Bridging the Financial Experience in Healthcare: Building a Seamless End-to-End Patient Journey

Agenda

- Who is Flywire: optimizing the patient payments landscape
- Who is FinThrive?
- Patient as consumer: Modern patient expectations and market trends
- Placing patients on the right financial path early: Best practices

Speaker

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- Leveraging Technology for Patient Affordability
- Conclusion: Creating meaningful shifts in the patient financial experience from end-to-end

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Who is Flywire? Using digital tools to create better payment experiences

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Mission

Deliver affordable healthcare solutions for patients with superior provider yield, through the power of digital experiences.

Opportunity







Committed to market leadership...



Client scale

\$2.5B

Total payments collected & 17 new customers added in the last 12 months



FlyMate culture

8+

Best Places to Work awards across the business



EHR and partner collaboration



FinThrive







Ambitious innovation

Improving affordability

Integrated payment services

Leveraging AI to support payments



Committed to operational excellence

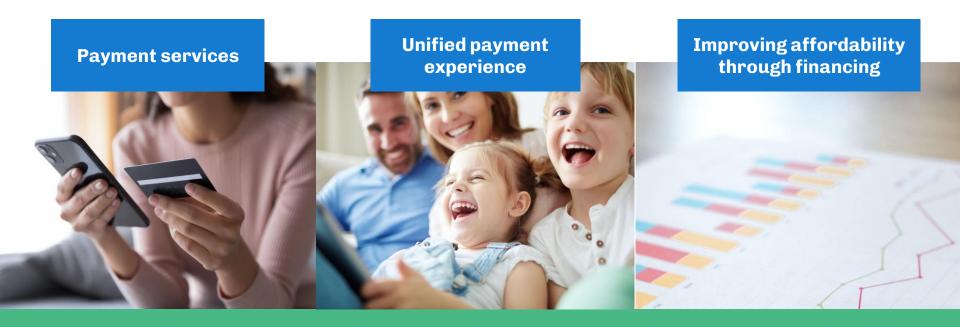
Technical debt

Optimizations

Support & monitoring

Innovation & opportunity

What we're excited about:



Who is FinThrive?

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Purpose

Mission

Vision

We rethink **revenue management** to advance and empower the healthcare economy.

To make the business side of healthcare a **frictionless experience** for providers, payers and patients.

To deliver the industry's most comprehensive **Revenue Management Platform.**



FinThrive: A Proven Partner

4,100+ customers, >50% of hospitals and health systems



payer connections



Clearinghouse transactions annually



650K+

physicians and other providers using FinThrive



6M+

patient estimates per year



\$1.2B+

Revenue recovered annually

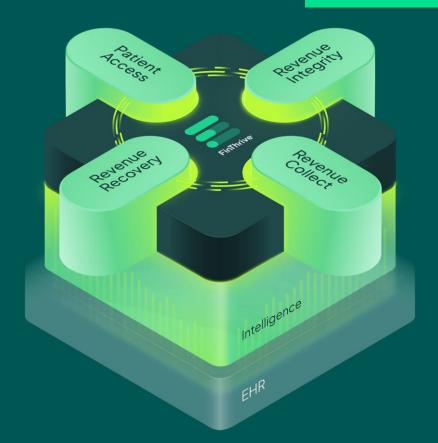


\$1.4T+

revenue touched per year

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Say hello to the platform effect.





Section 1: Patient as consumer: Modern Patient Expectations and Market Trends

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Patients speak out on priorities, pressures, and payments

An independent survey sponsored by Flywire of more than 2000 US Patients details what patients are looking for when it comes to paying their medical bills, and what changes providers can put in place to make a better financial experience.



The voice of the patient

Rising Costs

89%

of those surveyed are concerned about rising medical costs Unmanageable balances

60%

of people can't pay an unexpected medical bill in one lump sum Greater consumer tools

75%

would pay their medical bills over time if they had a longer time to pay it Generational differences

