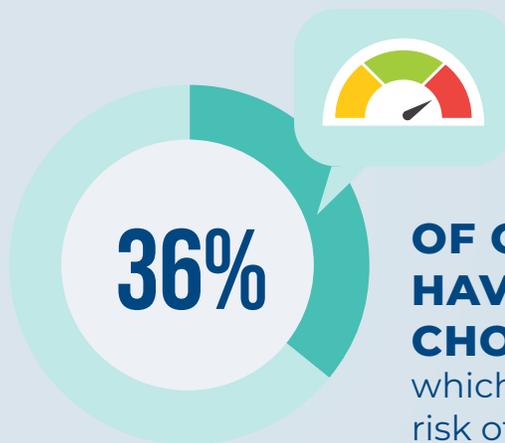


# OKLAHOMANS ARE BEING DENIED LIFE-SAVING HEART MEDICATION

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



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



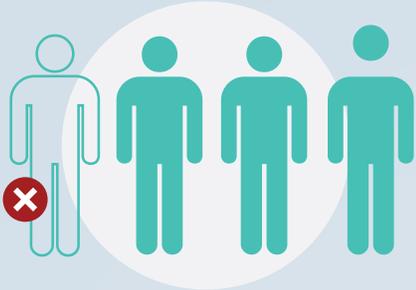
**OF OKLAHOMANS HAVE HIGH CHOLESTEROL,** which can double the risk of heart disease.



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



Health plans  
**REJECTED 27%**  
of Oklahomans who need  
a PCSK9 inhibitor.



- **1 in every 4** Oklahomans has their prescription rejected.
- The rejection rate in Oklahoma is **29% higher** than the national average.

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



**29%**

Rejection rate for  
**Black patients**  
in Oklahoma



**32%**

Rejection rate  
for **Black women**  
in Oklahoma

## 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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