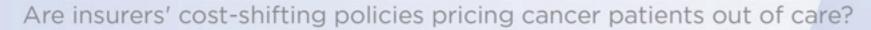
WHEN CANCER COST-SHARING TURNS TOXIC.







The average amount that an insured cancer patient pays out of pocket per year is \$4,800



50% \$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$

of Medicare beneficiaries with cancer spend more than 10% of their income on out-of-pocket health care costs.



28% \$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$

spend more than 20%.



Between 1999 and 2013, patients' share of premiums has **increased by 196%.**Deductibles have almost doubled.



2.65x

Cancer patients were 2.65 times more likely to go bankrupt than people without cancer.



70%

Patients with higher co-payments (\$53 or more) were 70% more likely to discontinue therapy in the first six months of treatment.

When cost-sharing turns toxic, patients may fall into nonadherence—spacing out chemotherapy appointments, delaying care, declining diagnostic procedures, and replacing prescription therapies with over-the-counter medications.