How North Carolina Residents Are Impacted By High Rx Costs

- 984,208 North Carolina Residents have been diagnosed with cancer.¹
- 1,058,942 North Carolina Residents have pre-diabetes or diabetes.¹
- 337,643 North Carolina Residents have heart disease.¹

Between 2012 and 2017, the price of these name brand drugs increased:

- **Revlimid**
  - Treats forms of cancer
  - From $147,413/yr to $247,496/yr²

- **Lantus**
  - Treats diabetes
  - From $2,907/yr to $4,702/yr²

- **Aggrenox**
  - Treats heart disease
  - From $3,030/yr to $5,930/yr²

In 2017, 30% of North Carolina Residents stopped taking medication as prescribed due to cost.³

Sources:

¹ Total does not include skin cancer. Source: AARP Public Policy Institute analysis using 2017 data from the Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System.
³ Among 19-64 year old population. State Health Access Data Assistance Center (SHADAC) analysis of National Health Interview Survey data, State Health Compare, SHADAC, University of Minnesota, statehealthcompare.shadac.org, Accessed September 5, 2019.