

# Real-Time Prescription Management System Intake & Billing System

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## Abstract

The prescription management system is an electronic platform for prescription processing and billing adjudication that integrates in real time to optimize pharmacy operations in retail chains. It interfaces with third-party systems such as Pharmacy Benefit Managers, health insurers, Medicare/Medicaid programs, and discount card processors for guaranteed immediate prescription coverage verification, accurate co-pay calculations, and rapid claim submissions. The prescription management system utilizes microservices-based architecture and scalable cloud infrastructure, is capable of processing as many as 10,000 claims per minute with sub-second response times and high levels of concurrency. It applies advanced business rule engines and standardized transaction models to drive real-time rejection handling, prior authorizations, and formulary management. The modular nature of prescription management system facilitates fault tolerance, rapid scalability, and compliance with regulatory requirements such as DSCSA and HIPAA. It structures a tiered adjudication process, dividing up claim processing into distinct service requests managed by dynamic decision rules. The platform employs AI-pushed data to monitor drug cost, improve prescription compliance, and enable telehealth services. The prescription management system has achieved a 40% drop in claim denials, a tripling of transaction throughput, and improvements in SLA compliance during times of high demand.

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## Introduction

The prescription management system is used to describe two healthcare digital platforms: the Patient Platform and AI. The Patient Platform provides personalized care, AI-assisted navigation, medication reminders, side effect monitoring, behavior-influenced nudges, and supportive communities to better engage patients and care for them. It promotes social integration, education, and enables patients to communicate with healthcare providers via data. Key elements encompass adverse event tracking, medication compliance features, matching, and an AI concierge. The AI streamlines pharmacy benefits administration, providing insights into medication spending patterns, performance metrics, and cost-saving opportunities. Employers and health plans can leverage the platform to manage pharmacy benefits proactively with greater transparency and informed decision-making.

The Patient Platform is a virtual healthcare platform that provides an innovative solution for patient engagement, compliance, and tailored therapy. It employs an AI concierge to deliver tailored cues, in conjunction with live community managers, to create a completely personalized experience. It also employs a matchmaking algorithm to identify patients to match with peer groups for self-advocacy and socialization. Medication reminders and trackers are also provided, with nudges driven by behavior to promote compliance. The platform also gives end-to-end education and information personalization, utilizing different formats such as text, video, and interactive tools to enhance understanding and interest. It also features a unified mobile experience for the management of complicated care plans, guaranteeing safety and timely reporting. The platform combines human-focused technology to provide timely interventions, safety, and trust among patients and healthcare providers. The users

have demonstrated high compliance rates, with 82% reporting an increased interest in self-management. The platform offers a safe, scalable, and flexible environment that connects patients, healthcare professionals, laboratories, and suppliers in real time, accelerating the initiation of treatment and improving outcomes [1].

It is a health system that marries innovative technology with human touch to deliver tailored patient care. It applies AI personalisation and navigation to learn about the specific needs and preferences of every patient. The AI utilizes social listening data, engagement patterns, and patient responses to chart individual and community need, allowing for smart patient navigation. The system also enables social support and community matchmaking through pairing patients with peers at the same health journey points. Caring care and human oversight are ensured by real-time nurses and community managers, who watch over patient interactions and act swiftly. The hybrid model of care delivery pairs AI-aided triage and virtual nurse check-ins to maximize resource efficiency while tailoring care at scale. The platform also enables AI to learn and evolve constantly through storing health profiles and interaction information. The AI Clinical Buddy System improves patient recruitment, diversity, adherence, and behavior tracking in trials, while human support guarantees patient participation and retention [2].

A pharmacy prescription management system has been implemented as an electronic platform for a next-generation prescription processing and pharmacy management system, to transform its retail pharmacy business at its 9,000 US stores. The system provides centralized prescription processing, enabling chemists to process prescription receipt and verification through different channels. The system also supports real-time integrations with discount card processors, insurance providers, Medicare/Medicaid systems, and Pharmacy Benefit Managers to enhance patient experience and revenue cycle effectiveness. The platform is also integrated with third-party systems to facilitate effective real-time data exchange, traceability, and compliance with regulations. The prescription management system enhances operational effectiveness and patient safety as well by integrating inventory management, prescription fulfillment, and compliance monitoring into a unified platform. With technologies such as Microsoft Azure Databricks and Azure Synapse Analytics, the intelligent data platform in the cloud runs hundreds of millions of prescription transactions fast, feeding relevant information to operational teams and chemists. This facilitates real-time optimization of inventory and fulfillment decisions and precise patient data [3].

