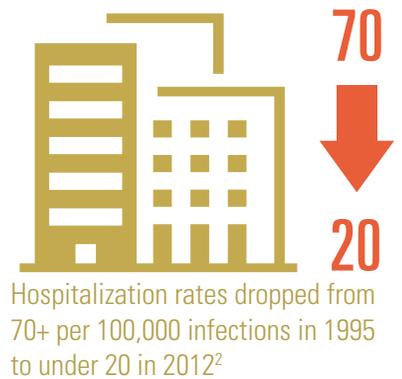
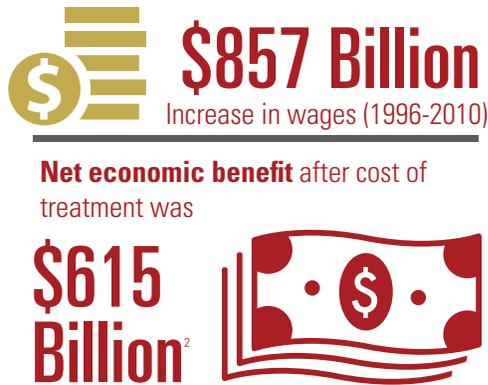


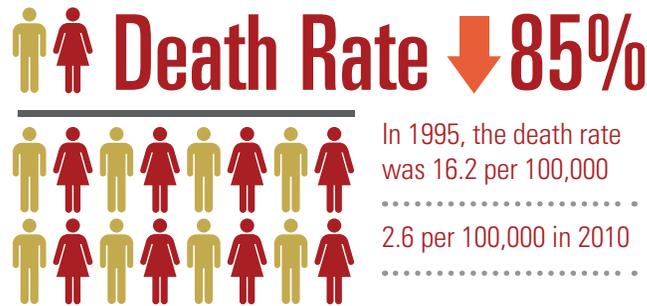
Miracle Medicines: Are Patients Losing Access to Life-Saving Therapies?

New medicines save lives, benefitting patients, the healthcare system and our overall economy. The development of HAART (highly active antiretroviral therapy) transformed HIV/AIDS. Unfortunately, these gains can be reversed by policies that restrict patient access.

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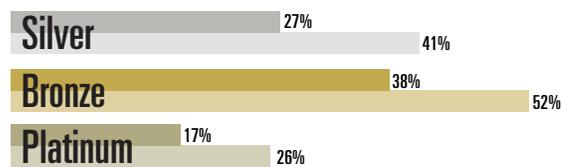


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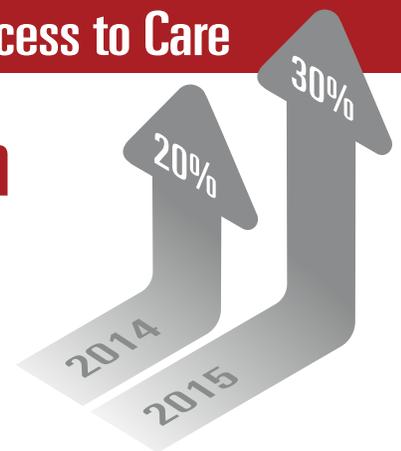
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The number of ACA Exchange Plans charging patients coinsurance rates of more than 30 percent for specialty medications is on the rise³



Adverse Tiering on the Rise

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