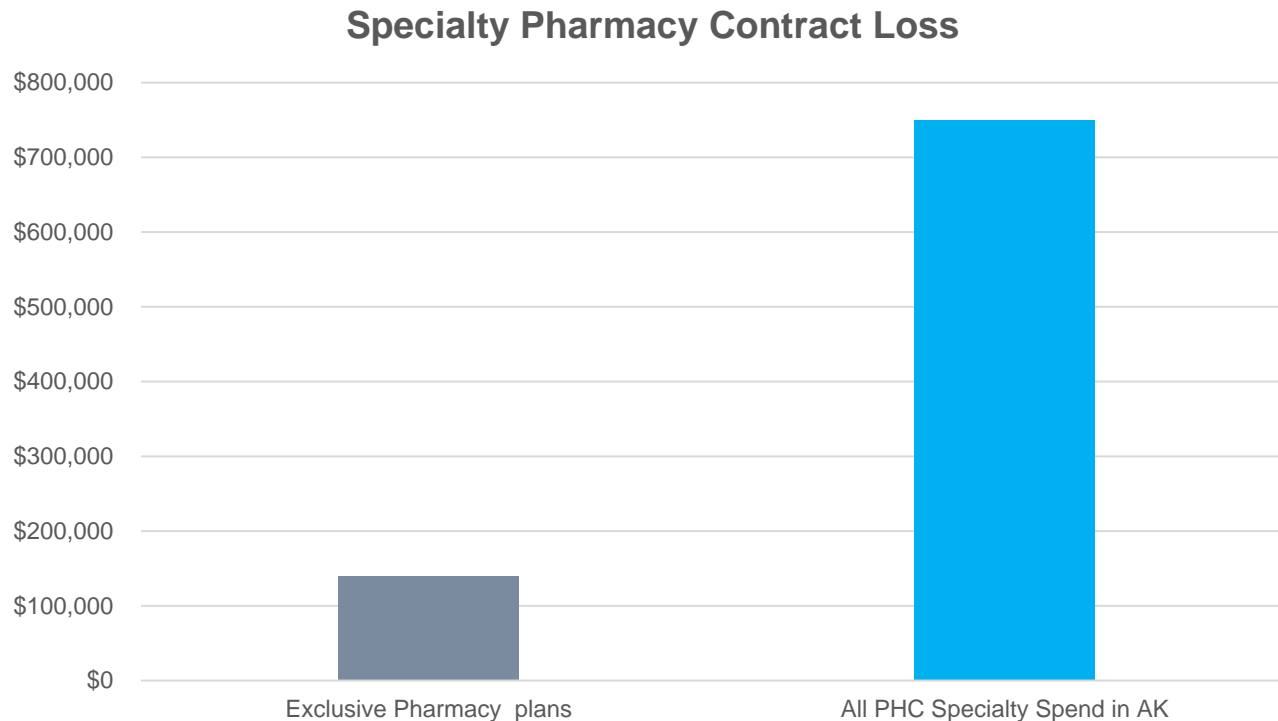
- National Cooperative Rx is an option for PHC member plans
  - 10 Alaska based groups with 24,481 lives participate
  - Including our lower 48 based PHC members that utilize National Cooperative Rx – we spend **\$43.5 million per year** on prescriptions dispensed in Alaska

How will SB 121 affect our Rx costs?

# Specialty Pharmacies Lost opportunity



- Only 5 of our plans use an exclusive specialty pharmacy
  - They save 2% of their specialty Rx spend for a savings of **\$140,000 per year**