Pharmacy integrates third-party systems with its prescription management system for real-time data exchange, regulatory adherence, and operational effectiveness. Pharmacy Prescription API enables third-party apps to directly interact with the system, enabling rapid medicine refills and cross-platform compliance tracking. The prescription management system integrates with outside systems such as Pharmacy Benefit Managers, Electronic Health Records, health plans, and Drug Supply Chain Security Act (DSCSA)-compliant systems, having traceability and seamless data exchange for prescription input, billing, filling, and inventory management. This integration enhances medication safety and regulatory compliance by supporting prescription drug tracking and serialization through the supply chain. Pharmacy complies with strict privacy and security guidelines by safeguarding Protected Health Information (PHI) handling during data exchanges with third-party partners. Pharmacy applies technology such as Rich Communication Services (RCS) to enhance customer engagement for prescriptions, enhancing fill rates and adherence while complying with communications standards. AllianceRx Pharmacy Prime and other speciality pharmacy services employ FHIR-enabled APIs for clinical information, encouraging therapeutic interventions and adherence [4].

A pharmacy has adopted a rigorous supplier and partner compliance framework that focuses on quality, regulatory compliance, and operational consistency. A pharmacy requires all third-party partners and suppliers to conform to all applicable laws, including local, state, and federal laws. Suppliers are required to provide proof

for product claims, meet pharmacy standards in packaging, labeling, and advertising, and be tested and certified by accredited laboratories. Routine testing for safety is also demanded. Suppliers are required to offer detailed documentation, such as safety protocols, recall procedures, and sanitation initiatives, and keep product specifications up to date. Pharmacy has a Compliance Monitoring and Cost Recovery Program in place to monitor compliance by levying or charging suppliers who fail quality, delivery, or shipping standards [5].

The organization applies uniform Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) standards to facilitate smooth, correct, and lawful data exchange with third-party systems. Pharmacy also utilizes strong data security and privacy controls to protect patient data and maintain trust. Third-party partners and suppliers have to go through rigorous review processes prior to onboarding to ensure ongoing collaboration and approval. It can decline shipments or cancel arrangements if compliance standards are not fulfilled [6].

## **Related Work**

Research on pharmacy management systems, medication adherence, and compliance integration has indicated noteworthy evidence of improvement in pharmacy interventions. Such programs such as medication therapy management, refill reminders, pharmacist counseling, and telephonic/digital interventions have been demonstrated to decrease hospitalizations and healthcare expenses by about 3%. Pharmacy management systems can be integrated with external databases like electronic health records and drug manufacturer records to boost patient safety, reduce medication errors, and enhance inventory accuracy. The implementation is, however, plagued by issues such as data protection, system integration, and regulatory compliance. By combining technological automation with patient- and pharmacist-driven feedback, operational efficiency and system responsiveness can be improved [7].

The implementation of web-based medication management software in local pharmacies calls for computer literacy, clinical education, and leadership encouragement. Challenges consist of resistance to change and insufficient system integration. Tailored implementation strategies, including readiness assessments and audit reports, are called for in order to improve processes and patient care. Compliance software implementation in healthcare demands automated processes, real-time warning of risk, encryption methods, and audit readiness. These recommendations align with pharmacy approach of integrating third-party systems with pharmacy management system for fulfilling DSCSA and HIPAA requirements [8].

Evidence regarding pharmacy interventions to promote medication adherence targets acknowledgement-based, pharmacist-centered techniques. These techniques are tailored pharmacy-based interventions, treatment of medicines with medication treatment management (MTM), appointment-based models (ABM), and Pharmacist Collaborative Practice Agreements (CPAs). MTM services allow pharmacists to deliver clinical services, track patients' medicines, and respond to medication-related issues. ABM aligns refills with one visit a month, enhancing workflow efficiency and patient compliance [9].

