

# IMPACTS OF RISING COSTS FOR WOUNDCARE SUPPLIES

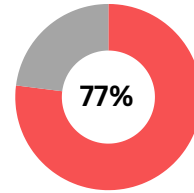
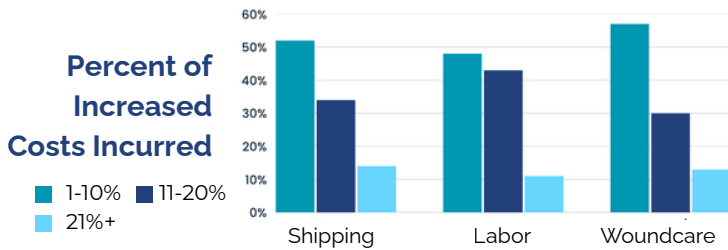
Unsustainable market pressures are making it harder for HME providers to provide essential woundcare supplies. **Action must be taken to protect access to care.**

## A SYSTEM OUT OF BALANCE:

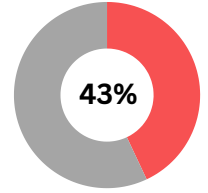
HME providers face rising costs and stagnant reimbursement<sup>1</sup>

up to **20%**  
Increased costs of labor, shipping, & cost of goods

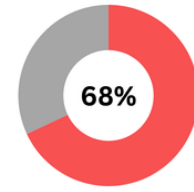
**95%**  
Received no payer reimbursement increases  
*Excluding Medicare CPI-U Adjustment*



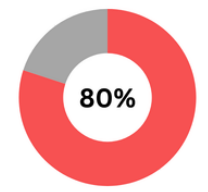
Incurred **increased woundcare supplies costs** in last 12 mo.



Received advance notice or expectation of woundcare supplies **price increases this year**



Incurred **increased labor costs**



Incurred **increased shipping costs**

## SUPPLY CHAIN DISRUPTION<sup>1</sup>

**47%** Delays up to 30 days  
**23%** Delays 31-60 days  
**13%** Delays 61+ days  
**Delayed Fulfillment of Providers' Product Acquisition**

**48%** Experienced **supply chain disruptions** in the last 12 mo.

**77%** Ship the majority of woundcare supplies to end users

**25%** Minimum **increase of shipping costs** by major carriers since 2023<sup>3</sup>

Nearly

**1 in 5**

are considering or actively planning to **stop providing woundcare supplies** due to cost pressures<sup>1</sup>

**37%**

Fewer HME provider locations nationwide since 2013<sup>2</sup>

## MARKET CHALLENGES

Respondents report that reimbursement policies, inflation, Third Party Administrators (or payer alternative payment arrangements), and challenges managing operational costs negatively impact their ability to provide disposable supplies.<sup>1</sup>

1) National AAH supplier market impact survey, March-April '26. 2) AAH analysis of Medicare DMEPOS supplier, Jan '26. 3) [partnership.com/blog/post/fedex-ups-general-rate-increase](https://partnership.com/blog/post/fedex-ups-general-rate-increase)  
Note: Home Medical Equipment (HME) providers are also referred to as "suppliers"