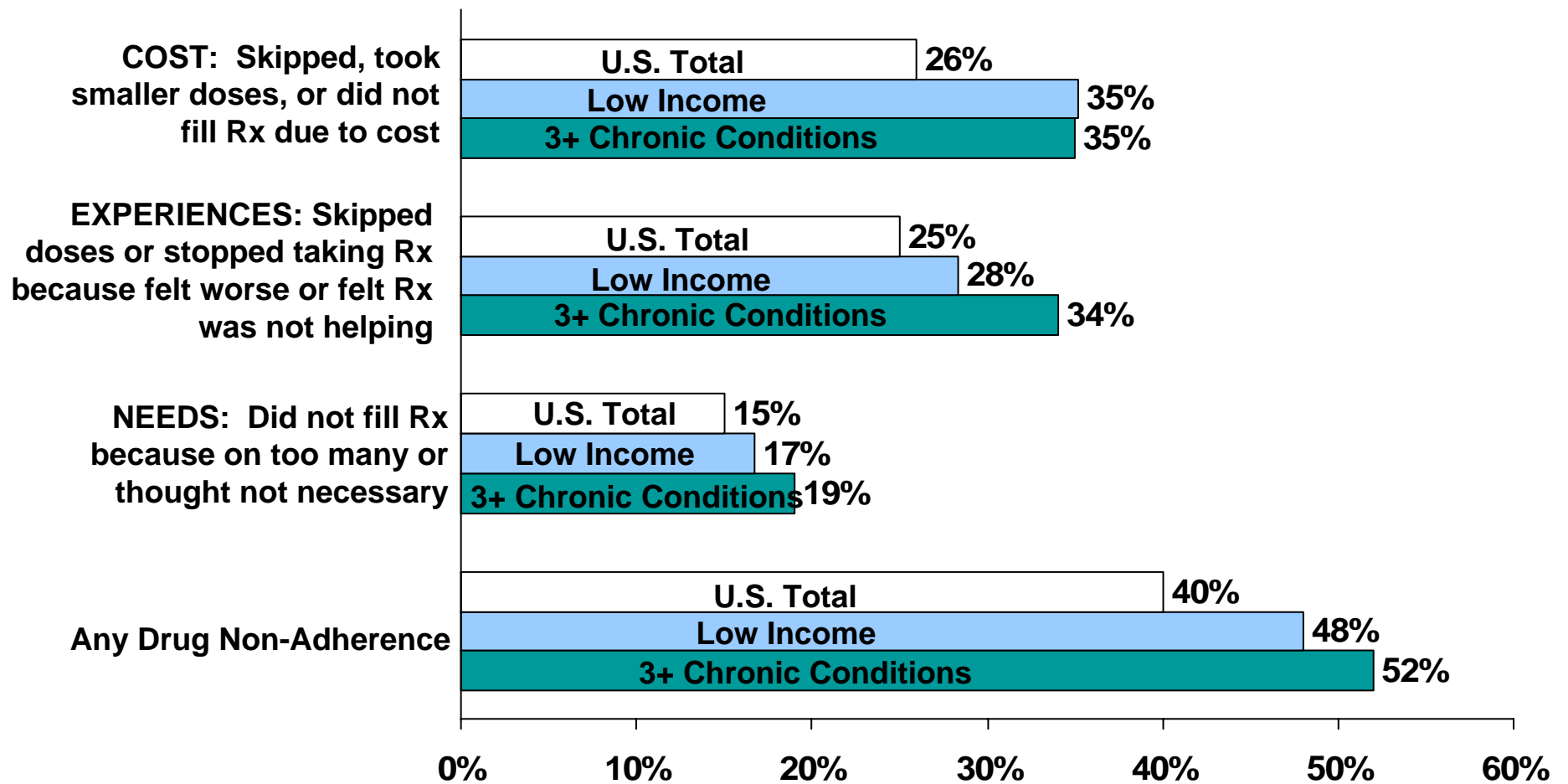


Figure 1

# Two of five seniors report not taking medications as prescribed

## Poor experiences with drugs and costs contribute to non-adherence

Percent of seniors who say they:



