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# The Value of Pharmaceutical Distribution

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# Agenda

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- Cardinal Health overview
- Distributor value proposition
- Cost effectiveness of prime vendor model
- Market forces driving change
- Next-best alternative study
- Key components of “Fee for Service” model

# Core business sectors

## Pharmaceutical Distribution and Provider Services

- Pharmaceutical distribution
  - Specialty pharmaceutical services
  - Pharmacy consulting & services
  - Data and clinical services
  - Pharmaceutical contracting
  - Pharmacy franchising
- Revenue: \$54 billion



## Medical Products and Services

- Medical/surgical distribution
  - Perioperative products
  - Custom kit creation
  - Medical specialties manufacturing
  - Nuclear pharmacy
- Revenue: \$7.4 billion

## Clinical Technologies and Services

- Pyxis® products, Alaris® products
  - Clinical services & consulting
  - Controlled pharmaceutical dispensing
  - Controlled supply utilization
  - Point-of-care technology
- Revenue: \$681 million



## Pharmaceutical Technologies and Services

- Pharmaceutical development
  - Packaging and printing
  - Sterile manufacturing
  - Healthcare marketing services
  - Modified release technologies
  - Cell line engineering
- Revenue: \$2.8 billion

Pharma distributors

# A critical link

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## Pharmaceutical distribution



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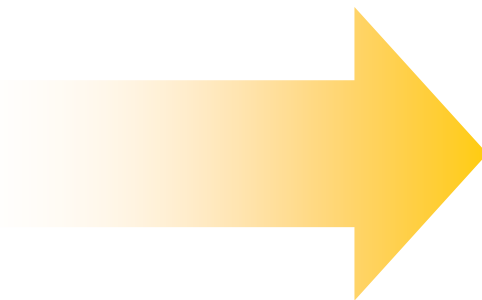
- *Logistics*
  - *Administration* 140,000 providers
  - *Financial*
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**Deliver two million pharmaceuticals daily**

# A critical link

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- The *Prime Vendor Model* strengthens the “link”
- Providers have designed their business around this model
  - Space
  - Capital
  - Customer service
  - Administration
  - Operations



*This is what the market requires*

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# Value required by providers

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## Logistics

- Deliver one consolidated order
- Provide next day deliveries
- Provide emergency deliveries

