



# Hospital & Health Systems

Consumer Telehealth  
2016 Benchmark Survey Results





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## In partnership with Becker's Healthcare, Teladoc conducted a benchmark survey in December 2016 that aimed to gain insight from U.S. hospital and health system executives on the current consumer telehealth landscape.

An expanding provider market, growing client uncertainty and limited benchmark data prompted Teladoc to embark on this survey. The goal of this survey was to develop a benchmark tool for hospital leaders for their consumer telehealth programs and also provide insight to hospitals and health system stakeholders on best practices for implementation and lessons learned. To conduct this executive level survey, Teladoc utilized a third-party data collection through partnership with Becker's Healthcare.

The findings represent responses from 179 health care executives and other key consumer telehealth stakeholders from for-profit and non-profit organizations representing acute care, academic and community hospitals in both single-state and multi-state systems.

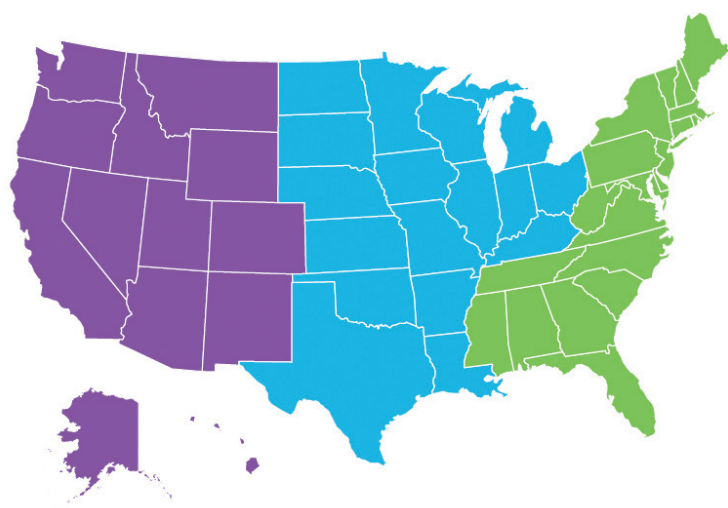
Respondents provided input related to their consumer telehealth goals and priorities, length of program and utilization, populations served, staffing structure, marketing budget and promotion, challenges and factors to consider in a telehealth partner and more.

Respondents were divided into three categories: Those who have a consumer telehealth program in place (39 percent), those who will have a program in place in the next 24 months (37 percent) and those who do not plan to implement a program in the next 24 months (24 percent).

### Key Findings:

1. 83% of hospitals and health systems who are implementing telehealth in the next 24 months rate consumer telehealth as a high-priority initiative.
2. 76% of hospitals have or will be implementing consumer telehealth by December 2018.
3. 69% of the organizations who have consumer telehealth are expanding.

### Respondent Profile



■ 15% West ■ 52% Midwest ■ 33% East

#### Titles

- 43% executives
- 26% directors and managers
- 31% other

#### Organization status

- 60% non-profit
- 40% for-profit

#### Hospital type

- 52% health system
- 29% short-term acute
- 19% other (critical access, pediatric, psychiatric, rehabilitation, long-term acute)