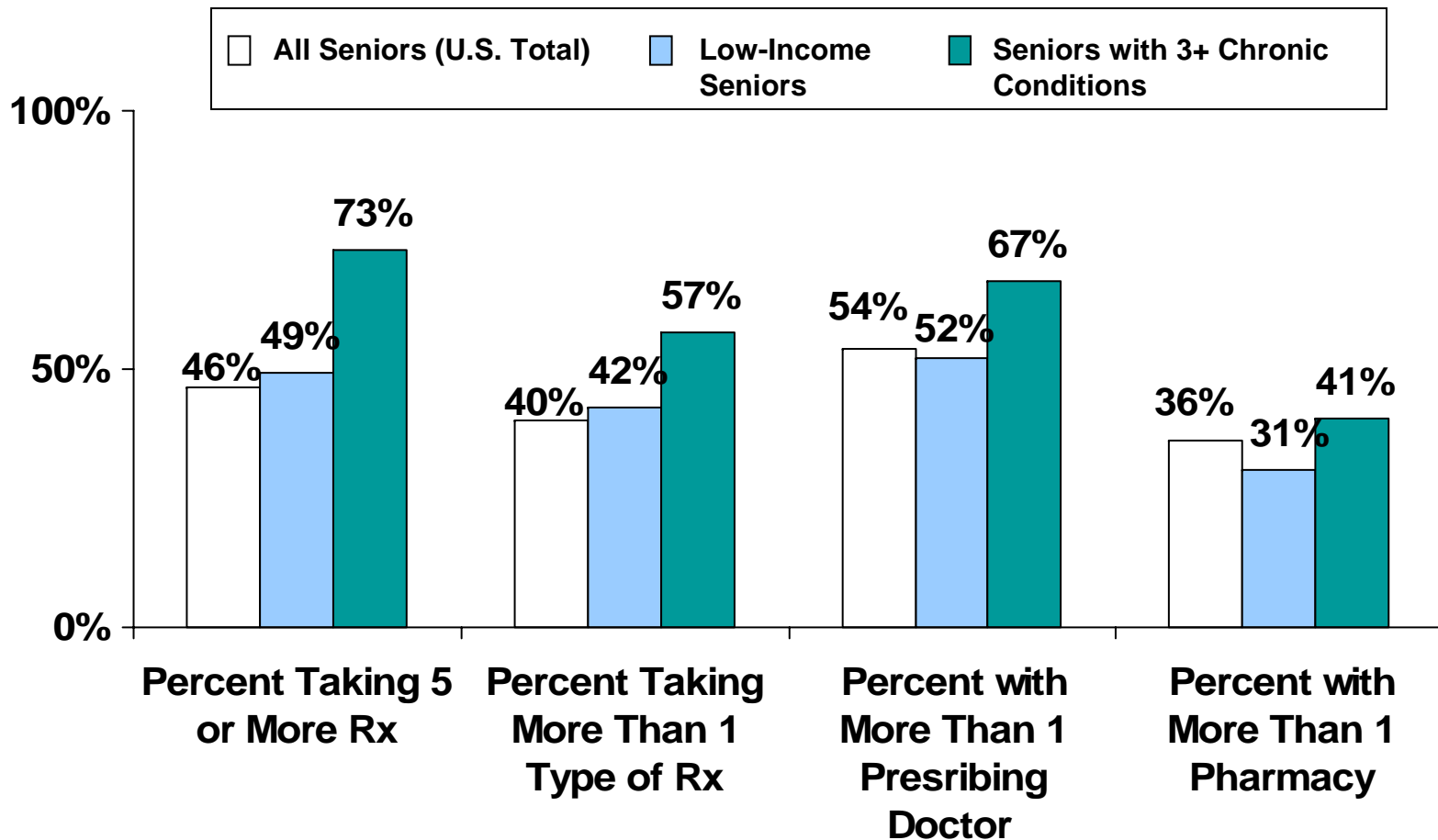
**Note:** Rx = prescription medication. Low income is 200 percent of the federal poverty or less.