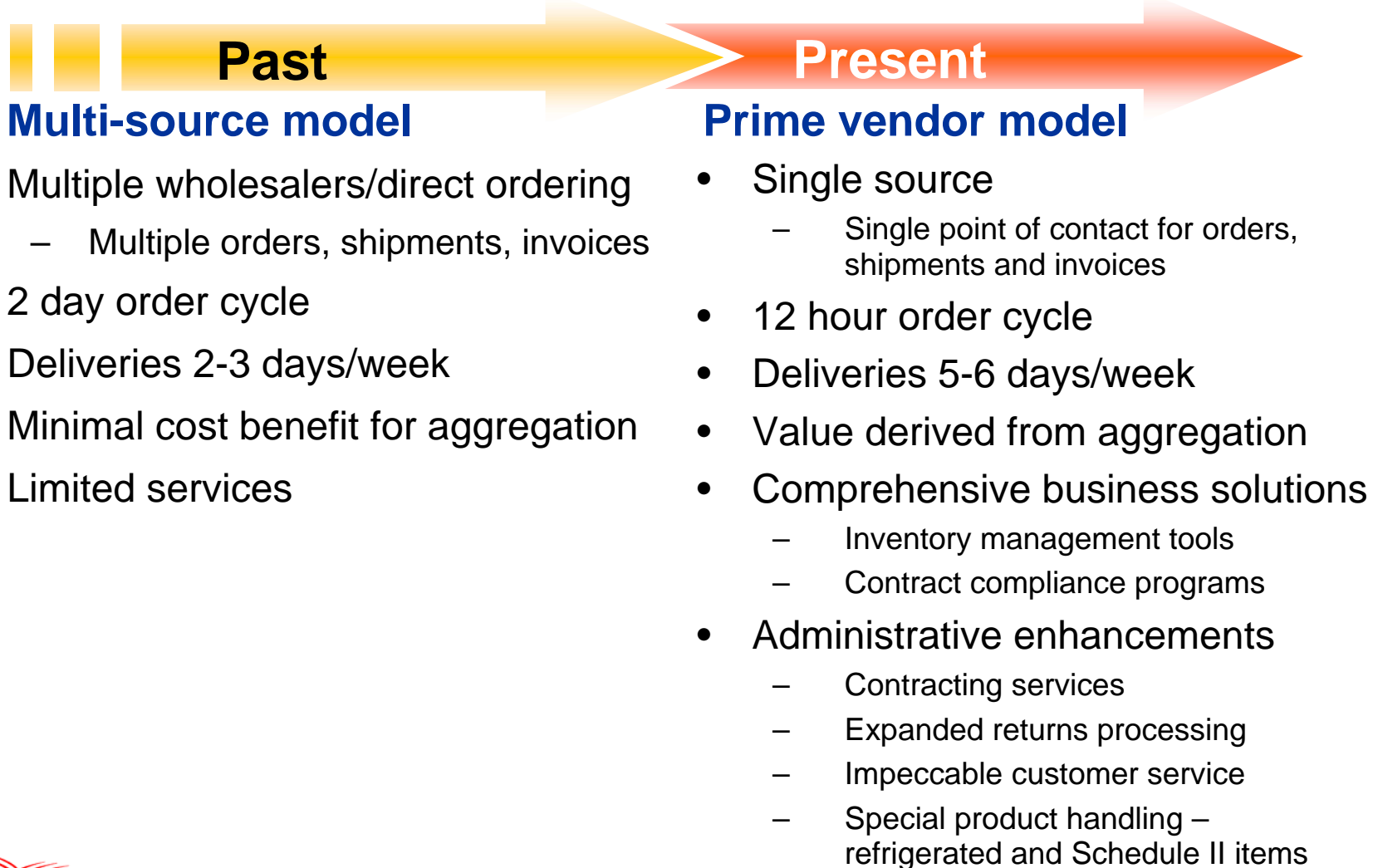
## Administration

- Provide sophisticated ordering technology
- Provide manufacturer product information
- Provide marketing programs

## Financial

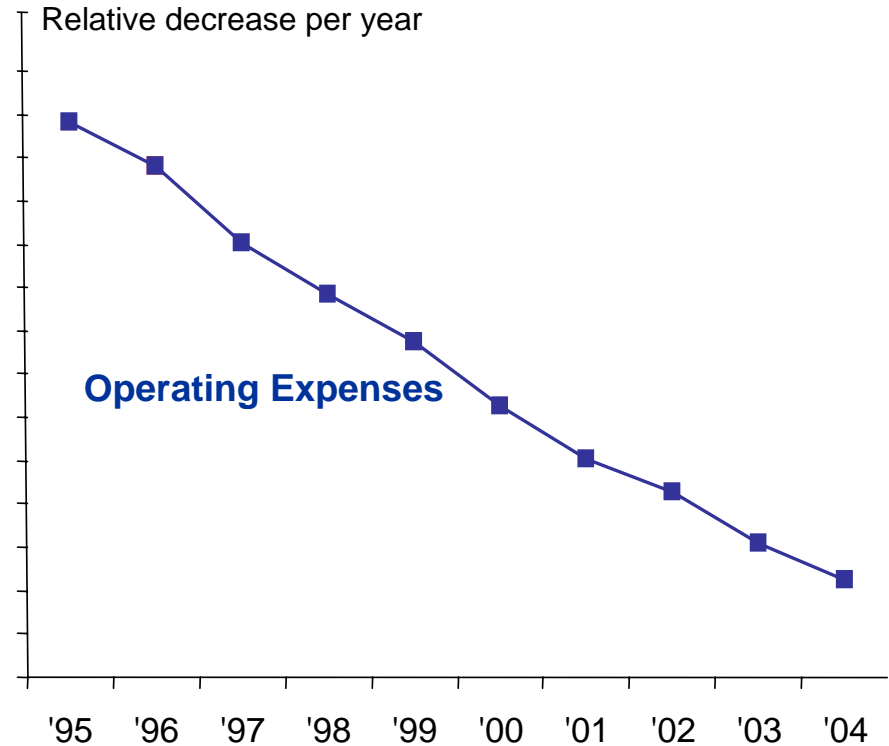
- Manage customer inventories
- Provide product formularies
- Ensure contract compliance
- Maximize reimbursement

