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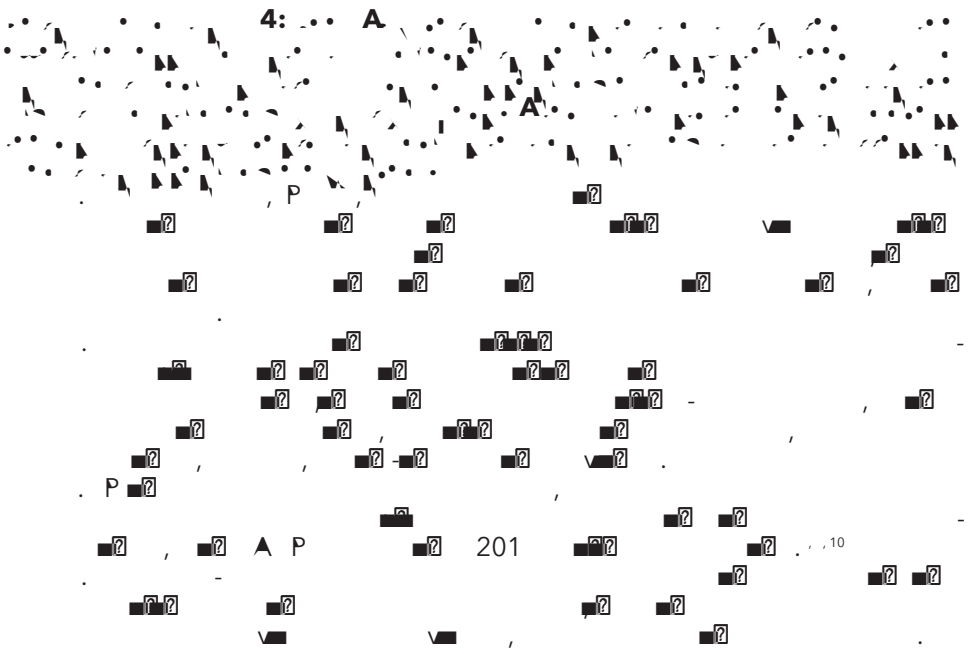

