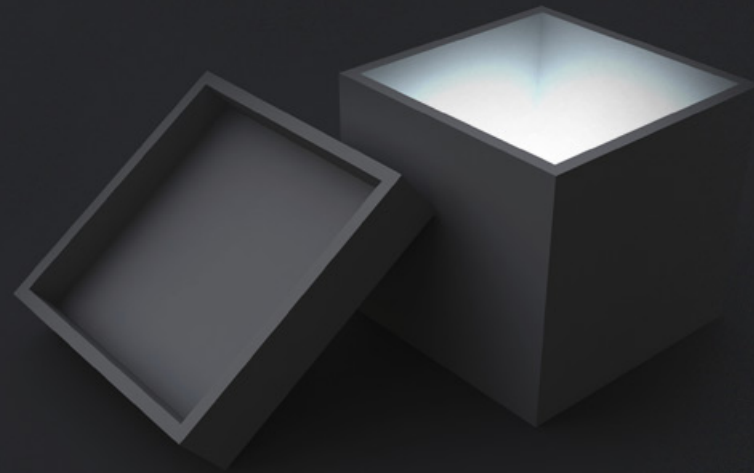


# STICKER SHOCK: Private Payers' Perspective

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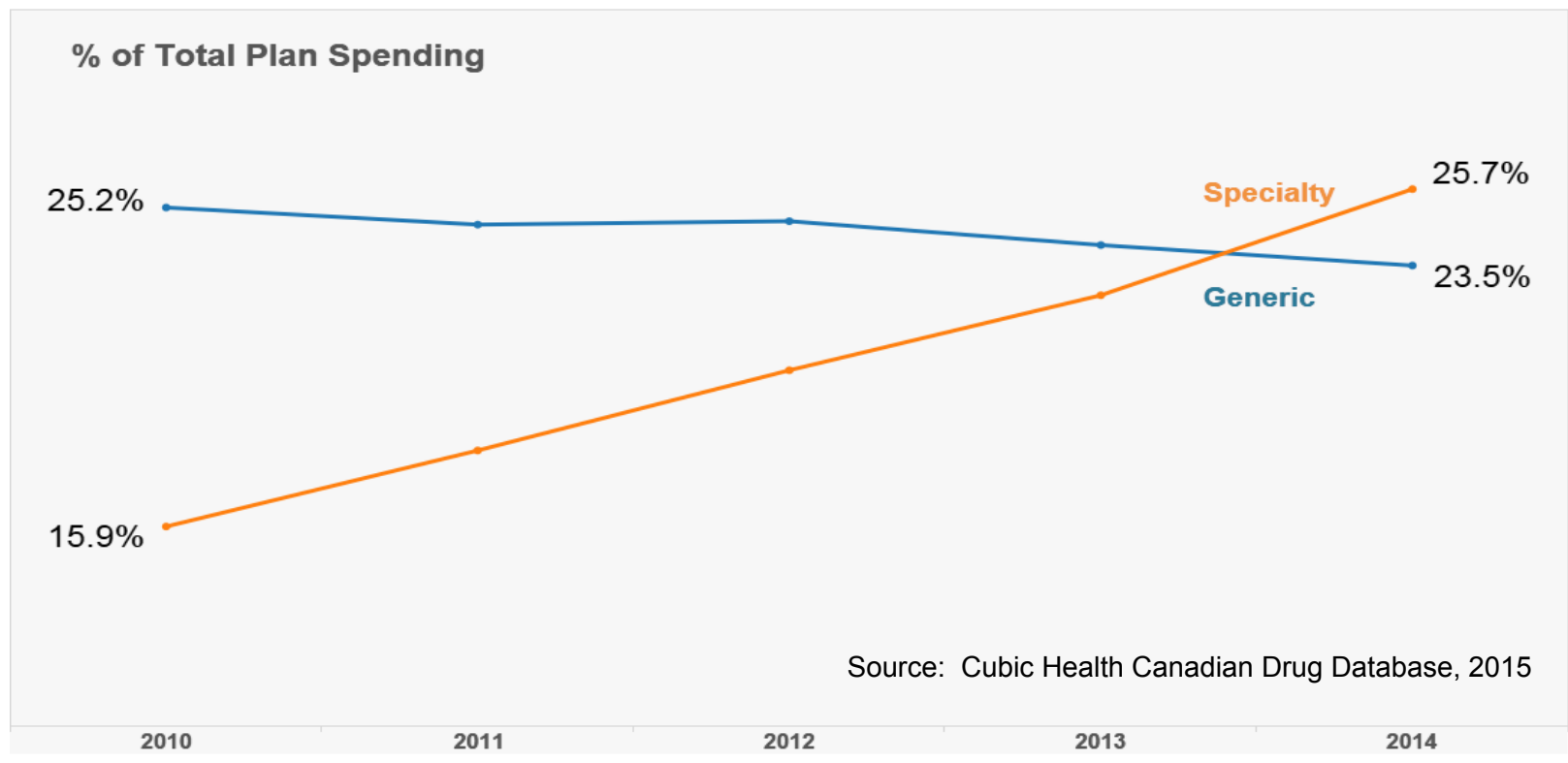
# The End of an Era