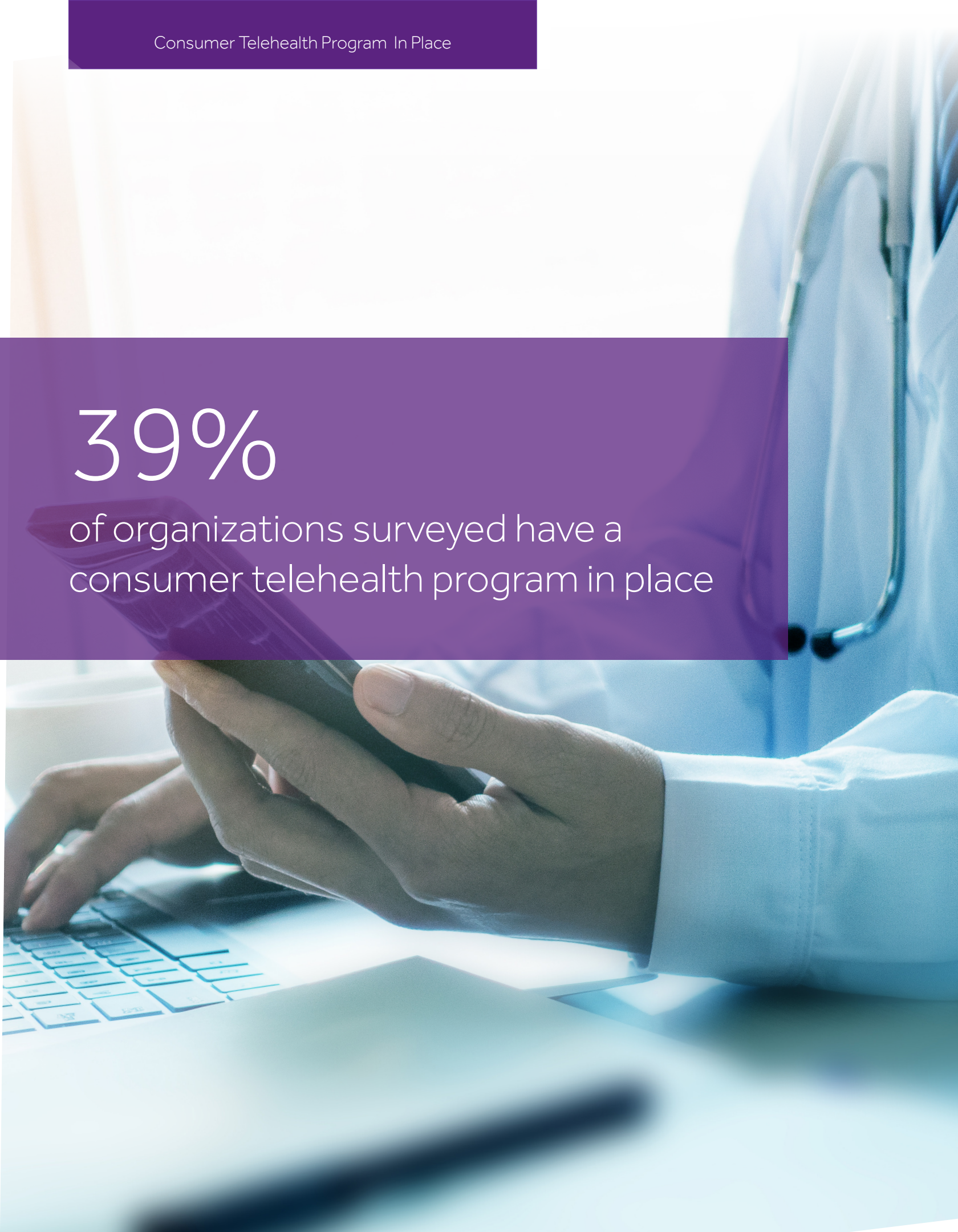
#### Bed sizes

- 17% are greater than 1,500 beds
- 26% are between 500 and 1,500 beds
- 22% are between 100 and 500 beds
- 35% are less than 100 beds



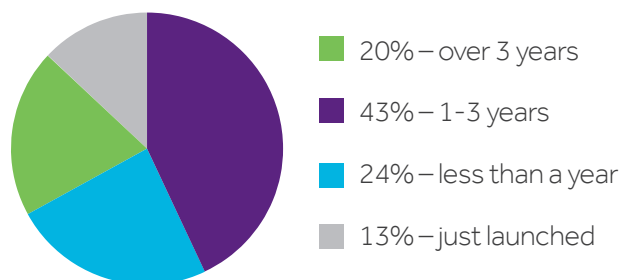
39%

of organizations surveyed have a  
consumer telehealth program in place

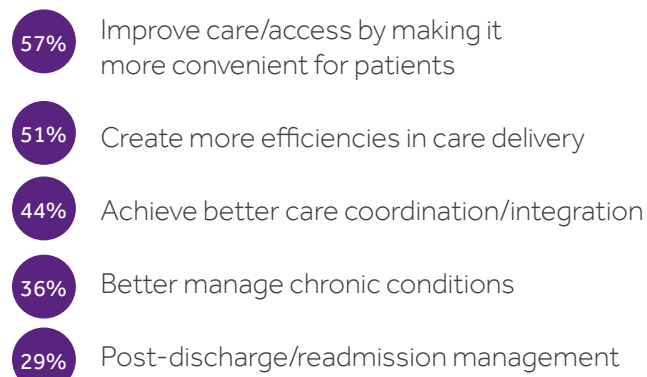


The following results are for those systems that have a consumer telehealth program in place.