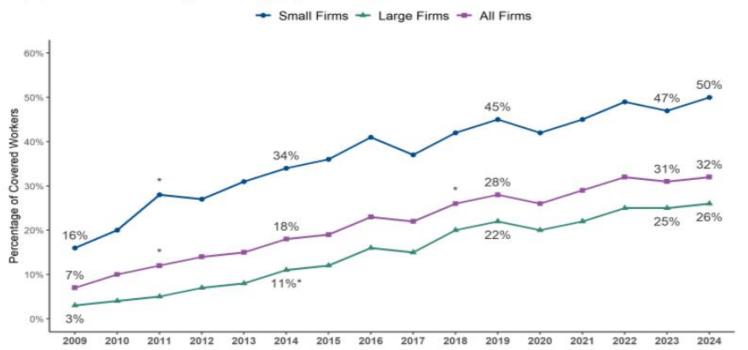
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of Gen Z patients say they prefer to pay for care using Apple or Google Pay

The need for greater consumerism in healthcare is clear

One in four of large health plans, or half of small plans have deductibles > \$2000

Percentage of Covered Workers Enrolled in a Plan with a General Annual Deductible of \$2,000 or More for Single Coverage, by Firm Size, 2009-2024



^{*} Estimate is statistically different from estimate for the previous year shown (p < .05).

NOTE: Small Firms have 3-199 workers and Large Firms have 200 or more workers. These estimates include workers enrolled in HDHP/SOs and other plan types. Average general annual deductibles are for in-network providers.

If Food Costs Increased at the Same Rate as Healthcare Costs...



The need to create an end-to-end financial experience that addresses preservice to post-service billing

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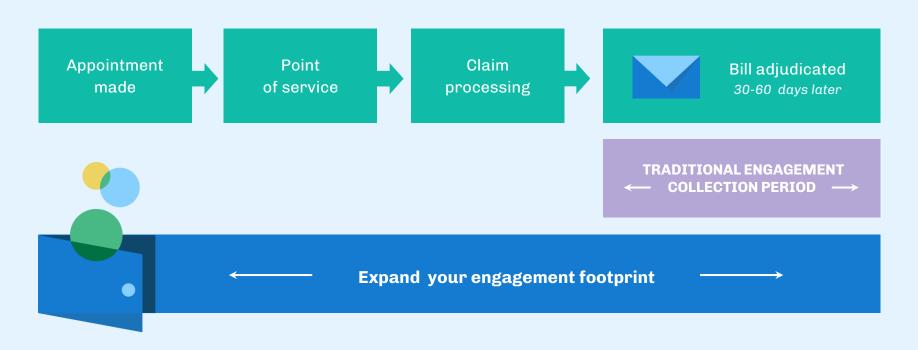


Key Challenges Created by Misaligned Systems

These challenges impede timely revenue collection, impact cash flow, financial stability, and patient satisfaction.

- Complex Billing Processes- Administrative Burden, High Overhead Costs
- Inefficient Administrative Workflows- Manual processes, Increased Errors
- Limited Financial Visibility- Disrupted forecasting, lack of actionable analytics
- **Patient Experience Challenges** Lack of financial understanding around bills, poor payment process, Limited payment flexibility
- **Inadequate Technology Integration** Disconnected systems, outdated technology

Each area is an opportunity for a better consumer experience



Creating an end-toend financial experience can be a strategic tool to drive better business outcomes Increased revenue and profitability

Improved patient loyalty and retention

Enhanced reputation and credibility

Reduced operational costs and risks



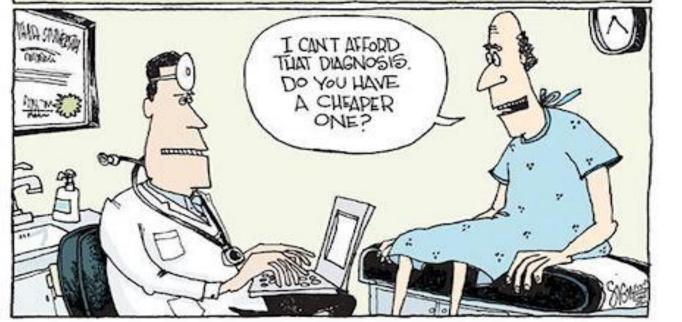




Section 2: In the beginning: Improving Communication and Transparency

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EVERYONE AGREES TO LIELD REDUCE LIEALTH CARE GOTS!



