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**URGENT CARE** 

Alan Ayers has ~17 years' experience in strategic planning, business development, clinical operations, sales/marketing and customer service for urgent care, occupational medicine, and primary care facilities.

Currently, Ayers serves as President of Experity Consulting, responsible for helping clients identify and cultivate new revenue streams while supporting the company's strategic growth initiatives. Ayers has consulted with independent, PE-backed, and hospital-affiliated platforms representing well over 1,000 units. He has also served as an expert witness in landlord-tenant litigation involving urgent care.

From 2017 to 2021, while still part of Experity, Ayers served as Chief Executive Officer of Velocity Urgent Care, a venture of Sentara Healthcare, growing the company from 7 to 15 locations building a complete operating and administrative infrastructure, assembling leadership and management teams, migrating systems, optimizing the staffing model, acquiring the hospital's occ med practice, and implementing a values-based culture. In 2020, Velocity Urgent Care became the leading provider of COVID19 test services in its markets.

A prolific and award-winning writer, Ayers is Senior Editor of *The Journal of Urgent Care Medicine* (JUCM), and has contributed hundreds of original articles, blog entries and presentations on urgent care-related subjects. In 2018 he was co-author of *The Health Care Executives' Guide to Urgent Care and Freestanding EDs, Second Edition.* 

Ayers has served as Chief Operating Officer of OhioHealth Urgent Care and spent eight years in executive positions at Concentra including VP of Corporate Development responsible for acquisitions, divestitures, de novos, relocations, and major renovations.

For eight years, Ayers served the Board of Directors of the national Urgent Care Association (UCA), providing expertise and guidance on emerging issues; identifying market and regulatory trends; defining content, planning educational programs, and speaking at industry events. In 2019, he received UCA's prestigious Lifetime Membership Award.

Ayers graduated Phi Beta Kappa from the University of North Carolina, has an MBA from the University of Mississippi, and a Masters of Accounting from The Ohio State University graduating first in his class.





# Today's Focus

- Categories of Financial Activity
- Financial Statement Overview
- Driving Financial Performance



### **REVENUE DEFINED**

The amount you charge your customers for services.



### **COST OF REVENUE DEFINED**

All costs <u>directly</u> connected to delivering services



### **OPERATING EXPENSES DEFINED**

Everything else.





**CAR DETAILING SERVICES** 

**HOME OFFICE STAFF** 

**ADVERTISING** 

SOAP/WAX

ACTIVITY #1:

**PAY AS YOU GO WASHES** 

HOME OFFICE RENT

**DETAILING SUPPLIES** 

WINDSHIELD CHIP REPAIR

**DENT REMOVAL SERVICES** 

CAR WASH LABOR

**BOOKKEEPER FEES** 

WATER USED

RESEARCH/DEVELOPMENT







### FINANCIAL BUCKETS: CAR WASH



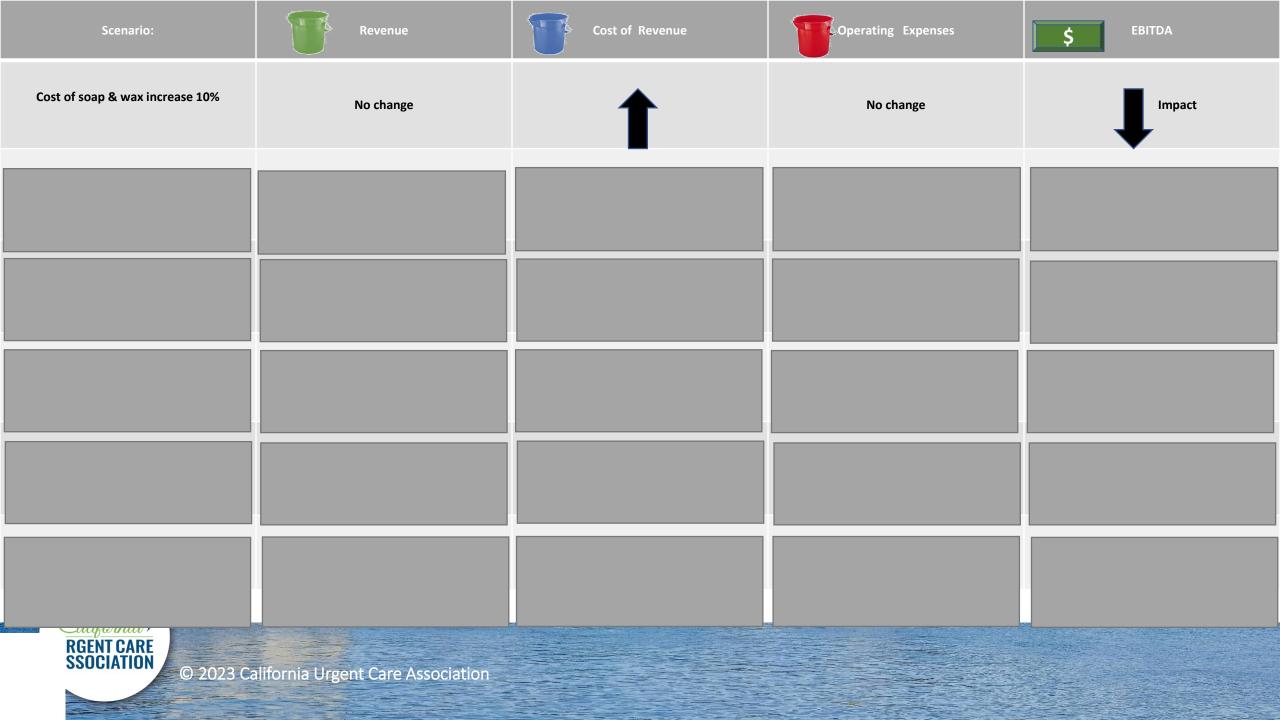
## **Common Calculations:**











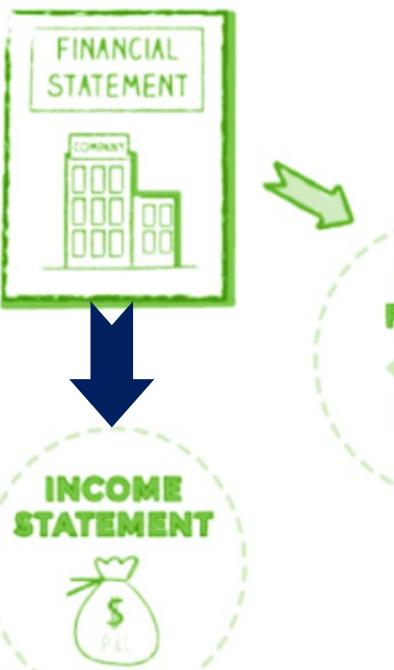


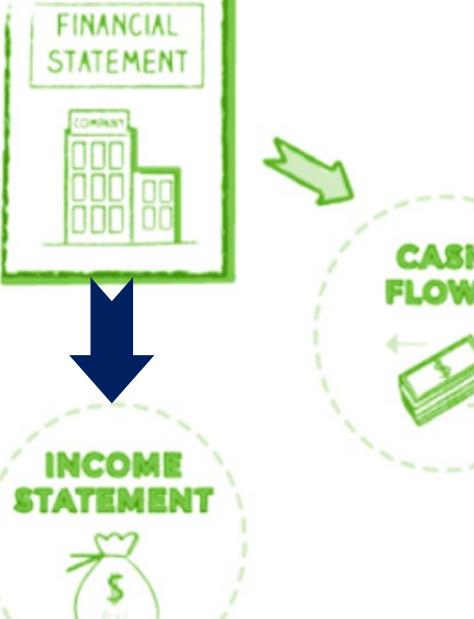
## FINANCIAL STATEMENT OVERVIEW



**Financial** Statement Basics









### **INCOME STATEMENT DEFINED**

A statement showing revenue minus expenses, equaling the profit for a specified time frame.