Consumer telehealth programs have been in place for:

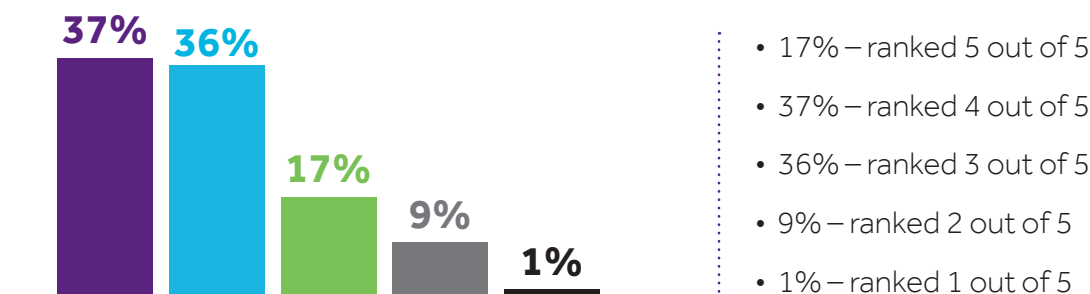


Top organizational goals related to consumer telehealth:



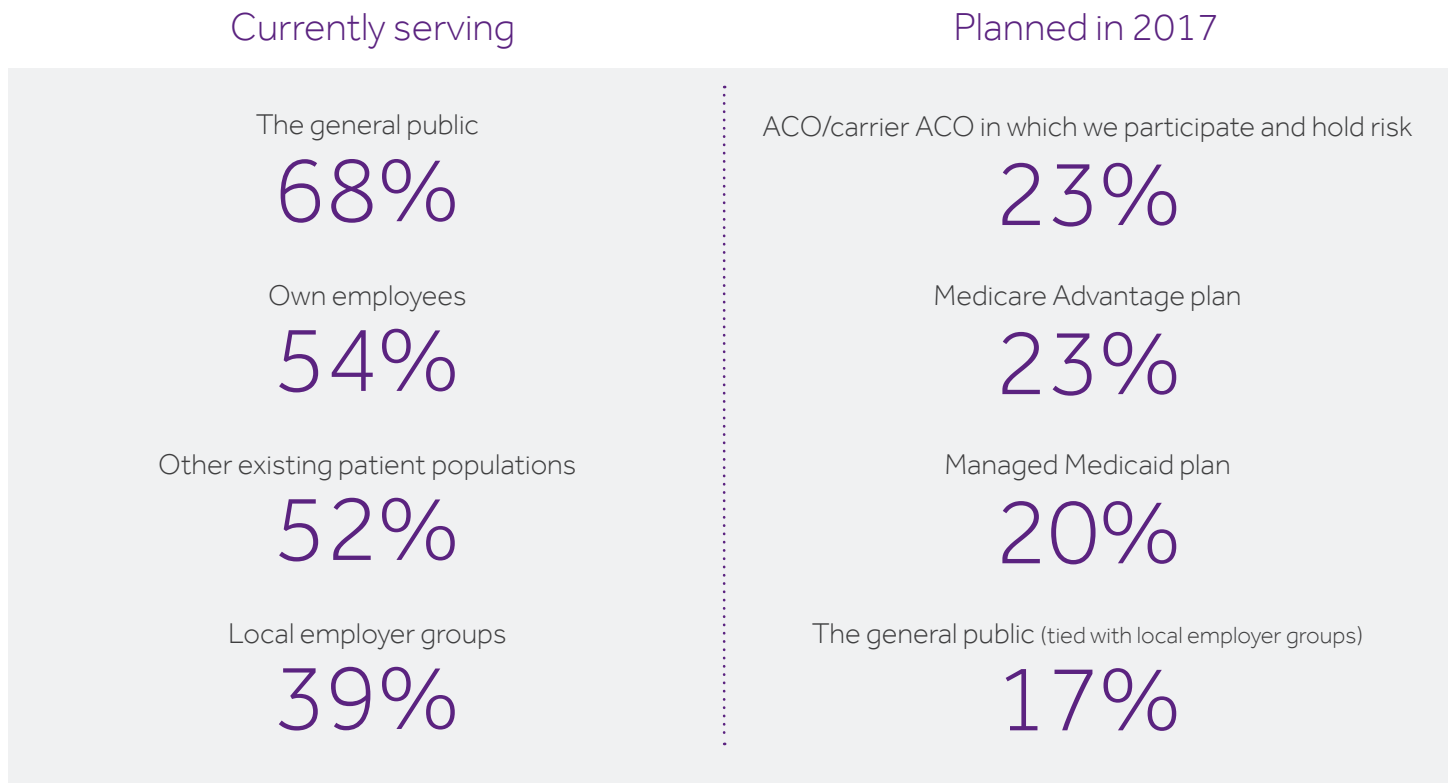
**89%** rank consumer telehealth as a **high priority**