Multicomponent and behavioral interventions, including behavioral counselling, medication education, social support, reminders, and cognitive education, enhance adherence outcomes. Long-term follow-up and ongoing monitoring are essential to sustain adherence gains over time. Communication systems and technology can facilitate on-time medication taking and support adherence behaviors. Measurement-based and barrier-centered strategies, including the Beliefs about Medicines Questionnaire and the Medication Adherence Questionnaire, identify nonadherent patients who are failing treatment. Assessing economic and clinical outcomes indicates that pharmacist-directed adherence interventions improve medication taking, reduce medical costs, and enhance clinical results for chronic diseases such as diabetes, cardiovascular conditions, and respiratory illnesses. Such

interventions are frequently incorporated into the overall Pharmacists' Patient Care Process, consisting of information gathering, assessment, planning, implementation, and monitoring of adherence support [10].

## Methodology

In hospital and retail pharmacy platforms involves managing quality assurance, performance optimization, and delivery cross-functional teams, managing PBM interfaces and billing adjudication processes, testing real-time communications and transactions, developing load simulations for SLA optimization, validating business rules, collaborating with billing operations to reduce revenue leakage, optimizing the revenue cycle, and hosting agile ceremonies and sharing information between teams. Related roles are Technical Product/Delivery Manager and Market Manager, overseeing product life cycle and delivering pharmacy-specific digital solutions with assurance of user experience, scalability, and regulatory compliance. Planning, developing, and implementing pharmacy management systems, including inventory control, claims adjudication, and compliance modules, is the responsibility of the Director of Pharmacy Systems.

Industry trends that favor your position are increasing reliance on scalable, real-time microservices architecture, emphasis on NCPDP interoperability and standards, greater adoption of performance engineering tools, implementation of leading-edge business rule engines to handle complex workflows, and high regard for regulatory compliance. Cross-functional team leadership and agile methodologies can accelerate communication among technical and business stakeholders and accelerate delivery. To stand out, highlight your technology skills in complex adjudication processes and third-party integration, emphasize your position in SLA administration and performance tuning, showcase your capability to handle working with others for conformance and regulatory preparedness, and introduce your knowledge transfer and inter-team facilitation as key to bridging gaps among business processes and technical architecture.

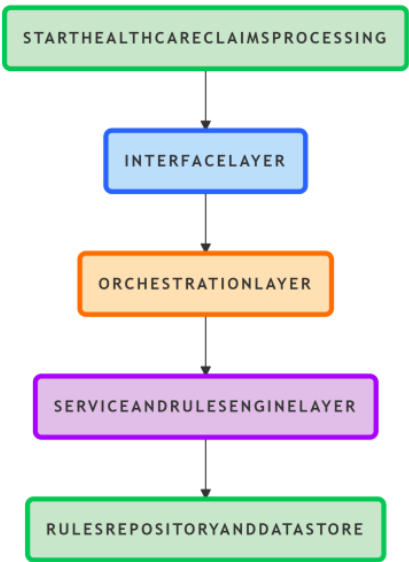
Contemporary pharmacy administration and prescription processing systems, such as pharmacy management system, commonly incorporate a microservices architecture because of its scalability, flexibility, and compliance benefits, particularly in healthcare environments. The architecture is composed of loosely coupled, independently deployable services that execute separate domain functions, including prior authorization, inventory, prescription intake, billing adjudication, or tracking for compliance. Microservices facilitate horizontal scaling of key services, including concurrent billing adjudication engines and real-time prescription processing, and smooth integration with PBMs, government insurance, EHR platforms, and DSCSA compliance systems [11].

The architecture is underpinned by scalable, dependable databases securely holding inventories, transaction histories, patient histories, and compliance records. Distributed and cloud-based data storage enables analytics and high-volume transaction processing. Pharmacists are able to step in as necessary with embedded business logic controlling payment levels, formulary control, prior authorizations, and denial management. Robust security levels are integrated into the design to protect PHI, ensure HIPAA compliance, and meet DSCSA serialization and traceability requirements. Modular microservices facilitate rapid adaptations to compliance components without impacting overall system availability. Front-end parts are developed using React, Redux, or Material-UI frameworks for optimal and user-friendly interfaces. Event-driven and asynchronous processing is employed for enhancing resilience and performance, while messaging queues and event streaming systems such as Kafka offer reliable, asynchronous communication among components [12] are depicted in below Table 1:

**Table 1:** Microservices Key Architectural Characteristics

Architectural Aspect	Description
Microservices	Loosely coupled, independently deployable services focused on specific pharmacy functions
Scalability & Performance	Horizontal scaling, load balancing, peak load simulation, high concurrency billing engines
API Integration	Standardized APIs (NCPDP D.0, FHIR) for real-time data exchange with PBMs, payers, EHRs
Data Persistence	Scalable, secure databases supporting high-volume transactions and analytics
Business Rules	Real-time validation for copays, formulary, prior auth, rejection handling
Security & Compliance	HIPAA, DSCSA compliance with modular updates and data protection
Front-End	User-friendly interfaces built with modern web frameworks (React, Redux, Material-UI)
Event-Driven Architecture	Asynchronous messaging and event streaming for decoupled, resilient service communication

The prescription management system real-time billing and adjudication engine employs a rules-driven, high-performance system and makes connections with insurance firms, Medicare/Medicaid programs, Pharmacy Benefit Managers, and discount card processors to submit claims in an efficient manner is depicted in below Figure 1:



**Figure 1:** Real-Time Adjudication Engine and Integrated Systems

- **Rules-Based Real-Time Adjudication Engine:** Processes claims and voids in real-time according to sophisticated business rules.
- **Adjudication and Repricing Functions separated:** Enables subprocess optimizations and updates independently.
- **High-Concurrency Parallel Processing:** Preserves throughput, and maintains low latency even under high usage conditions.

- **Standardised Transaction Formats and Protocols:** Delivers NCPDP D.0-compliant transaction formats for real-time communication among payers and pharmacy systems.
- **Multiple Payer Integration:** Enables real-time eligibility checking, claim processing, and co-pay calculations.
- **Automated Rejection and Claim Submission Management:** Sanitizes and validates claims prior to sending them to reduce errors.
- **Real-time Monitoring and Reporting:** Offers real-time dashboards and reporting tools for instant identification and remediation of disparities.

The prescription management system is an adjudication engine that processes claims and voids in real-time utilizing intricate business rules for copay tiering, formulary management, prior authorizations, and rejection processing. It keeps adjudication logic independent of repricing functions, so they can be optimized as different subprocesses and updated independently. The system also has high-concurrency parallel processing, which keeps throughput and latency low even during peak demand. The prescription management system accommodates NCPDP D.0-compliant transaction formats for real-time communications between payers and pharmacy systems.

The system maintains interoperability and industry standard compliance through support of NCPDP D.0-compliant communication transaction formats for real-time transactions between payers and pharmacy systems. It supports real-time eligibility verification, claim adjudication, and co-pay calculation through connections to multiple payer systems, government insurance plans, and discount card processors. The system streamlines claim submission and rejection handling to reduce errors and denials, support real-time error interpretation, rejection handling, resubmission processes, and chemist override processes. Real-time monitoring and reporting allow operational teams to identify and resolve differences, reduce revenue loss, and enhance the revenue cycle through real-time dashboards and reporting tools [13].

The prescription management system is a cloud-native, extremely scalable parallel billing adjudication engine that can process more than 1.2 billion insurance claims each year from pharmacy’s 9,000 drugstore sites. It utilizes microservices architecture, advanced DevOps practices, and modern cloud and big data platforms on Microsoft Azure to ensure exceptional performance and reliability. The engine supports up to 10,000 concurrent claims a minute without the degradation of performance, tripling transaction throughput over legacy systems. It also enhances accuracy and revenue capture by cutting claim rejection rates by 40% and minimizing manual interventions.