Patient Access Challenges

Providers are Bogged by Denials, Resources, Collections, Errors & Compliance

the average error rate is

46%



find achieving

compliance to be a

significant burden



denials and high

administrative costs

Series of Obstacles for Patients and Providers



O1 Scheduling Service



03Understanding coverage and costs



05 Checking in safely



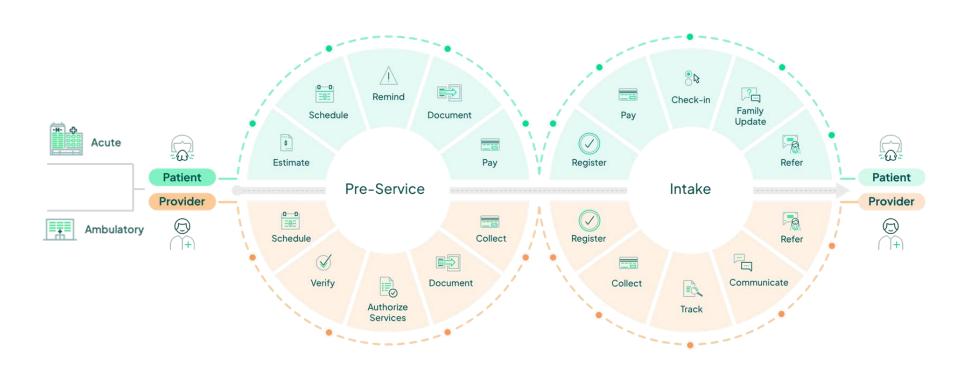
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Completing documents



04Making Payments



How to Leverage Technology to Improve the Journey Through Care



Best Practice Checklist for Patient Access

Enhancing patient and staff experiences for better care and satisfaction



- √ Modern scheduling experience
- √ Real-time patient communication
- √ Streamlined check-in
- √ Simplified document management
- ✓ Prevent claim issues and clarify payment responsibilities
- ✓ Quickly verify payer details and ensure faster payment turnaround
- √ Simplified patient payments and accelerated cash collection

- ✓ Automated prior authorizations and admission notifications
- √ Efficient medical necessity determination
- √ Streamlined ability to pay calculations and charity care applications
- √ Prevent medical identity theft
- √ Enhanced staff efficiency
- √ Optimized referral process
- √ Improved performance insights

The benefits of adding technology to the front end of the patient journey



Digital Payments:

- 65% of consumers pay their bill on the first text notification
- 80% of people who are given the option to pay via text use it
- One healthcare organization that implemented a text-topay option found that patients began paying their bills an average of seven days faster than before.



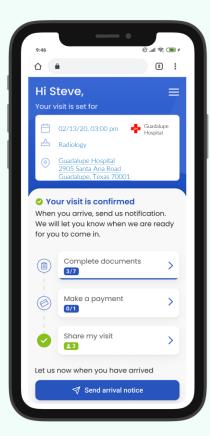
True Digital Scheduling:

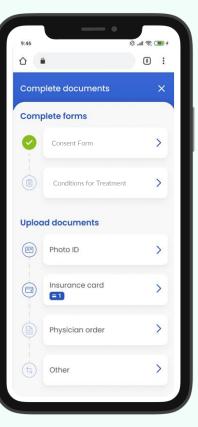
- 50% of referrals are not completed
- The cost of referral leakage for U.S. health systems is estimated at \$78-\$97 million of annual revenues for every 100 affiliated providers.



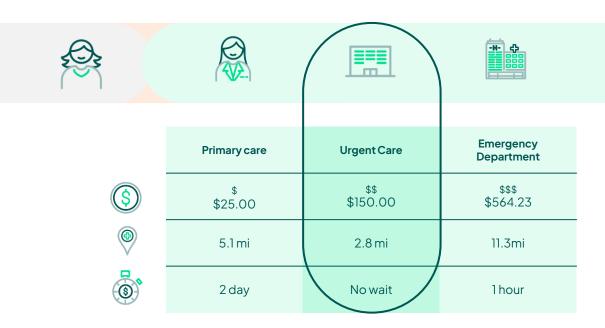
Consumer Loyalty:

- 81% Consumers prefer providers with digital scheduling
- 80% Satisfied consumers would switch providers for better convenience alone
- 90% Consumers will leave over unsatisfactory digital experience





HiMSS Patient Financial Experience of the Future



Case Study: McCurtain Memorial Hospital's Journey to Improving Pre-Service

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McCurtain Memorial Hospital Cuts Weekly Verification Time by 30 Hours

Before State

- Manual data entry process for insurance checks was time-consuming
- Fragmented workflows due to multiple platforms lead to inefficiencies and potential errors
- Processing delays impacted operational efficiency, revenue and patient care

After State

83%

Saved 30 hours per week compared to manual verifications

Identified insurance coverage with an 83% accuracy rate, greatly exceeding expectations