Ranking of consumer telehealth as an organizational strategic priority:



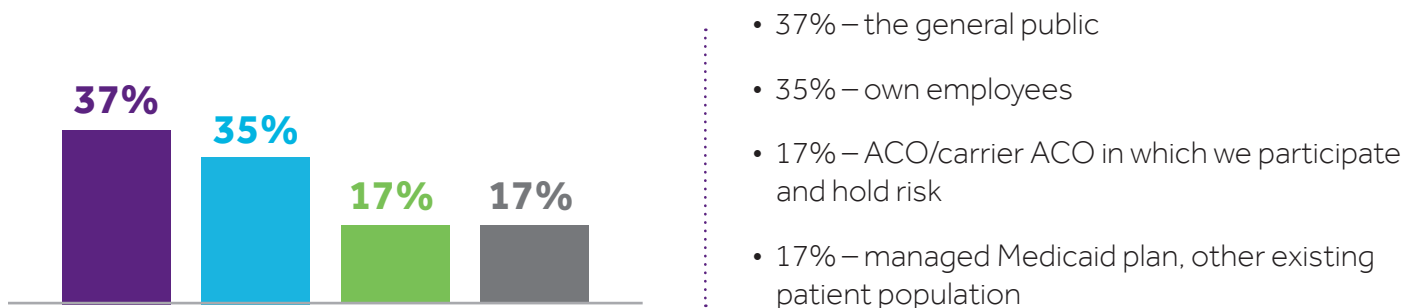
- 17% – ranked 5 out of 5
- 37% – ranked 4 out of 5
- 36% – ranked 3 out of 5
- 9% – ranked 2 out of 5
- 1% – ranked 1 out of 5

Patient populations currently or planning to serve with consumer telehealth programs:



**69%** are **expanding** their consumer telehealth program

Patient populations of highest priority for implementing consumer telehealth:



**81%** have a **dedicated person** in charge of the organization's consumer **telehealth program**

### Who is in charge of consumer telehealth?



- 39% A dedicated director level person with senior sponsorship
- 20% A dedicated person but assigned to a C-suite executive
- 13% A dedicated person but assigned to a direct level or comparable manager
- 9% A dedicated person but assigned to a level below C-suite
- 19% Other

### Most common medical specialties in current/planned consumer telehealth strategy:

#### Current

- 61% Primary care/pediatrics/internal medicine
- 61% ER/urgent care
- 49% Psychiatry/talk therapy
- 45% Re-admission prevention
- 42% Chronic condition management/monitoring

#### Planned in 2017

- 23% Chronic condition management/monitoring
- 23% Orthopedics
- 23% Cardiology
- 20% Re-admission prevention, oncology, psychiatry/talk therapy
- 13% Infectious disease, pain management, neurology

The vast majority of health systems (75%) have completed under 5,000 consumer telehealth consults in the last year.



- 11% Completed between 5,001 and 10,000
- 8% Have not yet been operational for a year
- 6% Have completed more than 10,001

Most effective promotion for consumer telehealth program:



- 15% Physician referral
- 11% In-office promotions: offer as option when appointment is requested or when scheduling a follow-up

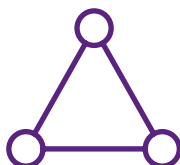
Many organizations (47%) do very little around **program promotion**

Majority of respondents (69%) have annual marketing investment of under \$250,000.



