KEY FINDINGS – POVERTY, OPIOIDS AND NON-COMPLIANT PATIENTS

The Impact of Poverty
Almost 90% of physicians say their patients have a serious health problem linked to poverty or other social conditions

88%

Some, many or all patients with social condition – 88%
Few patients with social condition – 11%
No patients with social condition – 1%

The Opioid Crisis
How physicians are responding

69%

Prescribing fewer pain medications – 69%
Prescribing the same amount of pain medications – 31%

Non-compliant Patients
Many patients do not or cannot consistently adhere to their physician’s treatment plans

31%

Number of non-compliant patients – 31%

Source: The Physicians Foundation 2018 Survey of America’s Physicians: Practice Patterns and Perspectives, conducted by Merritt Hawkins.

Data based on responses from 8,774 physicians. Margin of error +/- 1.057%.
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