### **EBITDA DEFINED**

Demonstrates profitability of the operation independent of capital expenditures, financing and government activities.



## Urgent Care Income Statement Categories: EBITDA Profitability

#### **Urgent Care Revenue**

**Gross Patient Charges** 

MINUS: Contractual Allowance

MINUS: Write-off to Bad Debt

PLUS: Ancillary Service Revenue

**EQUALS: NET URGENT CARE REVENUE** 

#### **MINUS: COST OF REVENUE**

Billing and EMR Services

**Medical Supplies** 

Medications

Malpractice Insurance

Radiology Overread

#### **EQUALS: GROSS PROFIT**

#### **MINUS: COST OF OPERATIONS**

Salaries and Wages

**Payroll Taxes** 

**Employee Benefits** 

Rent and CAM Expenses

Billing and Collection Fees

Office Supplies and Postage

**Computer and Communication Costs** 

Management Fees

**Purchased Services** 

Legal and Professional Fees

#### **EQUALS: EBITDA PROFIT**



### Urgent Care Income Statement Categories: Net Profit and Cash Flows

#### **Net Profit Calculation**

**EBITDA** 

MINUS: Interest Payments

**MINUS: Income Taxes** 

MINUS: Depreciation

**MINUS: Amortization** 

**EQUALS: NET PROFIT** 

#### **Net Cash Flow Calculation**

**NET INCOME** 

PLUS: Depreciation

PLUS/MINUS: Accounts Receivable Decrease/Increase

PLUS/MINUS: Supply Inventory Decrease/Increase

PLUS/MINUS: Prepaid Expense Decrease/Increase

PLUS/MINUS: Accounts Payable Increase/Decrease

PLUS/MINUS: Loan Proceeds/Payments

MINUS: Dividends and Distributions

**EQUALS: NET CASH FLOW** 





## DRIVING FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE



## Urgent Care Economics: Basic Revenue Equation

- •Revenue Equation: Volume x Rate
  - Rate = Reimbursement
    - Some discretion in coding and services provided
    - Rates largely set by BUCA payers (economic price takers)
    - Case rates equalize reimbursement across visits
  - Volume = Daily Visits
    - Controllable factors: real estate, marketing, patient ratings
    - Non-Controllable factors: flu/COVID incidence, weather, seasonality, saturation



## Urgent Care Economics: Staffing as a Fixed Cost

#### Cost of Revenue

- Variable costs—incurred only if a patient is seen
- Supplies and EMR costs are relatively small
- Exception may be high cost lab tests or radiology over-reads

### Operating Costs

- Fixed costs—incurred if no patients seen (levered across all patients)
- Labor, benefits, and payroll taxes are >75% of operating costs
- Center cannot operate without a skeletal crew



## Urgent Care Economics: Volume-Driven Business

- Volume-driven Business:
  - •Once labor cost is covered, each incremental visit flows to the bottom line
  - Profitability is maximized by leveraging fixed costs across greater revenue
  - KPI is patients per staff member per hour
    - Providers: 4 patients/hour Medical Assisting: 2 patients/hour Front Desk: 4 patients/hour
  - Most urgent care centers are operating well below capacity



## Urgent Care Economic Considerations

- •Volume depends on strength, timing and duration of flu season
- Prices are set by health insurance companies
- High proportion of costs are subject to wage inflation
- Excess labor capacity due to minimum staffing models
- Excess labor capacity due to "on demand" ebb/flow (vs. appointments)
- Excess labor capacity due to incremental labor problem



### Post-COVID Growth Theses

- **New patients** introduced to urgent care during the pandemic but also a focus on pediatric populations
- New payers especially expansion and privatization of state Medicaid programs
- New geographies including underserved rural and urban markets
- **New services** brand-relevant integration of ancillary, primary care and specialist services
- **New rooftops** growth continues, but more of an analytical approach is needed