Immediate insurance validation, cutting denial response time by 30–45 days



Section 3: Transforming the Post-Service Financial Experience

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Pillars of an effective consumer payment strategy

Leverage machine learning to provide more personalized touch points

Automate engagement to drive adoption

Provide remote payment options for self-service

Connect, drive adoption, enable a better experience

Deliver affordable solutions to combat cost

Enable instant communication for real-time answers to queries

Deploy omni-channel messaging to meet patients where they are

Leveraging Technology for Patient Affordability

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Leverage Analytics for deep patient insight

Capacity to pay (C2P) score

What can Rose pay right now?



Conversation profile

How will Rose learn about her bill?

200+ data points such as:

Demographic information

Insurance coverage

Visit & billing details

Financial history

Income & credit-to-debt ratio

Rose \$1200 Bill

Subscription preference

Email, Text, Paper, Chat

Dunning level

Language in messages

Using intelligent engagements to drive online payment action

Omnichannel engagement customizes the payment experience with preferred methods of engagement.

Better Engagement Results

After enhancing their payment engagements, one provider saw:

+45%
Successful
Logins

+58.8%

Payment Plan Creations

Online Payments

Conversation Profile

Dunning Level + Subscription Preferences

✓ Text + Email Preferred✓ Medium Capacity to PayOffer: 9 mos payment plan

Day 1 Email
Payment Plan Offer Included

Day 2 Text
Payment Plan Offer Included

Day 4 Email #2
Payment Plan Offer Included

Day 5 Makes Payment

A suite of payment options is the foundation of a better patient journey



Defining the new patient financing model



Consumer-driven

Full self-service experience focusing on reduced confusion, increased transparency, and flexibility, matching what consumers have come to expect in other industries.



Affordable

100% of patients qualify. With more financial responsibility landing on the patient, revamping the financial experience needs to ensure providing financial options to help struggling patients.



Empowering

Transforms the patient financing experience to allow for more patient control of their responsibility.encouraging self-service and freeing staff to focus on helping patients with complex payment issues. Case Study: Modernizing the Patient Financial Experience at LifeBridge Health

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Initial Challenges

- Non-standardized messaging on front and back end and mixed info going to patients
- Too many online links for patient info & payment creating patient confusion.
- Eight (8) customer service call centers for billing information
- Difficult to reach a rep with billing questions & insurance questions
- Four (4) statement vendors & formats; each looked and felt different based on location of services
- Disjointed experience across the financial journey that did not always provide the best outcome for the patient
- No consistent measurement of patient satisfaction







KEY FOCUS AREAS

- Offer multiple payment options for the patient based on their capacity to pay, and engagement preferences
- Improve patient financial outcomes through a frictionless payment journey

IMPACT ON LIFEBRIDGE HEALTH

95%

OF PAYMENTS ARE MADE WITHOUT STAFF ASSISTANCE

96%

OF PLANS ARE AUTOMATED PAYMENT PLANS

3X+

INCREASE IN MONTHLY PAYMENTS FROM PAYMENT PLANS IN 1 YEAR

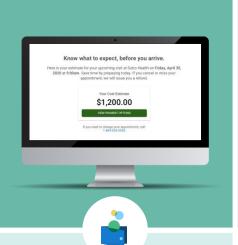
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BILLING SATISFACTION RATING

Conclusion: Creating meaningful shifts in the patient financial experience from endto-end

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There are tangible benefits to building an end-to-end strategy



Earlier & increased collections



Increased patient satisfaction



Workflow transformation & automation



A unified look and feel across the patient journey

From Small Steps to Meaningful Shifts in the Financial Journey



Start with the value proposition: Building a seamless, end-to-end financial journey encourages greater patient engagement by offering transparent billing practices and clear payment options. This reduces confusion, enhances trust. This becomes your "Why".



Be realistic about where your organization is now: Take stock of existing billing systems and communication channels. Ensure there's a clear understanding of how information will flow between departments and whether current infrastructure can support a more integrated approach.



Measure: Determine success through metrics like patient feedback surveys, reduced billing-related inquiries, and an increase in self-service payment adoption. Use these insights to refine your approach and communicate ongoing improvements.



Lessons learned: Identify current administrative pain points in the billing cycle. Understand the resources required to consolidate billing, reconcile payments, and integrate systems.

THANK YOU!

Questions?

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