## Drive for efficiency with provider customers



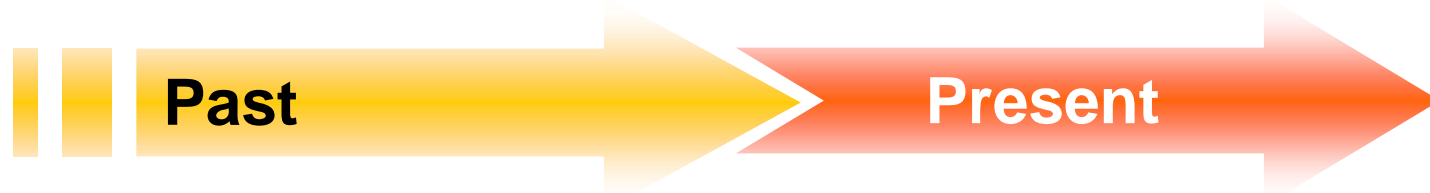
# Prime vendor model pricing

- Efficiency contributed to operating-expense decline
- Least expensive, most effective distribution system
- Provider benefit





# Drive for efficiency with manufacturers



- Uneven ordering patterns
  - Limited information
  - Lack of transparency
  - Orders by mail
  - Hundreds of wholesalers
  - Quarterly “deals” common
  - Secondary market
- Level buying pattern
  - Robust information exchange
  - Full inventory transparency
  - Electronic transactions
  - 3 wholesalers, 90% of volume
  - Limited secondary market
  - New item launch support
  - Logistics innovations

# Value delivered to **manufacturers**

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## **Logistics**

- Single daily delivery to providers
- 150 ship-to-points vs. 140,000
- Licensed, environmentally controlled, PDMA compliant facilities
- Reverse distribution
- Restock and resell customer returns (\$3 billion +)
- Recall processing
- 12-hour turnaround/99% SL
- Handle C2s, Refrigerated, Hazardous products
- Business continuity

## **Financial/Administrative**

- Maintain \$9 billion + in working inventories
- Manage credit risk (\$200 million in losses)
- Administer 100K contracts and \$20 billion in chargebacks
- Handle customer service (40 million phone calls per year)
- Make sales calls (1.8 million in-pharmacy calls per year)
- Ensure contract compliance
- Promote sales and marketing
- Provide inventory and sales data