- 16% \$250k > \$500k
- 15% > \$500k

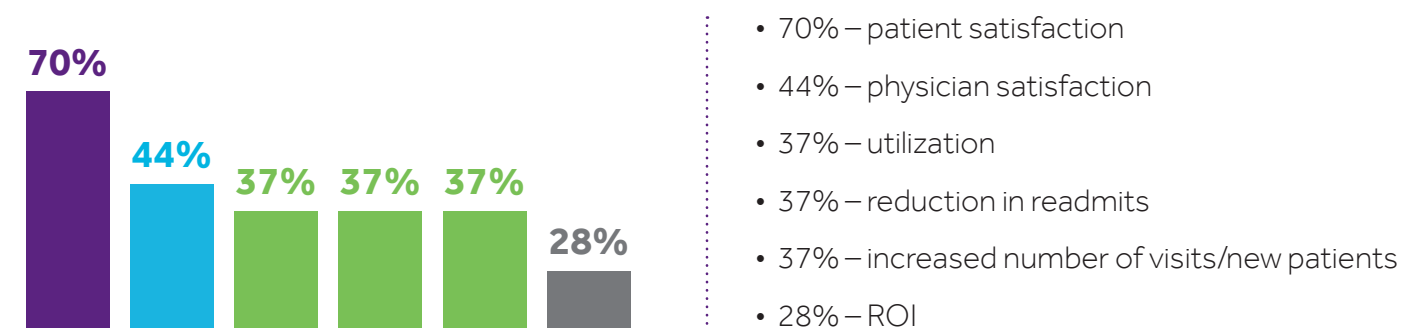
Most common staffing models:



- 42% Own providers
- 30% A combination of own and a consumer telehealth vendor network
- 15% Vendor's provider network
- 13% Contracted providers not through consumer telehealth vendor



## Most important elements of success for a consumer telehealth program:



More than **half (54%)** don't measure **physician** satisfaction.  
**42%** don't measure **patient** satisfaction.

## Lessons learned from consumer telehealth process:



- 78% Secure physician buy-in
- 75% Make sure the program aligns with organization objectives
- 73% Engage leadership
- 49% Secure operational support
- 47% Drive adoption
- 44% Create multi-year plan

**37%** of organizations have at-risk contracts and they are a **critical part** of the organization's strategy

## Competitive landscape:



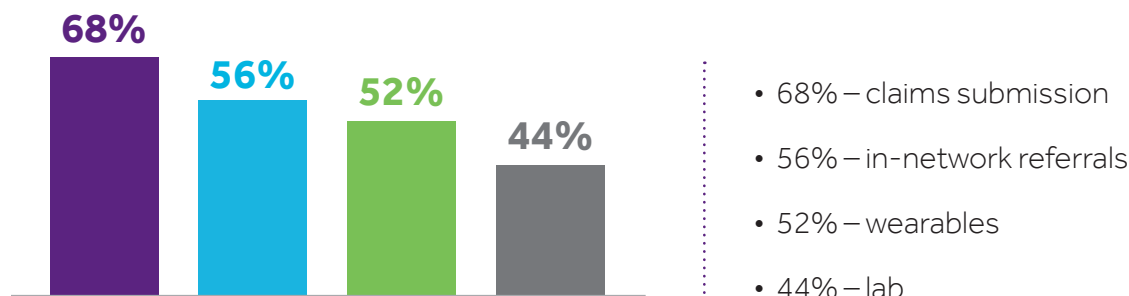
- 53% Competitive market with a number of other systems
- 30% Numerous retail walk-in and urgent care clinics
- 28% Competitive pressure from programs launching in area

### Biggest barriers to implementing consumer telehealth:



- 34% Reimbursement
- 21% IT integration into EHRs
- 14% Other capabilities command a higher priority
- 13% High-performing consumer telehealth software

### Most desired features in consumer telehealth solutions:



### Most important factors of successful consumer telehealth program partner:



- 68% Satisfaction (of patient, physician, administrator)
- 54% Software (i.e.: video, integration with EHR, administrative tools)
- 45% Vendor support (i.e.: operational support, patient support, physician training, program roadmap)
- 21% Marketing capabilities (i.e.: plans, digital and print collateral, execution)

A male doctor with glasses and a white lab coat is looking down at a computer screen. He is wearing a patterned tie and has a stethoscope around his neck. His hands are clasped in front of him. The background is a bright, out-of-focus window.

