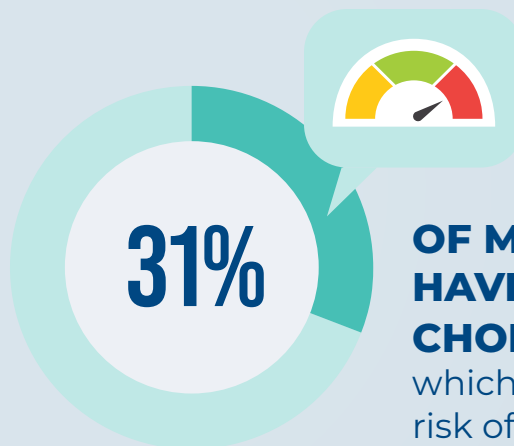


# MISSISSIPPIANS ARE BEING DENIED LIFE-SAVING HEART MEDICATION

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



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



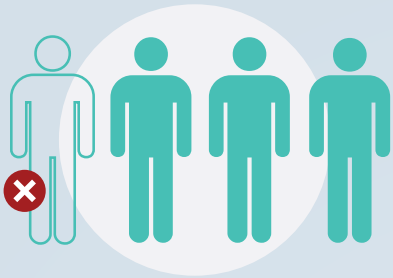
**OF MISSISSIPPIANS HAVE HIGH CHOLESTEROL,** which can double the risk of heart disease.



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  
Mississippi patients who  
need a PCSK9 inhibitor.



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

For women in Mississippi,  
**REJECTIONS ARE  
EVEN HIGHER.**



**29%** Rejection rate for  
**women** in Mississippi.

The **HEALTH PLAN WITH HIGHEST  
REJECTION RATE** in Mississippi is:

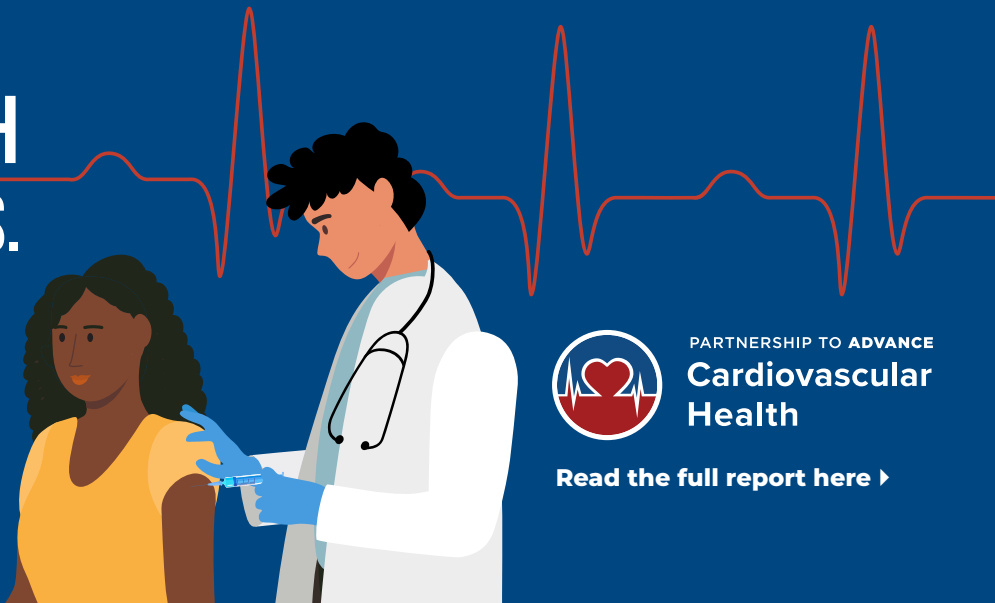
**49%** | **BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD OF MISSISSIPPI**



**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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