Background
The Affordable Care Act will invest billions more in community health centers over the next decade, and will enroll tens of millions of individuals in insurance coverage. These expanded access policies are likely to meet with cost control measures such as formulary changes and increasing copays, which may profoundly shape patients’ relationships with their medications.

CONCEPTUAL MODEL

Discussion
• Even in a state with 98% insurance coverage and expanded access policies in Massachusetts since 2006, 10% of respondents experienced a gap in coverage in the past year.
• 31% of participants reported that in the past 12 months they were unable to afford needed medication or medical supplies (e.g., diabetes testing strips).
• 24% of participants were unable to obtain needed medication due to transportation barriers.

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