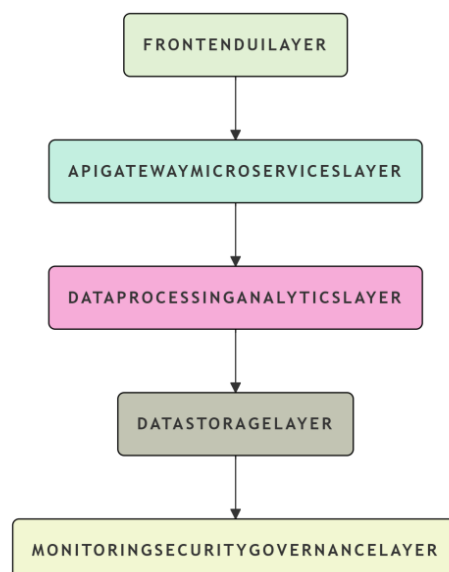


Figure 2: Layered Architecture of Prescription Management System



The above figure 2 explains that the solution architecture consists of major components such as data storage, analytics, processing, monitoring, diagnostics, governance, security, API layers and microservices, front-end user interface, state management, global hosting, deployment methodologies, API contract testing, and automated performance testing with JMeter. Microsoft Azure's Cloud and Big Data features are leveraged in the architecture. Azure Cosmos DB, Azure SQL Database, Azure Blob Storage, and Azure Data Catalog serve relational database management, while Azure Synapse Analytics offers advanced analytics and distributed data processing. Azure Stream Analytics offers real-time insights of data streams for stream processing and real-time data pipeline management. Azure Monitor, Azure Log Analytics, and Azure Application Insights offer comprehensive observability of the application and infrastructure for monitoring and diagnostics. Security and governance are managed by Azure Policy, Role-Based Access Control (RBAC), Azure Security Center, and Azure Key Vault. The front-end UI is globally hosted via Azure Front Door or Azure CDN, with the API layer and microservices developed using Azure API Management and containerized services rolled out using Azure Kubernetes Service (AKS) or Azure App Service. Deployment is done using infrastructure as code and continuous integration/continuous deployment (CI/CD) practices. Key ways in which prescription management system assists are:

- The prescription management system is parallel billing adjudication engine of high throughput allows pharmacy to adjudicate more than 1.2 billion insurance claims per year.
- It streamlines pharmaceutical operations, minimizes manual interventions, and improves revenue capture by decreasing rejection rates by 40% and claim processing times to under 500 milliseconds.
- It enables pharmacy to expand into new markets and service lines through integration with multiple PBMs, Medicare/Medicaid, discount card processors, and electronic health records.
- It has built-in compliance functionalities and alliances with legal, pharmacy business, and serialisation suppliers guarantee pharmacy meets federal enforcement timelines and regulatory requirements.
- It facilitates pharmacy telehealth and digital health services, embedding e-prescribing and virtual physician visits.
- It facilitates new pharmacy services and clinical trials, utilizing the pharmacy network to provide advanced care.
- The platform enables pharmacy omnichannel business model, enabling rapid expansion and high customer satisfaction.

The prescription management system augments pharmacy telehealth service integration by offering a seamless, real-time, and scalable back-end infrastructure for virtual care delivery, prescription administration, and patient engagement across digital channels.

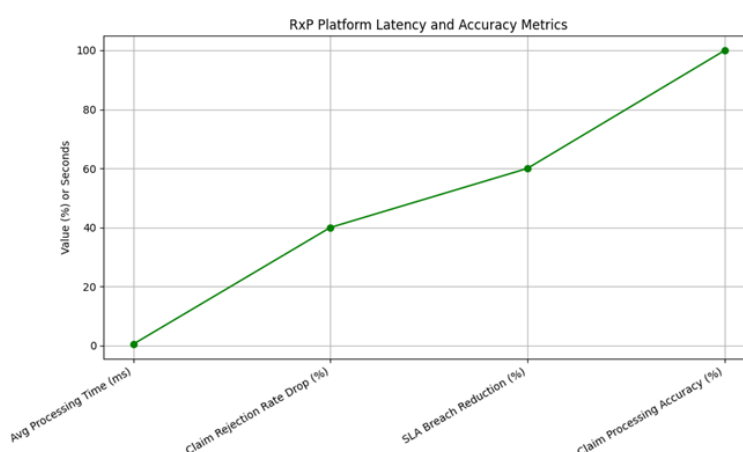
Its real-time adjudication engine provides quick and accurate processing of prescription drugs, improving patient satisfaction. The pharmacy partners with telehealth firms such as MDLIVE in order to provide board-certified physicians' services through tablet, desktop, and smartphone interfaces, facilitating an omnichannel approach to care. Customers can have access to digital refills of prescriptions, telehealth visits, drug reminders, and pharmacy chat functions through pharmacy app and website, creating a hassle-free experience from the digital consultation to the pickup or delivery of medicine. The prescription management system is a cloud-based and scalable microservices help pharmacy extend its telehealth services to additional states and devices while maintaining smooth billing adjudications and increased prescription counts without affecting performance. The platform enhances care coordination and compliance by connecting telehealth with pharmacy services, speciality care, and digital health technologies, closing gaps in care, and providing tailored support for the management of chronic conditions. It also provides data integrity and regulatory compliance through secure integration with payer systems and pharmacy benefit managers [14]. The scalability of the prescription management system is

