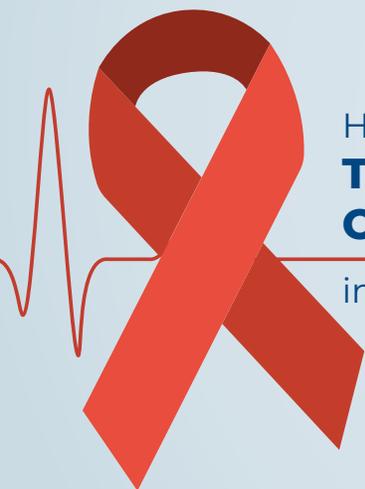
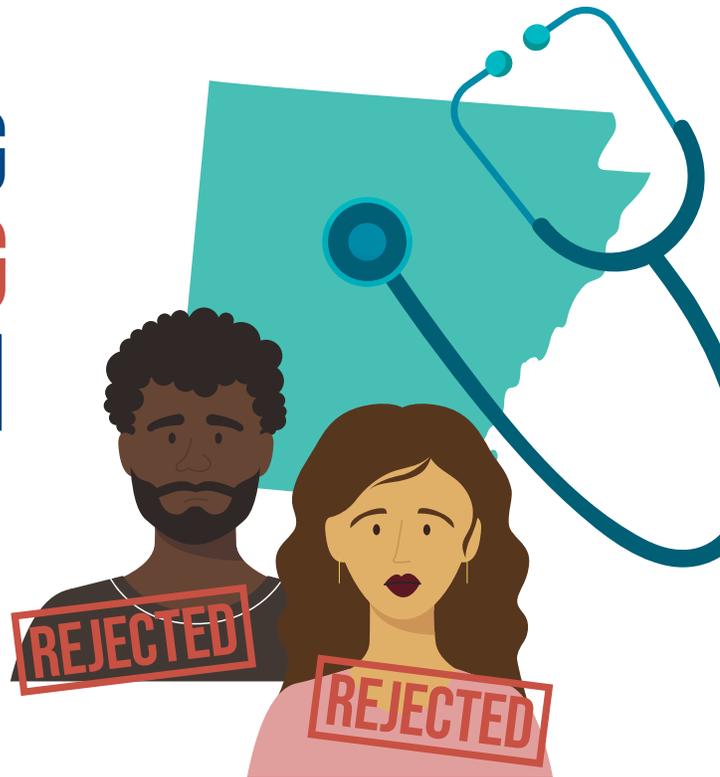
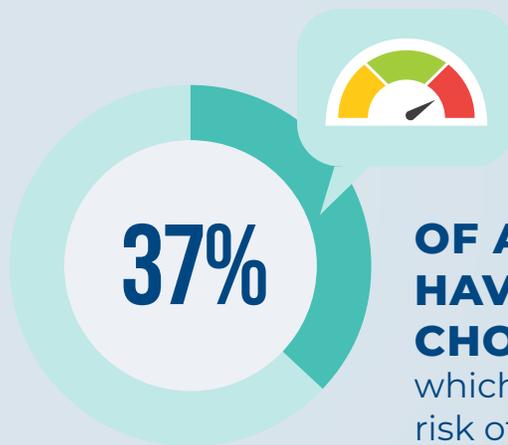


ARKANSANS ARE BEING DENIED LIFE-SAVING HEART MEDICATION

Arkansas' rate of heart disease is higher than the national average. Yet insurers are more likely to reject Arkansans' prescriptions for cholesterol-lowering medication.



Heart disease is **THE #1 CAUSE OF DEATH** in Arkansas.



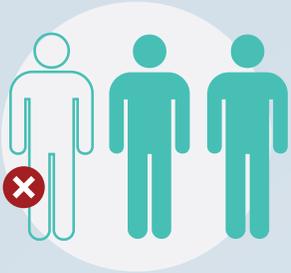
OF ARKANSANS HAVE HIGH CHOLESTEROL, which can double the risk of heart disease.



PCSK9 inhibitors can **DECREASE CHOLESTEROL BY UP TO 70%** and cut the risk of a heart attack by almost one-third.



Health plans
REJECTED 35% of
Arkansas patients who
need a PCSK9 inhibitor.



- Nearly **1 in every 3** Arkansans has their prescription rejected.
- The rejection rate in Arkansas is **67% higher** than the national average.

For some patient groups,
**REJECTIONS ARE
EVEN HIGHER.**



Rejection rate
for **women** in
Arkansas



Rejection rate
for **Black women**
in Arkansas

HEALTH PLANS WITH HIGHEST REJECTION RATES in Arkansas were:

- 84%** • Arkansas State Employees
- 50%** • Blue Cross Blue Shield of Arkansas



THAT'S TOO MUCH FOR HEART PATIENTS.

Insurers should provide all patients
access to life-saving medication.

Data source: Symphony Health; Commercial
plans, January 2019 – December 2021



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