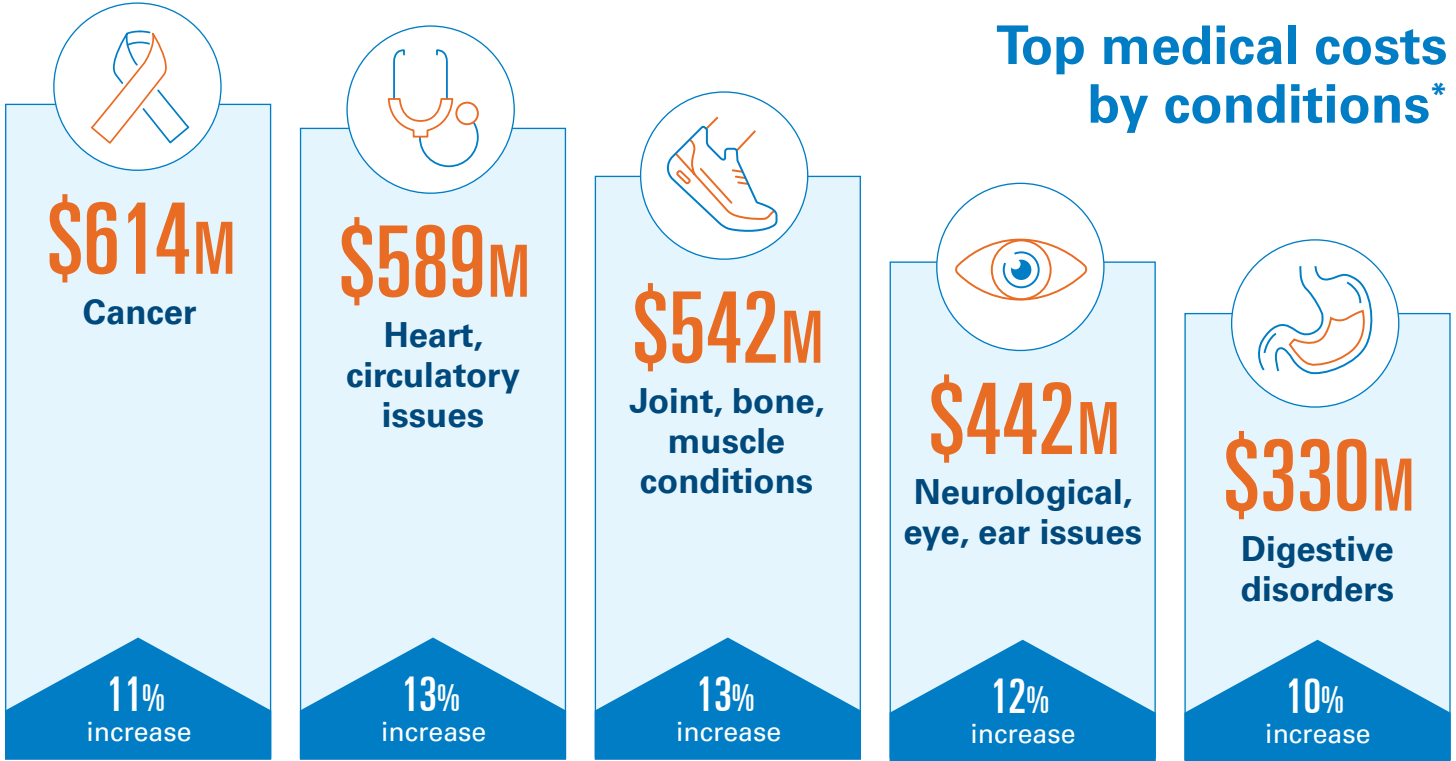




Health care costs continue to rise

In 2024, we spent \$6 billion on medical and drug benefits for our members.



Examples of what's driving high health care costs:

\$14,000 a dose for a top cancer medication

13,700 number of hip/knee replacements (6% increase in surgeries)

\$13,000 for each cardioversion (a procedure that resets the heart rhythm)

~\$2M on a potentially lifesaving gene therapy for a newborn



In 2024, spending on prescription drugs reached **\$865M****

Tackling rising costs

Some of the ways we help members improve their health while also slowing rising costs include partnerships that:



Increase access to in-home care services



Focus on provider incentives for high-quality, affordable care



Help members safely transition from hospital to home sooner



Help coordinate members' care



High-cost biologics account for an increasing share of U.S. prescription drug spending. We encourage the use of FDA-approved **biosimilar medications**, which work just as well but cost less. Biosimilars treat a variety of conditions, including cancer and autoimmune diseases.***



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*"Top Medical Costs by Conditions" include medical claims for fully-insured health plans, excluding prescription drug claims. The cost data in this section reflects claims incurred for a 12-month period ending November 2024 (paid through January 2025). Medical costs are also compared to the same period from the previous year.

**Prescription drug spending includes prescription claims in 2024 for all fully-insured health plans.

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