highly facilitated by the cloud infrastructure of Microsoft Azure, which provides a flexible, dependable, and highly available platform with the ability to handle high workloads with low latency and robust fault tolerance.

Microsoft Azure provides a complete cloud platform for the prescription management system, making it highly scalable and resilient. Its Elastic Horizontal Scaling with Virtual Machine Scale Sets or Azure Kubernetes Service (AKS) enables the system to scale computing resources independently to address fluctuating workloads while ensuring peak performance. The stateless microservices architecture guarantees effortless distribution across multiple Availability Zones, making the system even more scalable and reliable. Azure Functions and Azure Stream Analytics support real-time adjudication and billing processes. Azure Front Door and Azure Material Delivery Network deliver static materials and APIs to users from different geographical locations, lowering latency and enhancing user experience. Azure Monitor and Azure Application Insights offer distributed tracing, real-time telemetry, and alerting for sound monitoring and operational intelligence. Azure Resource Manager templates and utilities such as Terraform and Bicep enable Infrastructure as Code (IaC) for consistent deployments. Azure Active Directory handles identity and access, and Azure Key Vault and Azure Disk Encryption implement strict encryption and access control. The prescription management system seeks to optimize pharmaceutical benefit management for maximum benefit, enhancing efficiency, precision, cost-efficiency, and patient engagement.

Its key performance measures are transaction latency and throughput, rejection rates and claim accuracy, SLA compliance, drug spend analytics and cost optimization, adherence and patient engagement metrics, and financial and operational impact measures. The parallel billing adjudication engine processes more than 1.2 billion insurance claims every year, allowing for real-time adjudication and faster pharmaceuticals. Improved business rule validation and error handling in the platform have improved revenue capture and lowered billing errors and financial differences. The fault-tolerant architecture of the platform has lowered SLA violation events by more than 60%, especially during peak demand periods such as the flu season. The prescription management system - AI provides analytics based on AI to track patterns of spending on medication, identify areas for savings, and provide predictive modeling of future outcomes.

The prescription management system Patient Platform improves treatment persistence and adherence through the use of tools such as community matching, AI adherence assistants, and medication tracking. Cost and operational effect measures include improved revenue capture and reduced revenue leakage through increased billing volume and decreased claim denials. Proactive decision making and operational efficiency are facilitated by continuous monitoring through executive dashboards and real-time alerts. The following figure 2 illustrates important prescription management system platform performance metrics, such as the speed of claim processing, delay, decline rate reduction, and SLA violation reduction.



**Figure 2:** Sample Performance Data of the Prescription Management System



## Conclusion & Future Scope

The pharmacy prescription management system platform is a game-changing innovation in pharmacy operations, providing an extremely scalable, real-time prescription processing and billing adjudication system. It has boosted throughput, accuracy, and operational efficiency by leveraging microservices architecture, modern cloud infrastructure, and analytics powered by AI. The platform processes more than 1.2 billion insurance claims on an annual basis, tripled transaction throughput, and cut claim rejection rates by 40%. It also enhanced system reliability and interfaced seamlessly with third-party systems such as telehealth platforms, government payers, and PBMs.

Pharmacy organizations remain at the forefront of digital prescription management innovation, optimizing the revenue cycle and pharmacy operations for enhanced patient safety, regulatory excellence, and customer satisfaction. The prescription management system is poised to advance further in technologies like AI and machine learning integration, digital health and telehealth integration, next-generation supply chain and serialization compliance, patient-centered innovations, international expansion and multi-channel omnichannel support, and continual performance enhancement and cloud-native enhancements. These enhancements will continue to drive pharmacy innovation leadership, delivering great care, operational excellence, and value to patients and stakeholders.

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