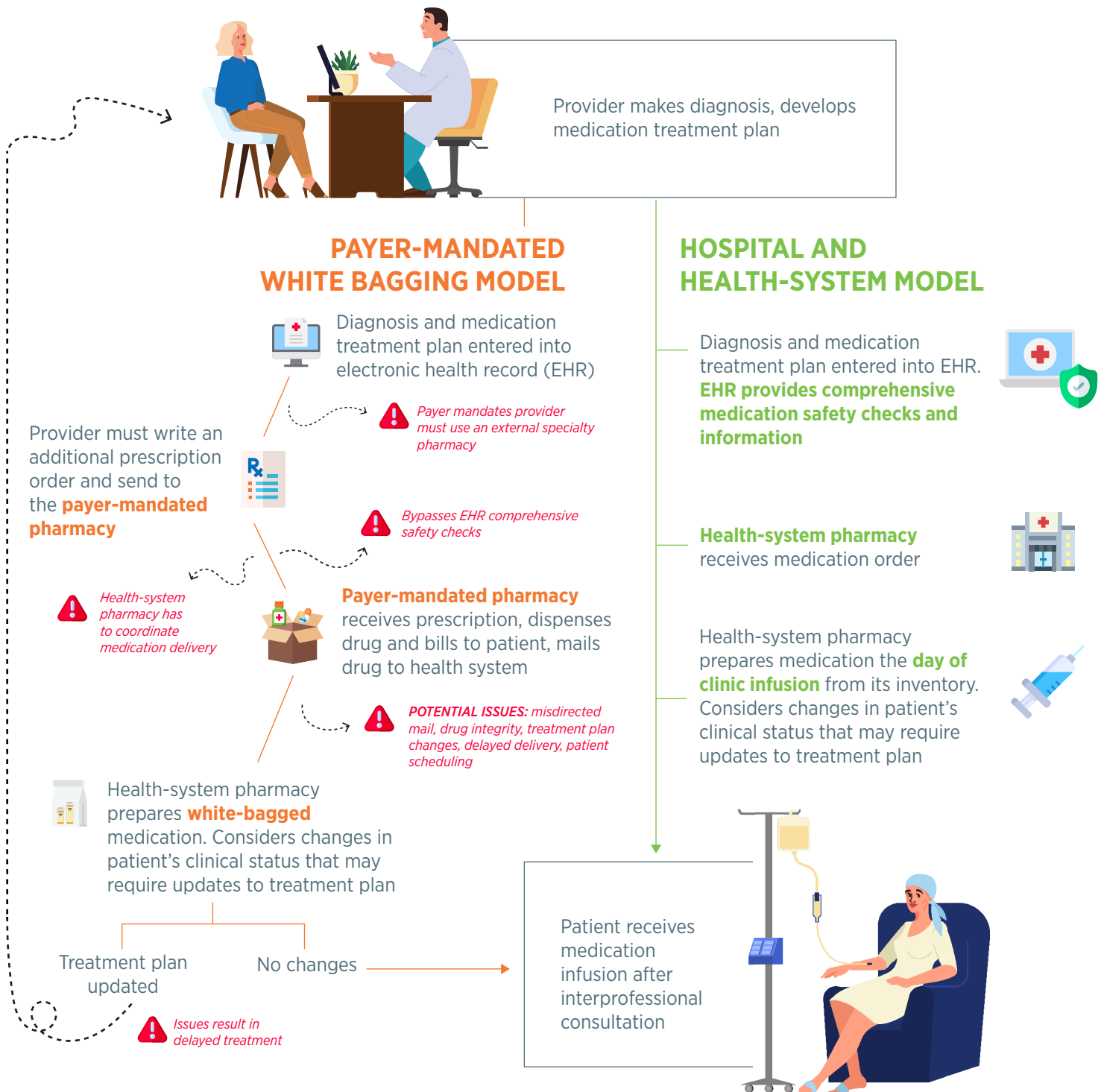


WHITE BAGGING

Jeopardizes Patient Care

White bagging occurs when payers require a narrow network of plan-selected pharmacies to dispense clinician-administered drugs and bill a patient's prescription medication plan. White bagging is a risk prone process that should only be considered when determined by the provider to be necessary and appropriate to support patient care.

How Does White Bagging Work?



What are the Consequences?



FOR PATIENTS

- Delayed care for urgent treatment changes
- Delayed treatments due to payer benefit requirements
- Difficulty in care coordination
- May be charged co-pays for drugs not received due to shipping errors, treatment changes, etc.
- Anxiety when payer unnecessarily requires use of an additional unfamiliar pharmacy provider

FOR THE HOSPITAL

- Negative impact on overall medication-use system
- Introduces multiple risk points
- Fragments established healthcare record for prescriptions
- Undermines EHR integrity



How to Protect Patients

White bagging threatens practices that healthcare organizations have established to keep patients safe and hinders the ability of pharmacists to ensure medication and supply chain integrity.

ASHP IS WORKING TO:



Advocate that the Food and Drug Administration enforce safety requirements in the **Drug Supply Chain Security Act** undermined by white bagging



Encourage state policymakers to **prohibit insurers and pharmacy benefit managers from mandating white bagging** or from steering patients away from health systems that refuse to accept potentially dangerous white-bagged drugs

For more information and resources, visit
ashp.org/whitebagging

