

Integrated care analysis

## The power of partnership

Enhancing chronic condition support and telehealth offerings for 5+ million Michigan residents



#### **Blue Cross Blue** Shield of Michigan

Largest nonprofit health insurer in Michigan

#### **Background**

- 5M+ members across all 50 states
- Headquartered in Detroit
- Provides health plans for individuals, families and Michigan-based employers

### Executive summary: Three key findings from a Teladoc Health analysis of Blue Cross® Blue Shield® of Michigan's virtual care journey

Since 2019, Teladoc Health has supported Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan with virtual care offerings that enable integrated healthcare for its populations and health plan coverages.

Teladoc Health first helped Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan deliver on its mission of building stronger healthier communities by providing support for members living with diabetes. A positive member experience, improved clinical outcomes and reduced healthcare costs led Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan to provide more than 2.7 million members access to programs with support and resources to live a healthier life.

#### Virtual care offerings 13K members have access Diabetes Chronic 24/7 Weight support condition Care management support\* support 4K members Primary360 Mental

health support\*

Expanded mental health support

have access

83K members are enrolled (50% are enrolled in multiple programs)

Teladoc Health conducted a data exploration to analyze the impact of virtual solutions for driving better engagement and clinical outcomes for **Blue Cross Blue Shield** of Michigan members.1

A comprehensive analysis revealed three key findings driving success



are enrolled







To reduce health disparities across Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan's widely distributed populations, improving access to care was critical. Lack of public transportation and limited access to providers, especially primary care providers (PCP), led to increasing demand for virtual care.



#### Impact of access: Initial results from implementing Primary 3601

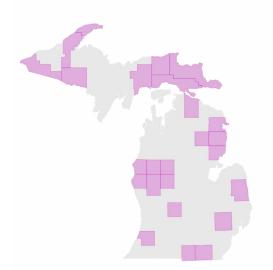
36% had not seen a PCP in the last two years

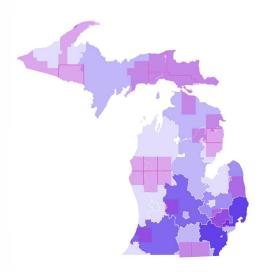
27% would have foregone treatment otherwise

66% of members would have sought care elsewhere if 24/7 Care was not available\*

~95% of members were satisfied with Primary360 care

#### Addressing PCP shortages with virtual care







Virtual care has reduced barriers for members, particularly those in rural and underserved areas, by addressing geographic and socioeconomic disparities

Counties with significant primary care professional shortage

5%

Percent of eligible Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan members who have access to Teladoc Health services by 3-digit ZIP code

# 2 KEY FINDING Integrated care increases engagement

As Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan expanded its virtual offerings, its members began utilizing programs more frequently to address a broader range of healthcare needs.



41% increase

in utilization for members enrolled in multiple programs



members have **completed two or more telehealth visits**since January 1, 2024<sup>1</sup>



34% higher

engagement for members enrolled in multiple Chronic Condition Management programs, as compared to those enrolled in a single program  $^1$ 



**KEY FINDING** 

#### Participation yields enhanced clinical outcomes

From blood glucose checks to tracking physical activity to engaging with digital coaching, members can participate in Chronic Condition Management programs in a way that works for them. Regardless of the way they engage, Teladoc Health can deliver condition-specific interventions to influence positive behavior changes. Leveraging billions of data insights, Al-powered Health Nudges<sup>TM</sup> help members meet their health goals and lower costs. In fact, **71% of members responded to these health nudges** and checked their blood glucose more frequently, and **69% of blood glucose checks fell into the normal range** after the nudges.¹ Members with uncontrolled A1c experienced a 1.1% reduction in the first three months in the program that was maintained over time.¹



48%

increase in members
whose A1c is in the controlled
range of <=7% after six
months (48% baseline at
program enrollment—71%
after 6+months of program
participation)<sup>1</sup>



**59**%

of members engaged in the program for 6+ months have achieved remission-level A1c levels<sup>1</sup>



**504** 

chronic condition diagnoses from members who enrolled in Primary360 (initial result)



During my medical training, each individual typically had a single condition like diabetes or hypertension. Today, we understand that these conditions can overlap, and unless we can evolve to address all of them, we won't achieve the desired outcomes.

**Dr. Michael Kobernick,** Medical Director of Clinical Account Management, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan



#### **Building a tailored GLP-1 strategy**

Across the healthcare industry, the rise in prescribing of GLP-1 medications without corresponding lifestyle modifications has led to increased costs and unsustained outcomes. In collaboration with Teladoc Health, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan developed a comprehensive GLP-1 strategy to ensure the right members receive medication at the right time with the right level of support. Powered by this multilayered approach, this strategy offers individualized support for members while aligning with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan's strategic goals.

#### Weight management support



Coaching, nutrition and GLP-1 specific education

**A two-tiered qualification process** must be completed for members to be eligible for GLP-1 prescriptions

Tier 1

Body mass index data that meets FDA requirements

Tier 2

6-month enrollment (must also meet engagement requirements) in a lifestyle management program

(Diabetes Management, Hypertension Management, Weight Management, Chronic Condition Management Plus)

#### **Benefits**



Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan connects GLP-1 medications with members when medically necessary



Teladoc Health supports development of healthier lifestyle habits and appropriate use of prescription therapy



Ensures more sustainable results

#### The power of ongoing partnership

Teladoc Health and Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan share a commitment to innovative solutions that can support highly diverse and distributed populations by breaking down barriers to care. Expanding virtual care can help health plans like Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan deliver convenient, accessible care and better health outcomes.



Our members love having one place where they can access all their virtual healthcare tools. The overall member experience of having that single digital front door has been essential to driving engagement and achieving improved health outcomes. Partnering with Teladoc Health to offer a consolidated suite of virtual care offerings was a no-brainer.

**Chelsea Moore**, Product Suite Manager, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan



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 $<sup>{}^{1}\</sup>text{Teladoc Health, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan Exploration; (Data Covering: February 14, 2019 - June 30, 2024)}.$ 

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<sup>\*</sup>Standalone and plus solutions, which include the individual anchor program plus Weight Management and Mental Health Digital.

 $<sup>** \</sup>textbf{Diabetes Management Plus, Hypertension Management Plus, Prediabetes Management Plus, Weight Management.} \\$