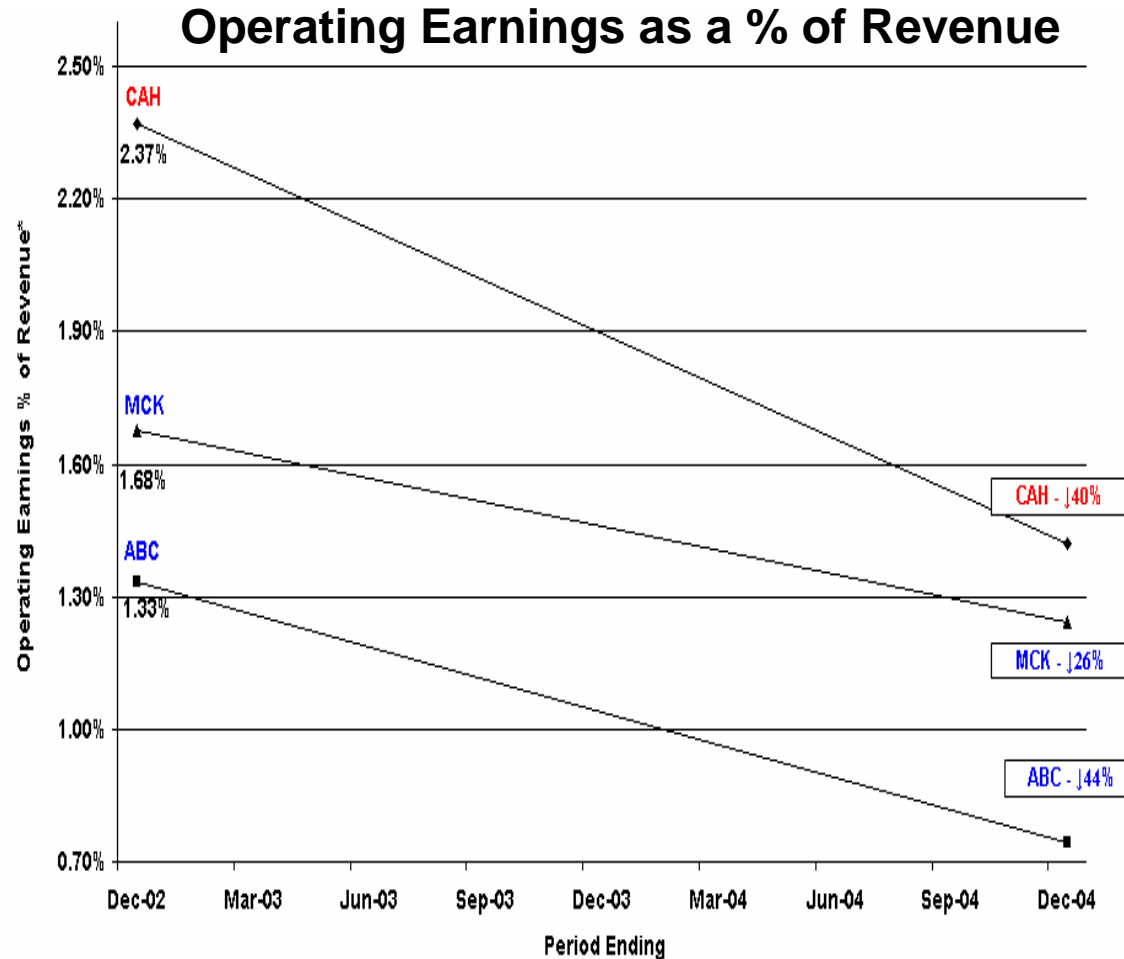
# What has changed?

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- “Buy and Hold” compensation model developed over 30 years
- U.S. health care system created most efficient drug supply chain in the world (Prime Vendor Model)
- **Manufacturers have changed selling and pricing practices**
  - **Benefits of Prime Vendor Model at risk**
- Dismantling Prime Vendor Model would cost at least \$10 billion per year.\*
- Cardinal Health solution: non-contingent, fee-for-service model, paid by manufacturer

## What has changed?

- Distributors' earnings reflect changes in manufacturer practices
- Transition to fee-based model necessary to maintain benefits of prime vendor model



Results exclude extraordinary charges

\*CAH, ABC & MCK - Revenue includes Bulk Sales

Source: Company & Merrill Lynch Analyst Reports - January '05

# Cardinal Health's approach

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- Customer insight
  - Reviewed services and pricing
  - Studied provider reimbursement – inelastic market
- Tested the efficacy of Manufacturer-Wholesaler-Provider model
- Determined need for fee-based system

# The challenge

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## Manufacturers want to...

- **Have** wholesalers perform critical supply chain services
- **Balance** inventories with prescription demand
- **Eliminate** excess product in pipeline
- **Receive** additional market information
- **Gain** administrative and operational efficiencies
- **Eliminate** regulatory concerns
- **Receive** immediate value of price increase
- **Measure** costs of accomplishing above

## Wholesalers want to...

- **Be paid** for their critical role in the supply chain
- **Increase** administrative and warehouse efficiencies
- **Manage** inventories better
- **Make** margins more predictable
- **Maintain** (or improve inadequate) historical vendor margins

# The win-win solution

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Cardinal Health and manufacturer enter into a **DSA (Distribution Service Agreement)**

