# **Reducing Trend**

## The Choice of Care Setting Matters

- Hospitals and ERs are the most expensive care setting
- Utilizing doctor's offices, clinics and virtual doctors whenever possible
- Use of Teladoc for non-emergent care
  - Includes medical, behavioral health and dermatology (varies by carrier)
  - Encourage employers to have their employees download apps like Teledoc (varies by carrier)
- Use of healthcare transparency tools for procedures
  - Care setting matters and can have a material impact on cost drivers
- Staying in-network to get care at a lower cost

### Pharmacy

• Use Rx mail order vs. retail where applicable

### **Virtual Primary Care**

• Has the potential to enhance patient care by enabling comprehensive care with a provider virtually, at a lower cost (varies by carrier)

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# Reducing Trend (continued)

#### **Preventive screenings and wellness visits**

- Preventive care includes health services like screenings, check-ups, and patient counseling that are used to prevent illnesses, disease and other health problems, or to detect illness at an early stage when treatment is likely to work best
  - Preventive screenings and early detection can provide better patient outcomes and help to avoid catastrophic claims
  - Under the Affordable Care Act (ACA), annual in-network preventive visits are covered at no charge

#### Adherence & compliance to medication

- Taking maintenance medications as prescribed to prevent more costly inpatient care services **Prenatal Care**
- Lack of prenatal care can lead to higher maternity costs
- **TriNet Client Benefits Education Site**
- Supports clients in making benefits education a year-round conversation.