**SOURCE:** Kaiser/Commonwealth/Tufts-New England Medical Center 2003 National Survey of Seniors and Prescription Drugs.

Figure 2

# Seniors – especially those with 3 or more chronic conditions – rely heavily on medications

Many have multiple prescribing doctors and use more than 1 pharmacy



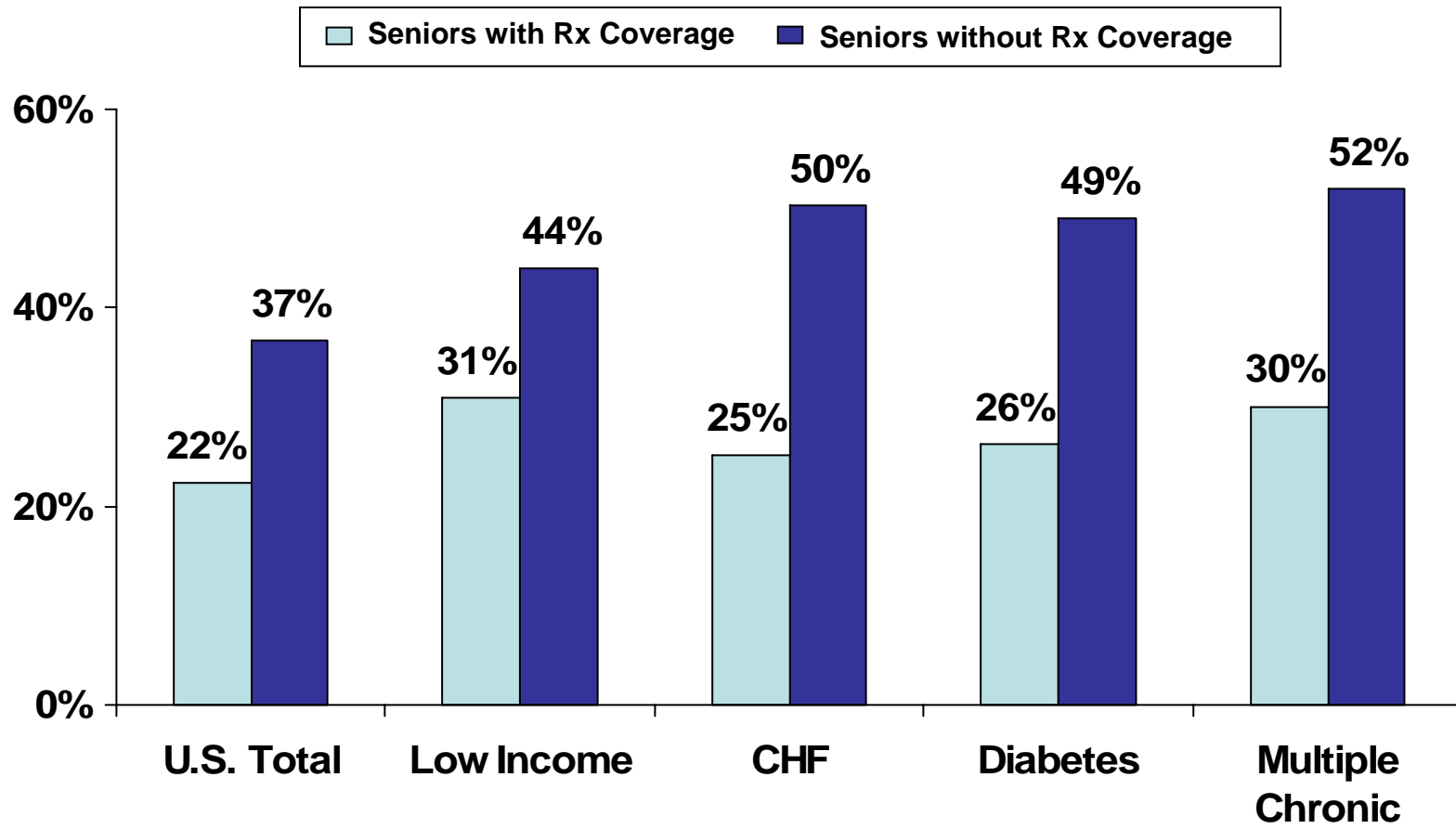
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Figure 3

# Drug coverage matters: Seniors without drug coverage report higher rates of non-adherence than those with drug coverage

Percent of seniors not filling medications or skipping or taking smaller doses due to costs:



**Note:** Rx = prescription medication. Low income is 200 percent of the federal poverty level or less.

**SOURCE:** Kaiser/Commonwealth/Tufts-New England Medical Center 2003 National Survey of Seniors and Prescription Drugs.

Figure 4

## Sources of drug coverage for seniors vary by state

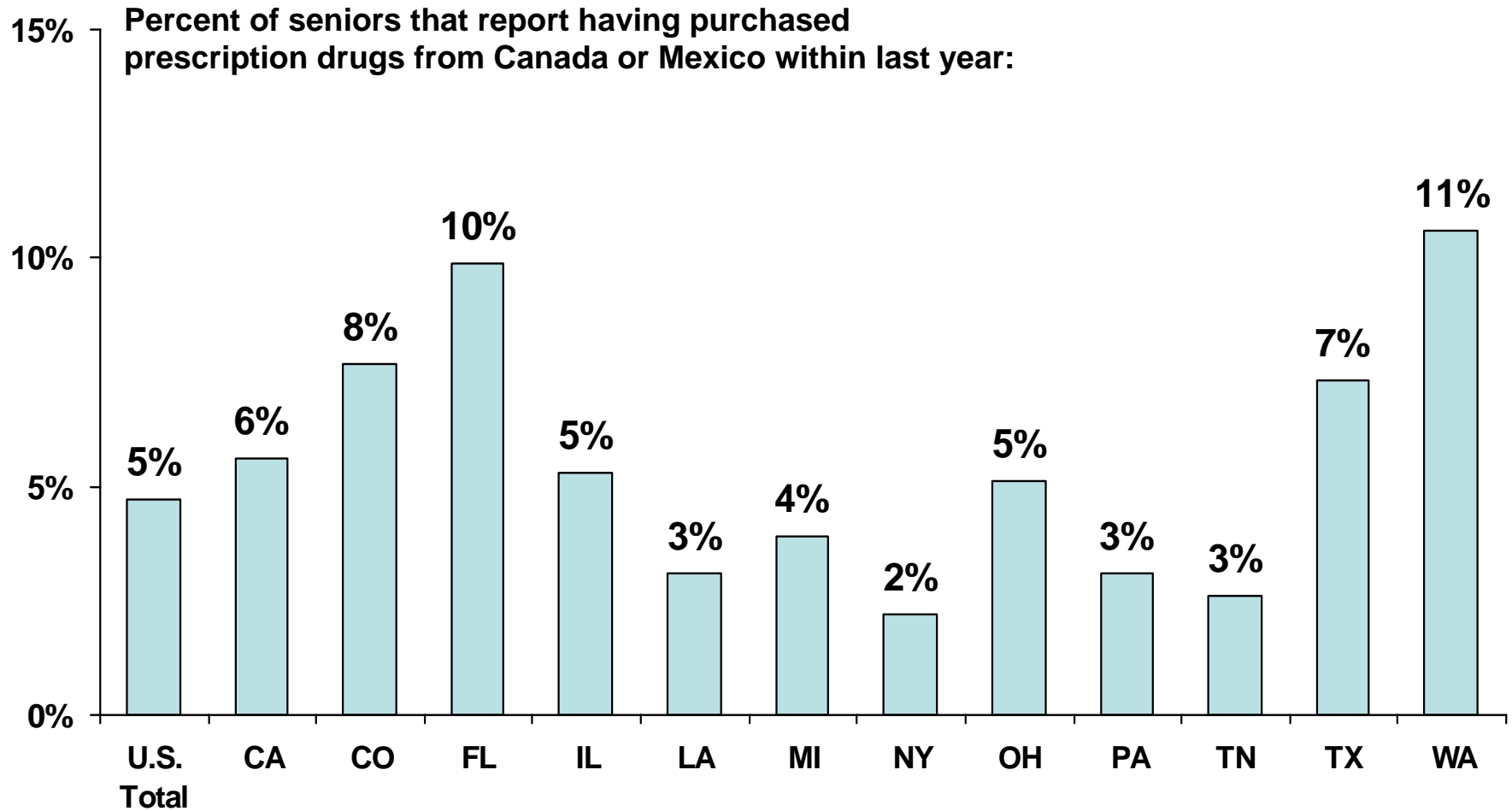
Source of Rx Covg.	US Total	CA	CO	FL	IL	LA	MI	NY	OH	PA	TN	TX	WA
<b>Total Senior Population</b>													
<b>No Rx Coverage</b>	27%	22%	24%	28%	27%	35%	21%	16%	29%	20%	31%	30%	36%
<b>Employer</b>	29%	30%	26%	27%	29%	26%	47%	37%	38%	24%	25%	27%	24%
<b>Medicaid</b>	7%	12%	4%	4%	8%	7%	5%	7%	4%	3%	10%	8%	4%
<b>HMO</b>	9%	21%	22%	11%	3%	6%	1%	13%	6%	19%	5%	4%	9%
<b>Other</b>	28%	15%	24%	30%	33%	26%	26%	27%	23%	34%	29%	31%	27%
<b>Low-Income Senior Population (&lt;200% of Poverty)</b>													
<b>No Rx Coverage</b>	33%	24%	33%	37%	27%	44%	27%	17%	42%	19%	37%	41%	42%
<b>Employer</b>	16%	7%	11%	15%	13%	13%	31%	22%	23%	14%	14%	10%	16%
<b>Medicaid</b>	15%	37%	11%	11%	16%	15%	11%	17%	8%	7%	20%	18%	12%
<b>HMO</b>	8%	21%	26%	14%	4%	6%	2%	17%	8%	20%	6%	5%	8%
<b>Other</b>	28%	11%	19%	23%	40%	22%	29%	27%	19%	40%	23%	26%	22%

**Note:** "Other" includes Medigap, VA benefits, state pharmacy assistance, and coverage that could not otherwise be classified.

**SOURCE:** Kaiser/Commonwealth/Tufts-New England Medical Center 2003 National Survey of Seniors and Prescription Drugs.

Figure 5

# Nationally, five percent of seniors obtain drugs from Canada or Mexico, but rates vary by state



SOURCE: Kaiser/Commonwealth/Tufts-New England Medical Center 2003 National Survey of Seniors and Prescription Drugs.