- Cardinal Health agrees to:
  - Continue to provide the basic critical distribution and supply chain services
  - Insure purchases will equal sales out
  - Provide other value-added services
- Manufacturer agrees to:
  - Provide adequate compensation to Cardinal Health that is in a **“Fee for Service”** structure which simply means that it is **not inflation-based**

# Appropriate fee?

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- **Select** a number that would replace former margins
- **Aim** for highest number manufacturers will pay, then negotiate
- **Perform** a detailed, study
  - Determine each manufacturer's costs
  - Charge fees at a discount to this cost
  - Continue to provide superior services



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Next Best Alternative



# Five key fee drivers

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- 1 **Net U.S. sales:** *High or low*
- 2 **Product concentration:** *Consolidated or Fragmented (“Large-tail”)*
- 3 **Product handling requirements:** *Significant special or primarily regular handling*
- 4 **Customers’ channel bias:** *Number and nature of ship-to-points (acute or all)*
- 5 **Line extension:** *High or low*

# Costs considered in the NBA model

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- Basic operational costs such as picking smaller orders and shipping directly to individual pharmacies
- Other operational costs such as:
  - Special handling costs (C2s, Refrigerated, etc.)
  - Returns processing (including cost of destruction and inventory write-off)
  - Sales and marketing effort to large number of customers (in different classes of trade)
  - Required new capabilities: customer service / order management / billing / CRM

# Costs considered in the model

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- Bad debt / slow pay
- Opportunity cost for unfilled prescriptions, therapy days lost, and reduced compliance due to stock-outs in the retail channel
- Emergency shipping costs for stock-outs in hospitals and nursing homes
- One-time investments to build capabilities

# Types of models created

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A. Manufacturer **builds own** capabilities

B. Manufacturer **outsources** to a 3PL



Looked at both five deliveries  
and one delivery per week  
in both models

# Fee for service examples

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- A **flat fee** paid on all purchases
  - *Expressed as % on all purchases or an amount per piece or line*
- A **fixed amount of weeks** less BOH allocation after a price increase with a **guaranteed inflation rate**
- Yearly **dollar payments** for certain services
  - *Example: a \$5 million payment for data*
- Any **combination** of the above

# Typical DSA services provided/offered

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- **Base services**

*Covers the everyday value of the wholesaler to the manufacturer*

- **Level buying**

*Purchases equal sales out, so no speculative buying*

- **Data**

*Covers basic inventory and sales reports*

- **Enhanced reporting**

*Collaboration on forecasting and data interpretation*

- **Customer order monitoring**

*Monitoring customer speculative activities*

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# Typical DSA services provided/offered


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- **Product launch and support**  
*Build in awareness programs and launch assistance*
- **Secondary market limitations**  
*Limited or no buying in secondary markets*
- **Returned goods limitations**  
*Rewards or penalties based on targets*
- **Deduction process changes**  
*Collaborative handling of deductions*

# Final points to consider

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- **Manufacturers are now also customers**
  - They can and should hold wholesalers to a high standard of service
  - They sell product to wholesalers and **also** buy the services necessary to get them to providers
  - The costs of wholesaler's services will vary by manufacturer based on the product characteristics of each manufacturer



*Robinson-Patman Act does not apply to the fees manufacturers pay wholesalers*



# Final points to consider

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- **Manufacturer's P&Ls are impacted**
  - Benefit of price increases is immediate
  - Production and administrative expenses can be reduced
  - The costs of distribution services are reflected in a measurable line item
  - The wholesaler model, even if at a higher cost than the past, is still significantly cheaper than any next best alternative



*Cardinal Health recognizes these changes and wants to ensure as smooth a transition as possible*