- 2011 – 2014 was the greatest era in recent memory for private plan sponsors in terms of passive cost containment within drug plan benefit
- Generic pricing reforms and a wave of patent expirations shielded plans from cost, helped offset impact of specialty therapies
- 2015 – 2018 will be a **completely different picture**



# The End of an Era

- **2014 was the Year of Inversion:** Plans covering Canada's workforce now spend more on specialty drugs than on all generics combined



# The End of an Era

- A lack of adoption appropriate plan designs in the private payer marketplace will have a profoundly negative impact on containing costs moving forward.
- In addition, the growing cost of catastrophic claims insurance (stop-loss) will put additional pressure on affordability of existing plans.
- There are substantial future financial liabilities that have not been considered by a majority of plans which will further impact plan affordability.



# Growth of Specialty Burden

## % of Plan Spending for Specialty Drugs

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Active Plans	15.9	18.1	20.4	22.6	25.7
Retiree Plans	8.2	9.5	10.8	11.6	13.0

Source: Cubic Health Canadian Drug Database, 2015



# Impact on Stop-Loss

Plan has current stop-loss threshold at \$15,000

- Coverage carries a **current premium of 13.9%**, Carrier wants an increase to 18.25% at renewal
- Carrier B quoting on business wants 7% premium
- Carrier C wants 9.9% premium
- Carrier D wants 10.8% premium

**How does same risk and same stop-loss point warrant such significant discrepancies?**



# Impact on Stop-Loss

- The inflation of stop-loss premiums will be a significant issue for all ASO plans moving forward
- Example of what 3 separate plans have seen over the last 3 years at different thresholds:

Threshold	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3
\$10,000	8.6%	9%	12.5%
\$15,000	4.75%	8.75%	9.4%
\$20,000	6.4%	7.3%	8.8%



# Specialty Pricing Asymmetry

- Whereas public plans have the ability to impact reimbursement of ingredient costs with fixed mark-ups, PLIs, and other arrangements, private payers traditionally have not had access to same
- Example of the wide variation in what private plans paid for specialty drugs in 2014:

**Remicade**      MLP + 3%    to    MLP + 17.1%

**Enbrel**        MLP + 3%    to    MLP + 16.5%

**Humira**        MLP + 3%    to    MLP + 16.7%





# Future (Financial) Risk Profiles

PLAN	Age-Related Chronic Conditions	Specialty - Chronic		Total Recurring Annual Future Risk	Recurring Annual Future Risk as % of Current Plan Spend
		Conversion of <u>Existing</u> Claimants	Addition of <u>New</u> Claimants		
A	\$68,217	\$236,405	\$410,273	\$714,895	16.3%
B	\$105,000	\$193,166	\$190,866	\$489,032	17.0%
C	\$22,326	\$242,712	\$301,424	\$566,462	15.6%

**How affordable will plans be moving forward if they have to deal with this degree of annual cost increase due to chronic, recurring therapies only?**



# The Future

- Plan designs will have to change – dramatically
- Service providers and members will be held more accountable
- There will be a need to consider appropriate cost offsets for plan sponsors through integration of drug & disability data sets



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