The Future of Urgent Care Centers

Understanding the Market, its Advantages, and Potential Challenges

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Urgent Care: All About the Patient

- Urgent care is a consumer-driven phenomenon, coincident to (but not caused) by ObamaCare and high-deductible plans.
- Consumers love the convenience of a neighborhood, walk-in facility providing immediate relief.
- Urgent care spurs demand through real estate and marketing.
- Historically appeals to healthy, insured, women in family households, working ages 24-55.
- Demographic and payer mix changes are increasing demand for urgent care among new segments.
- Future success will require urgent care to remain more relevant and cost-effective to consumers than other options.

Evolution of Urgent Care

Entrepreneurial Physicians
Independent Centers
Emergency Medicine Background
Fee-for-Service Reimbursement

Hospital Consolidation
Data and Clinical Integration
Migration to PAs/NPs
Population Health Focus

Private Equity Investment
Arbitrage Play on P/E Multiples
Scaling of Regional Platforms
Family Medicine Emphasis

2000 2020

Procedures

Insurance
Case Rate

Head & Chest

Accountable Care

Primary Care and Wellness

Headwinds: Market Saturation

- Entrepreneurial providers opened centers where they wanted to work and live.
- Suburban markets provided a high density of consumers with a desirable payer mix.
- Private equity scaled competing operations:
 - All providers chasing after the same demographics
 - Good real estate increasingly difficult to find
 - Extended ramp-up to break-even increased working capital needs
 - Some payers refusing new contracts or location adds
- Closures, change in operating model, and consolidation.

Headwinds: Commoditization





Perfect Storm

- Operating in Oversaturated Markets
- Consumers Cannot Differentiate Commoditized Offerings
- Competing at the Low End of the Acuity Scale
- Vulnerable to Telemedicine, On-Demand Primary Care, New Retail Offerings, etc.

Opportunity: High Acuity Urgent Care





Opportunity: Differentiated Brand Experience







Differentiation: CareNow and ZoomCare

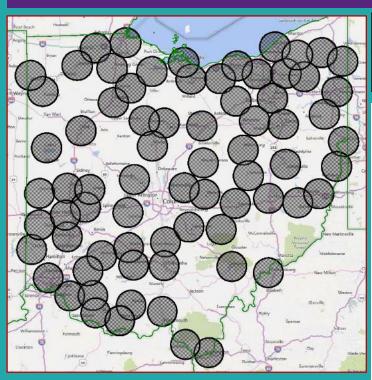




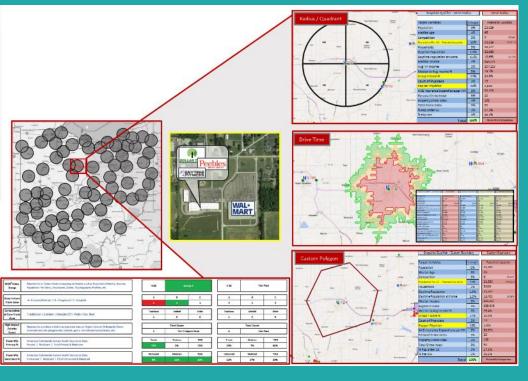
Opportunity: Rural Build-out



Opportunity: Boxing, Flanking, and Interception Strategies



PPUC+1	Median HH	Annual	Traffic	Group	PPD
	Income	ER Visits	Generator	F	Prediction
24,557	\$50,923	130,974	Major Retail/Medical	24.3%	30+



Opportunity: Pediatric Urgent Care





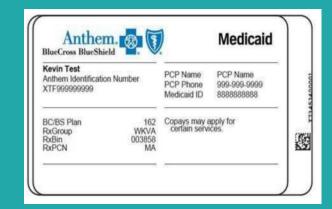
Opportunity: New Real Estate Models





Opportunity: Managed Medicaid

- Historically state Medicaid programs did not specifically cover urgent care.
- PCP reimbursement and/or PCMH requirements often applied.
- Increasingly states are outsourcing Medicaid to TPAs; with reimbursement on-par with commercial plans.
- Beware of referral, pre-authorization requirements with dual-eligible populations.



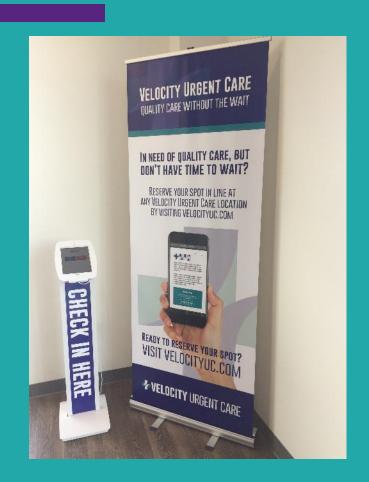


Opportunity: Hospital Partnerships



Operational Improvements

- Seamless patient experience from pre-registration to online bill pay.
- Improved flow resulting in greater provider/staff productivity and shorter patient wait times.
- Greater transparency in pricing for high-deductible and self-pay patients.
- Data integration with downstream providers facilitating referrals and follow-up care.



QUESTIONS?

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