# Mail Order Pharmacies Lost opportunity

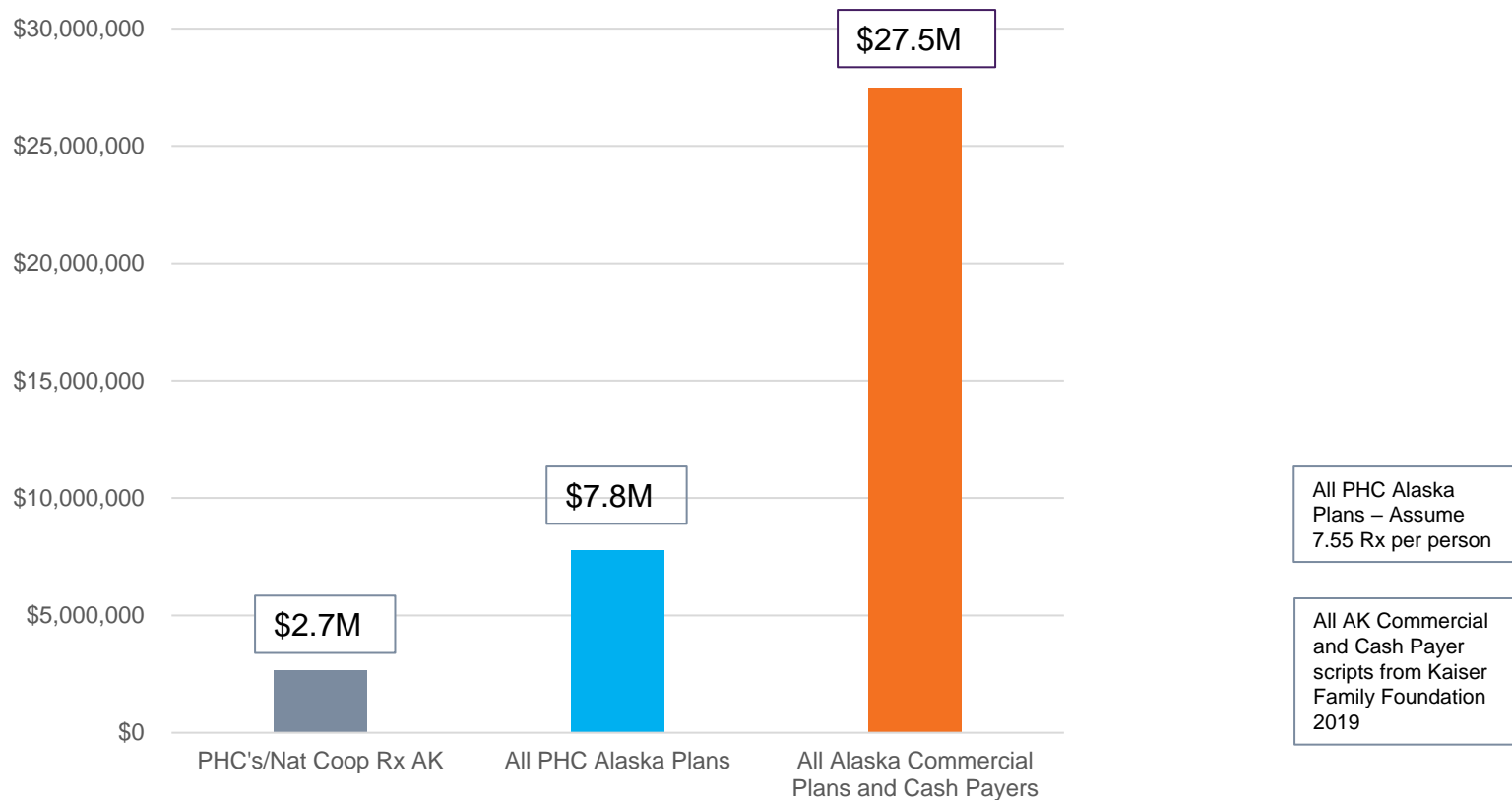
- Only 1 of our plans has exclusive mail order
  - They save 2% of their total Rx spend for a savings of **\$28,850 per year**

Mail Order Pharmacy Contract Loss



# Increased Dispensing Fees

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- **State government is concerned about local grocery stores.**
  - **Add a \$9.36 per meal fee on to groceries purchased by restaurants and households**
- **Concerned about local gas stations**
  - **Add a \$9.36 per fill-up fee to trucking companies and car owners**
- **Concerned about local hardware stores**
  - **Add a \$9.36 per purchase fee to every purchase of hardware goods**



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