

Do health plans seek patient input when making specialty drug **COVERAGE POLICIES**?

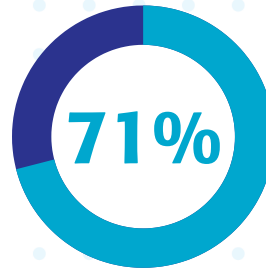


A study published in the *Journal of Managed Care and Specialty Pharmacy* examining the practices of commercial insurance plans says **no**.

Researchers found:

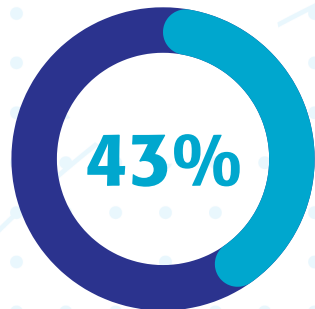
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- ▶ solicited patient input on their coverage-policy development procedures
- ▶ had a formal patient input process

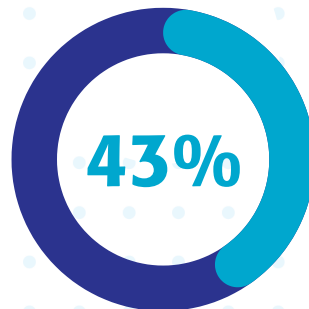


of plans said it was **UNLIKELY** their organization would seek increased input from patients in coverage decisions

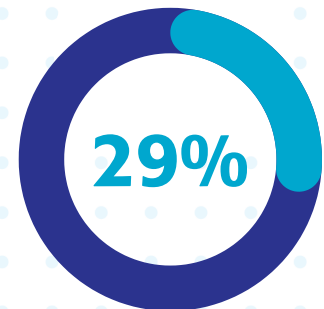
Health plan decision-makers cited barriers:



have difficulty accessing high-quality evidence from patients



lack time and internal staff to obtain patient input



lack tools to incorporate patient input into decision-making