Too many Americans are skipping prescribed medications because they find them too expensive. That foretells trouble for payers—and for patients. On this page, you’ll find several relevant facts and numbers.

**Average copayment and coinsurance for specialty drugs on their own tier**

Average amount of payment: $101

Average coinsurance: 27%


**Drug-price increases in U.S., 2007–2017**

- Average retail prices for 29 chronic-use specialty drugs: +177.3%
- Overall inflation: +19.4%

Source: AARP, “Trends in Retail Prices of Specialty Prescription Drugs Widely Used by Older Americans, 2006 to 2015,” September 2017

**Number of brand name drugs sold in the U.S. with coupons**

- 2009: 86
- 2015: 720

Source: Cohen JP et al., *Health Services Research*, October 2017

**Out-of-pocket costs for cancer patients**

- Percentage of income that goes toward paying out-of-pocket costs (median): 11%
- Monthly out-of-pocket costs (median): $592

*Among 300 patients treated at Duke University Medical Center

Source: Chino F et al, *JAMA Oncology*, November 2017

**Percentages of Americans who report going without medications because they can’t afford them**

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**Percentage of medical oncologists who think it’s important to be explicit about the potential financial impact of treatment choices**

80%