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[RunawayRx](#), a project of the California Association of Health Plans, highlights noteworthy articles and information on the acceleration of prescription drug pricing.

Prescription drug prices are rising across the board, leaving state agencies and taxpayers on the hook. A recent [JAMA](#) infographic showcases spikes in national drug spending and highlights the demand for solutions. Policies that promote greater transparency about how prices are set are supported by 86 percent of Americans.

Recent Trends in Prescription Drug Costs

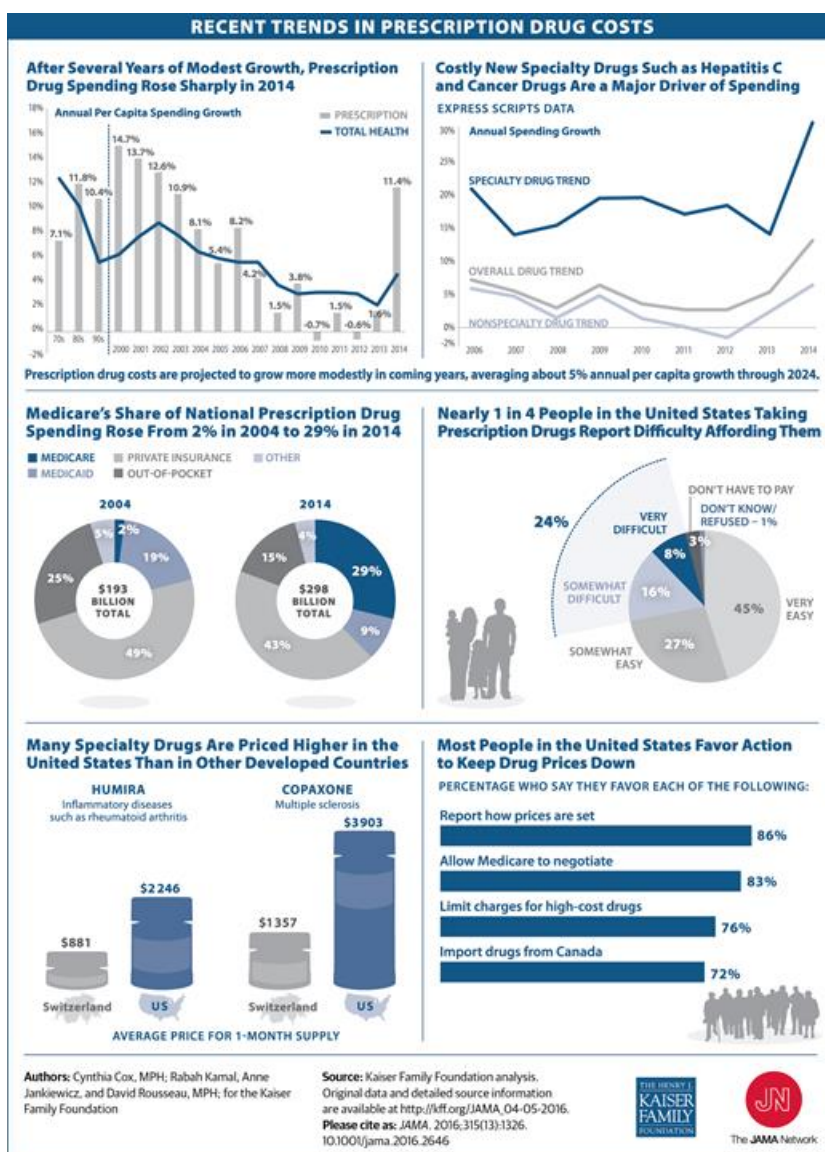
Cynthia Cox, Rabah Kamal, Anne Jankiewicz & David Rousseau
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“This [Visualizing Health Policy infographic](#) spotlights national spending on prescription drugs and the public’s views on pharmaceutical prices. Prescription drug spending rose sharply in 2014, driven by growth in expenditures on specialty drugs, including medications to treat cancer and hepatitis C...

“...Prices for many specialty drugs are higher in the United States than other developed countries, and about 1 in 4 people in the United States who take prescription drugs report difficulty affording them.”

Read the full article and download the infographic [here](#).



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