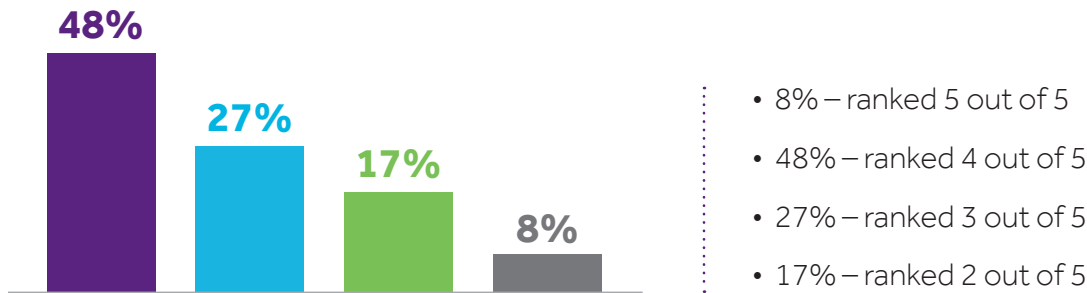
# 37%

of organizations surveyed have not yet implemented a consumer telehealth program but plan to within 24 months



The following results are for those systems that plan to implement a consumer telehealth program in the next 24 months.

Ranking of consumer telehealth as an organizational strategic priority:



**83%** rank consumer telehealth as a **high-priority** initiative.

Top organizational goals related to consumer telehealth:



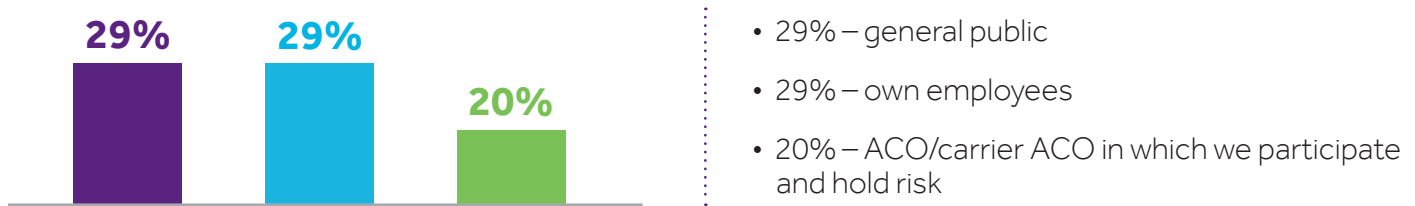
- 53% Improve care/access by making it more convenient to patients
- 41% Achieve better care coordination/integration
- 41% Create more efficiencies in care delivery
- 36% Managed at-risk populations (ACOs, pop health)

Patient populations planning to serve with consumer telehealth programs (2017):



- 40% Local employer groups
- 30% The general public
- 29% Managed Medicaid plan
- 28% Medicare Advantage plan

### Patient populations of highest priority for implementing consumer telehealth:



### Who will be in charge of your consumer telehealth?



- 36% A dedicated person assigned to a C-suite executive
- 27% A dedicated director-level person with senior sponsorship
- 11% A dedicated person but assigned to a level just below C-suite
- 10% A dedicated person but assigned to director level or comparable general manager
- 17% Other

