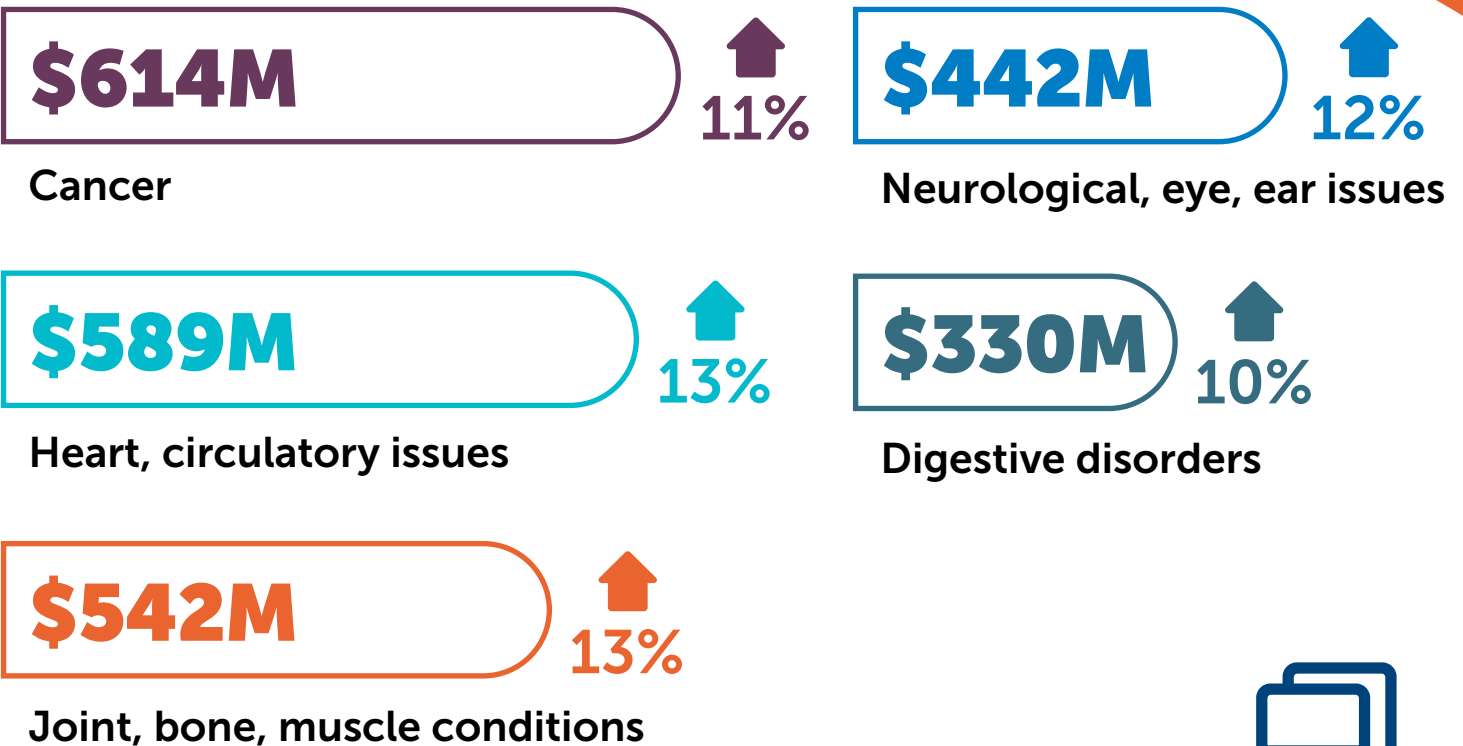


# Health care costs continue to rise

In 2024, the Rochester-based health plan that does business as Univera Healthcare in Western New York spent \$6 billion on medical and drug benefits for members.

## Top costs by condition\*



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



Help members safely transition from hospital to home sooner



Focus on provider incentives for high-quality, affordable care



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.\*\*\*

\*Top Medical Costs by Condition" 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.

\*\*\* Biosimilars Basics for Patients | FDA

## What's driving some of the high 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