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:

- 0 of plans said it was unlikely their organization would seek increased input from patients in coverage decisions.
- 71% of plans solicited patient input on their coverage-policy development procedures.
- 43% of plans had a formal patient input process.

Health plan decision-makers cited barriers:

- 43% have difficulty accessing high-quality evidence from patients.
- 43% lack time and internal staff to obtain patient input.
- 29% lack tools to incorporate patient input into decision-making.

Read the study atnpcnow.org