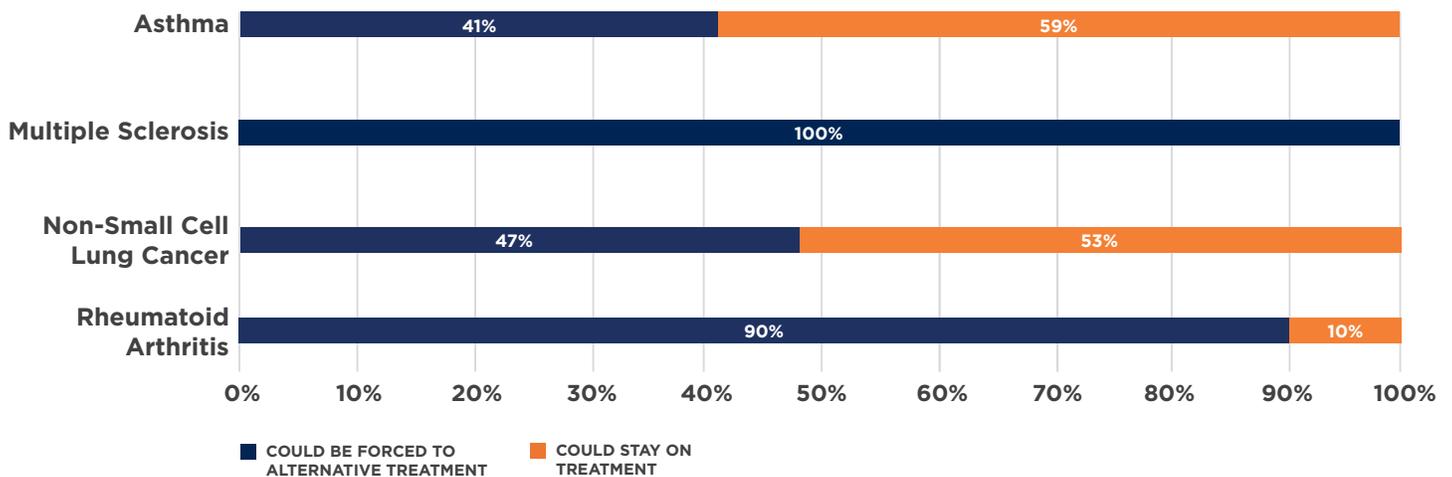


# APPLYING ICER ASSESSMENTS IN MASSACHUSETTS COULD LIMIT PATIENTS' ACCESS TO MEDICINES

If MassHealth—Massachusetts' Medicaid program—relied on one-size-fits-all value assessments like those conducted by the Institute for Clinical and Economic Review (ICER), it could put patient access to medicines in jeopardy, including for diseases like cancer and multiple sclerosis.

**22,105** prescriptions per year could face restrictions if MassHealth used an ICER-like standard

## PRESCRIPTIONS THAT MAY BE SUBJECT TO ACCESS RESTRICTIONS UNDER AN ICER-BASED FORMULARY IN MASSHEALTH



Xcenda. "Impact analysis of ICER-based formulary implementation in Medicaid." December 2020.

**24%**

of Bay Staters are covered by Medicaid and CHIP



**4 in 9**

Bay Staters with disabilities receive their health care coverage through Medicaid

Kaiser Family Foundation. "Medicaid in Massachusetts." October 2019.

**Methodology and Limitations:** Patient-level detail (e.g., number of beneficiaries, diagnoses, patients using more than one prescription) was not provided; therefore, utilization was assessed per product and not per product and indication over one calendar year (2019). Differences in how medicines may be covered in different Medicaid plans and what access restrictions may exist were not accounted for. This work was done on behalf of PhRMA. Xcenda maintained control over methodology and editorial content.

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