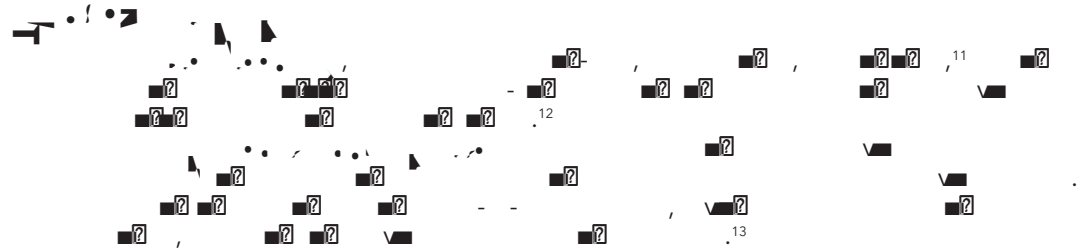

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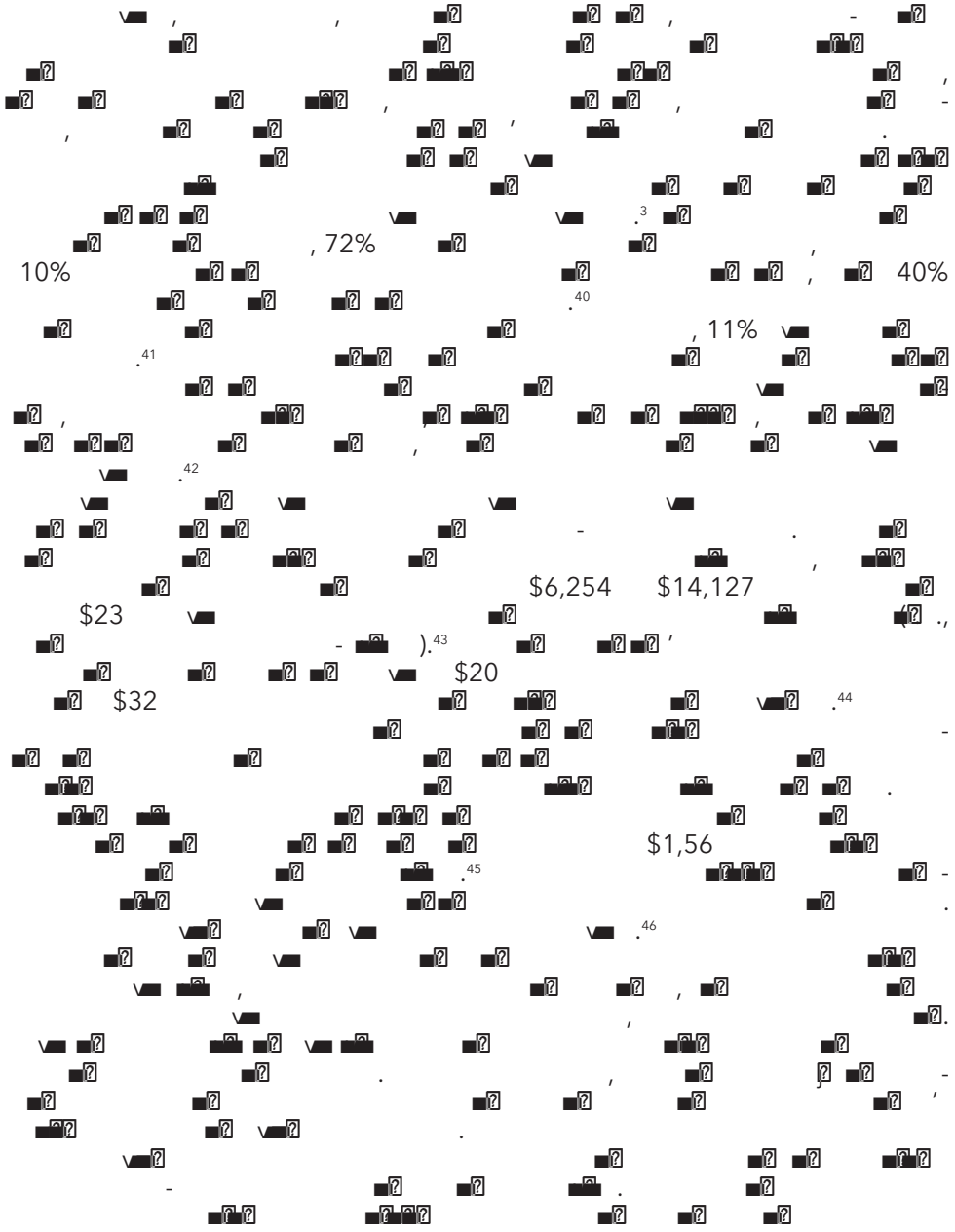

. ***Step therapy and nonmedical drug switching programs should not require patients to try more than two drugs before being able to take a medication originally prescribed by their doctor.***

. ***PBMs should avoid combining step therapy and nonmedical drug switching policies with additional formulary restrictions, such as prior authorization requests, which create undue burden.*** P

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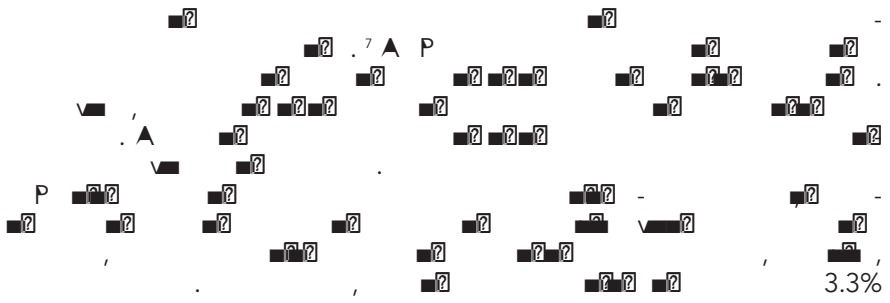

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