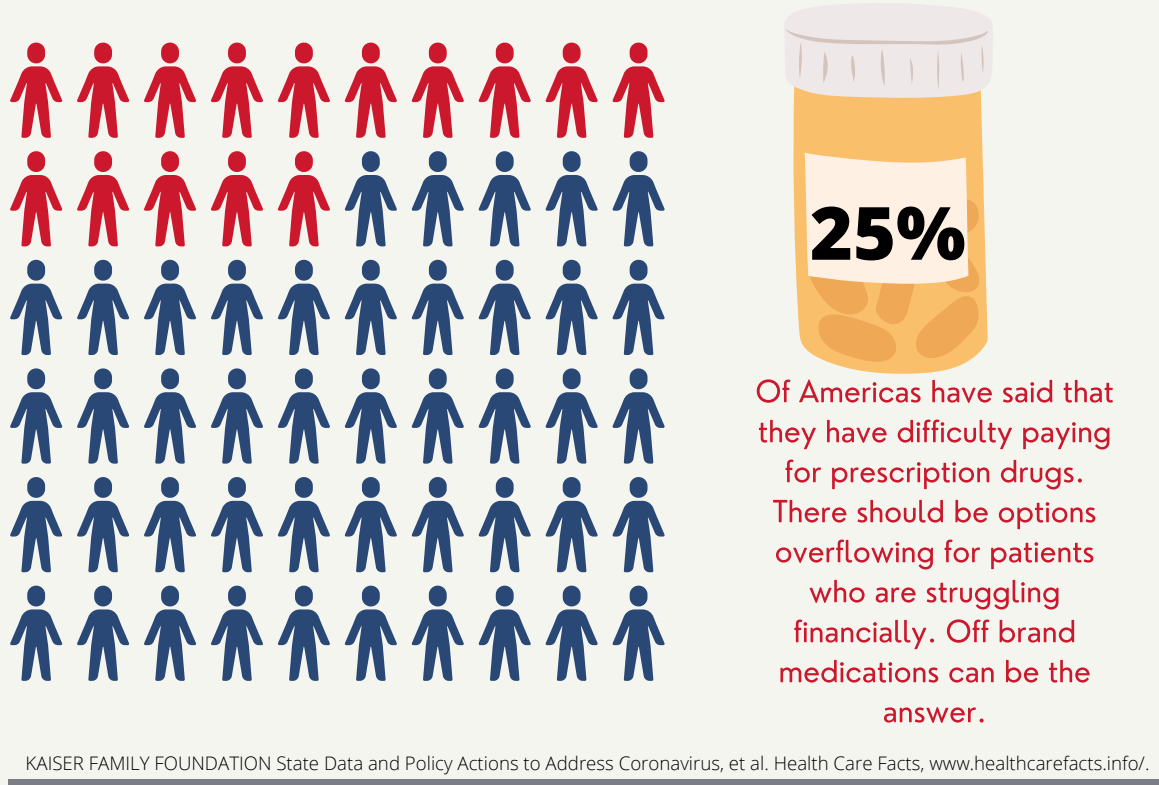


# Making High Price Medication Affordable

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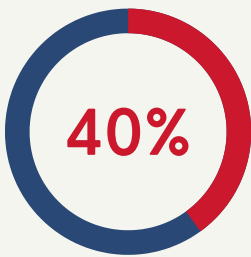


“She was barely scraping by and trying not to get evicted. She gets what appears to her as a basic cold or flu, didn't go to the doctor and risk spending money she didn't have, as a consequence she passed away.”  
- Cameron Finley

53 year-old, Susan Finley was recovering from pneumonia. She was laid off of her job from Walmart. She had also lost her health insurance coverage and sadly was struggling to find a job. She had passed away in her apartment after avoiding to see a doctor with flu-like symptoms.

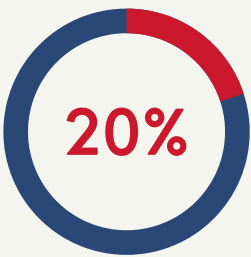


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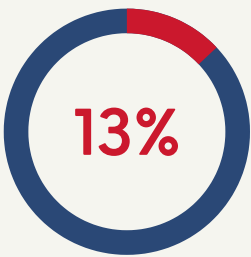
Uninsured  
respondents

Household under \$40,000 income. These individuals are most likely unable to afford medication.



Cannot afford needed  
healthcare

There are many families that have died because of not being able to afford medical assistance or the fear of not being able to pay it off.



Had someone die  
unable to pay for  
treatment

In the last 5 years Americans have reported that a family member or friend had passed away because they were unable to pay for treatment.

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How can we make medication affordable in the circumstances of low income families? In this group research project this is what we have been researching for the past couple of months. I am going to be presenting ethos, a story, and facts that show what happens when we do not get the medication we need. In conclusion there are many ways we can help families in need like this and that is to make off brand medication more known.