Investor and Rating Agency Questions regarding COVID-19



Executive Summary

Over the last two weeks, Citi has engaged in numerous calls with investors and rating agency analysts, both in partnership with our clients and independently. Citi has comprised a library of these questions, which we hope will serve as a resource as leading health systems begin to formulate their COVID-19 responses.

The library of questions is comprised from discussions between March 23 – April 3

Key Themes include:

- COVID-19 Volume
- Financial Status Update
- Utilization (inclusive of questions around elective procedures)
- Impact of CARES Act and other stimulus
- Facility Status
- Supplies
- Staffing
- Post-COVID-19 Strategy
- Other Miscellaneous

High-Level Takeaways

- The volume of COVID-19 patients and Patients Under Investigation (PUIs) are of interest, even outside of current 'hot zones'
- As expected, immediate and long term financial impact are of significant interest
- Quantifying the impact of the CARES Act and other stimulus, if possible, is important



COVID-19 Volume & Financial Status/Utilization Update

COVID-19 Volume

- When do you think the COVID-19 peak will occur within your system?
- How many COVID-19 patients do you have in your system, and how many do you expect?
- How many PUIs do you have?
- Are any of your facilities experiencing shortages that could impact the ability to deliver care?

Financial Status/Utilization

- What extra sources of liquidity have you explored to manage liquidity needs over the duration of the crisis?
- Have you been able to measure the incremental costs that you are incurring to respond to COVID-19?
- Do you have any concerns for covenant violations, either for the next period or the full fiscal year?
- Have you incurred any disruptions to revenue cycle management and payment from insurers over the last few weeks? Do you anticipate disruptions?
- Do you remain committed to your current rating level?
- What percentage of your volume or revenues are elective procedures on an average week or month?
- How significant was the volume decline across ambulatory services and physician services in March?
- Have you calculated the cost of the pause in elective procedures in terms of revenue on a daily, weekly, or monthly basis?
- Do you have a sense of what percentage of elected procedures that you expect to recover? By when?



Impact of CARES Act and Other Stimulus

CARES Act and Regulatory Response

- \$100 Billion Medicare Appropriation
 - When do you anticipate applying for funds?
 - Do you expect these funds to offset little/some/all of the COVID-19 losses?
 - The President has said the funds can be used to reimburse providers at Medicare rates for providing care to COVID-19 patients who are uninsured—how significant is this for your system?
 - Is the \$100 billion appropriation significant enough, or will Congress need to provide additional help?
- Are you planning to utilize the Medicare accelerated payment program? If so, how much money do you anticipate asking for?
- Do you have a virtual care platform, and if so, how have the telehealth regulatory changes benefitted your organization? How much of your volume are you retaining through virtual care visits?
- Are you planning to utilize the employer payroll tax deferral program?
- How significant will the disproportionate care hospital payments (DSH) delays and the enhanced FMAP payment assist your organization?

Other Stimulus

- Do you expect additional stimulus from the federal government?
- Do you expect additional stimulus from your state and local government, or other sources?
- What do you expect is the impact on philanthropic efforts in response to the COVID-19 crisis?



Facility Status and Supplies

Facility Status

- Can you discuss your COVID-19 intake procedures?
- What is your capacity now, both inpatient and ambulatory?
- What percentage of your census is comprised of COVID-19 patients?
- How many ICU beds do you have? How many have you added, if any, and what is the process to revert those beds back to Med-Surg beds?
- For your ambulatory facilities, if any are open, are you operating extending hours (e.g., if open one day a week for necessary cases, do you operate longer days)?
- Do you anticipate operating ambulatory centers for extended hours once the COVID-19 crisis has subsided to make up for volume losses?

Supplies

- What is your current level of supplies on hand (how many days)?
- How would you characterize your ability to access additional needed supplies to prepare for COVID-19 cases?
- Do you anticipate ongoing supply shortages as we move past the COVID-19 crisis?
- Have you seen a significant increase in supply costs?
- Are you coordinating regionally with other hospitals and health care providers?



Staffing & Other Strategic/Miscellaneous

Staffing and Personnel

- How has the COVID-19 crisis impacted arrangements with clinical staffing firms, and are your responsible for paying increased subsidies, particularly for emergency department physicians?
- Have you or do you expect to make any reductions or furloughs?
- Describe your physician and clinician staffing model in response to the crisis? How are you flexing your staff to adjust?
- Are there any procedural factors that you view as key differentiators vs. other organizations in your region or market?
- Do you have a significant number of physicians and nurses who have become afflicted with COVID-19?
- Do you have a COVID-19 succession planning process in place, if, for example, a senior leader becomes ill and is unable to continue service in their role?
- How are your relationships with labor organizations/unions, and have they changed as a result of COVID-19?
- What plans do you have in place to address burnout and post-traumatic stress that physicians and clinicians will face following the COVID-19 crisis?

Other Strategic/Miscellaneous

- Has COVID-19 impacted any pending or future strategic plans (e.g., M&A, capital projects, etc.)?
- Are there any cybersecurity or protected health information (PHI) concerns arising from the COVID-19 crisis?



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