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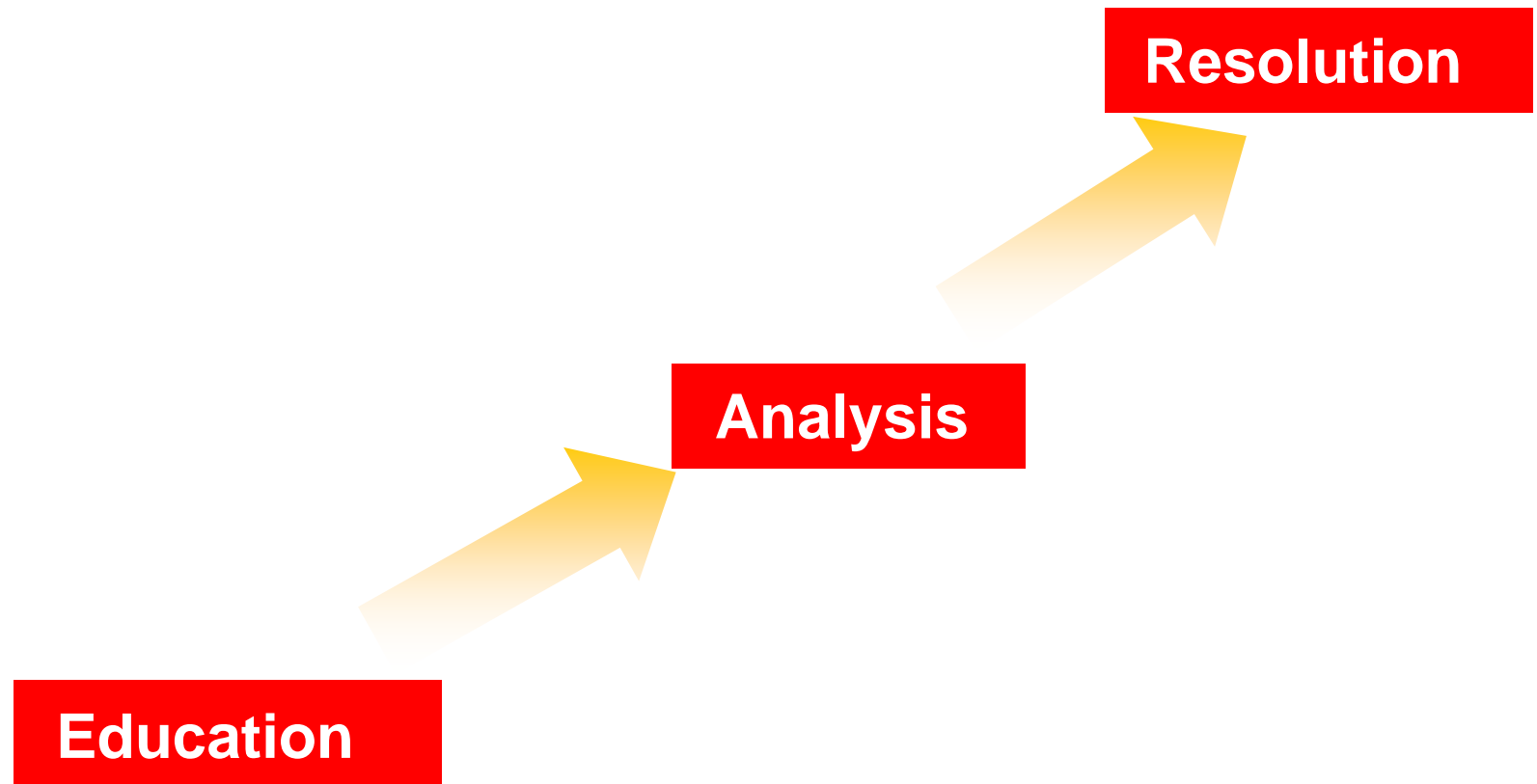
- **Cardinal Health requires a DSA**
  - We must have compensation that is measurable and predictable in order to effectively manage our business
  - We are willing to negotiate structure of the agreement, but not fees



*We are confident the end result of these changes is a better, stronger, more dependable supply chain*

# Cardinal Health's disciplined approach

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# Cardinal Health's beliefs

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- **Prime vendor model** drives efficiency for entire channel
- **Provider pricing** is inelastic
- **Next-best alternative** based on fair market value
- Manufacturer community has accepted **fee-for-service**
- **Fee-for-service transition** will be completed by mid year



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