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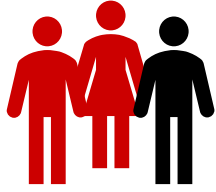
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DISCUSSING OUT-OF-POCKET MEDICAL EXPENSES

With a new year many health insurance deductibles reset, impacting the out-of-pocket (OOP) costs patients must pay up front for their care.

Data represent 1,385 patients who responded to PAFs 2018 *Cost of Care Conversations* survey.

2 in 3 stated OOP costs are important when making treatment decisions



61% Indicated insurance related costs were the greatest source of financial strain

30% skipped/delayed a procedure due to cost in the past 12 months



HALF (49%) attempted to determine care costs prior to their treatment

If you have a serious illness and are facing unaffordable out of pocket medical expenses, PAF can help. Visit <https://www.patientadvocate.org/> to explore our patient resources and programs.

Need help with medication co-payments? Our Co-Pay Relief Program provides direct financial assistance to insured individuals who meet the eligibility requirements. Visit <https://copays.org/> or call 866-512-3861.

Our case managers work alongside patients or their loved ones, to resolve insurance, access, or affordability issues. Call 800-532-5274 or submit an online intake form to connect.

Visit PAF's interactive National Financial Resource Guide at <https://www.patientadvocate.org/explore-our-resources/>

"Likely saved my life and I'm forever grateful for the service and help Patient Advocate Foundation provided me with! My case manager was amazing to work with and was someone who truly values the opportunity to aid/help someone in need - working with me to obtain the healthcare I needed ... would have been lost if it had not been for you guys! Thank you."

Vince

