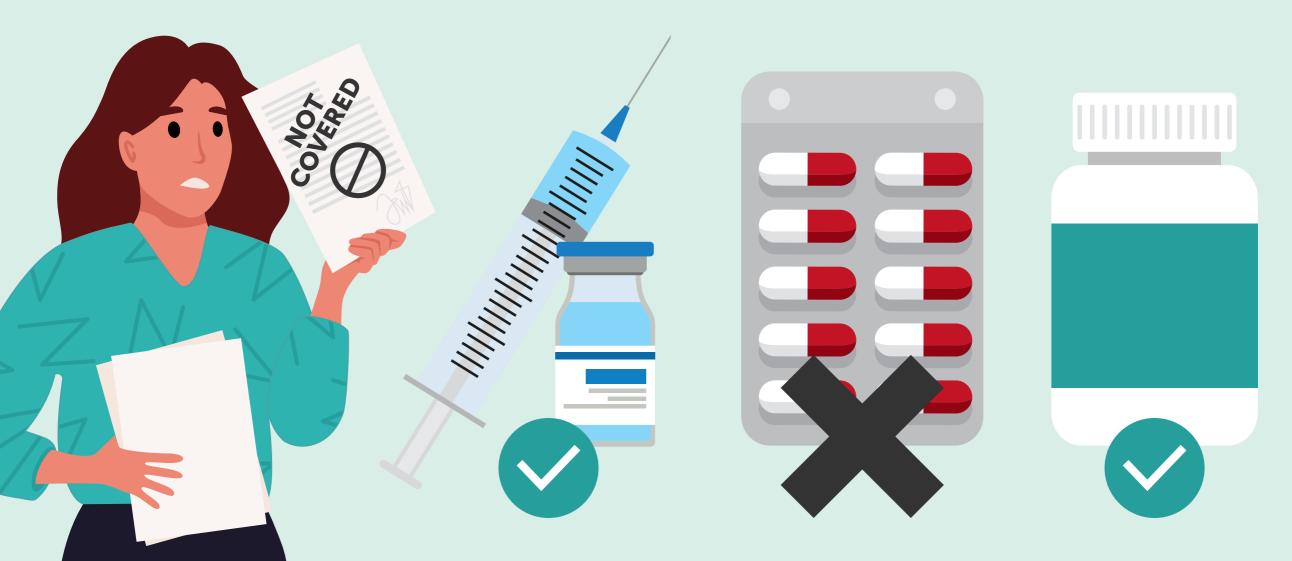
## HOW "ALTERNATIVE" RX FUNDING PROGRAMS FAIL CYSTIC FIBROSIS PATIENTS

Alternative funding programs allow employer-sponsored health plans, working with third-party vendors, to exclude certain specialty medications from coverage.



## Cystic fibrosis patients get pushed into charitable prescription assistance programs. That means:



#### REDUCED QUALITY OF CARE

as patients face gaps in coverage, delays accessing prescribed care, and new or worsening disease symptoms.



HIGHER OUT-OF-POCKET COSTS

for patients after their assistance maxes out.



#### FEWER RESOURCES FOR THE TRULY NEEDY,

who must compete with insured patients for limited financial assistance.

### Patients aren't the only ones who suffer.



face increased absenteeism and staff turnover as employees struggle with treatment disruptions and health complications.

#### THE DRUG PRICING SYSTEM becomes even

more opaque and convoluted.



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Alternative funding programs are no alternative to timely access and patient-centered care.