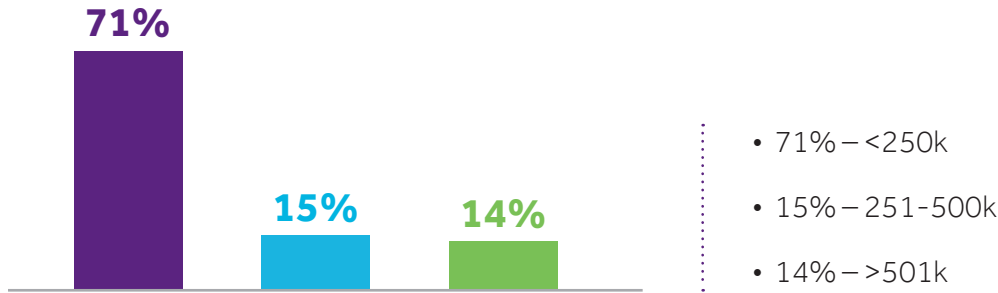
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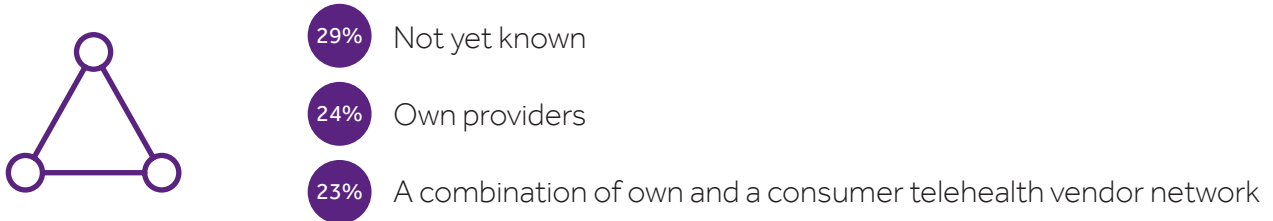
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- 42% Primary care/pediatrics/internal medicine
- 41% Chronic condition management/monitoring
- 18% Cardiology

**71%** indicate annual marketing investment of **under \$250,000**

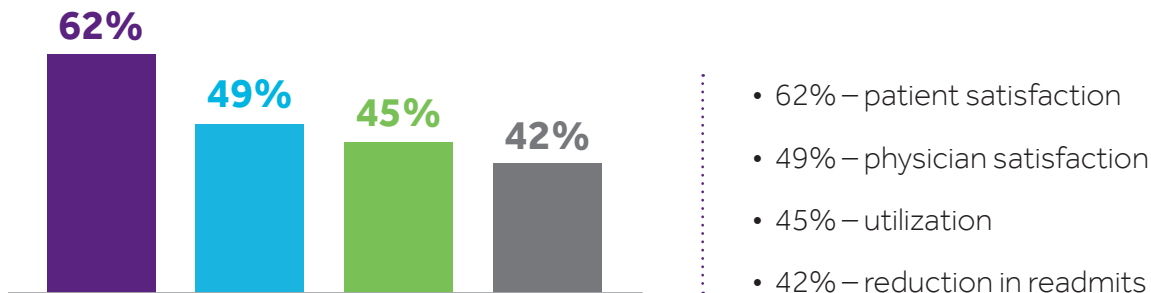
### Marketing investment planned:



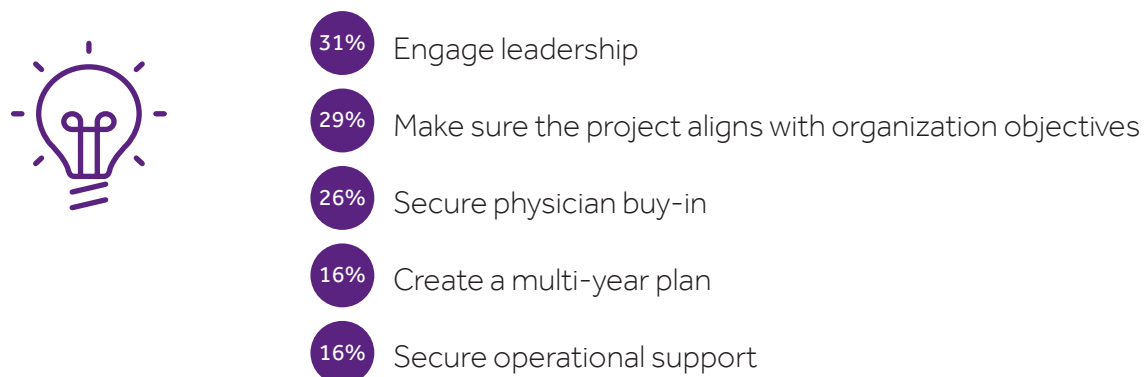
### Most common staffing models:



### Most important elements of success for a consumer telehealth program:



### Lessons learned from consumer telehealth process:



**Most organizations (38%)** don't have at-risk contracts and have no plans to in the **next 12 months**



### Competitive landscape:



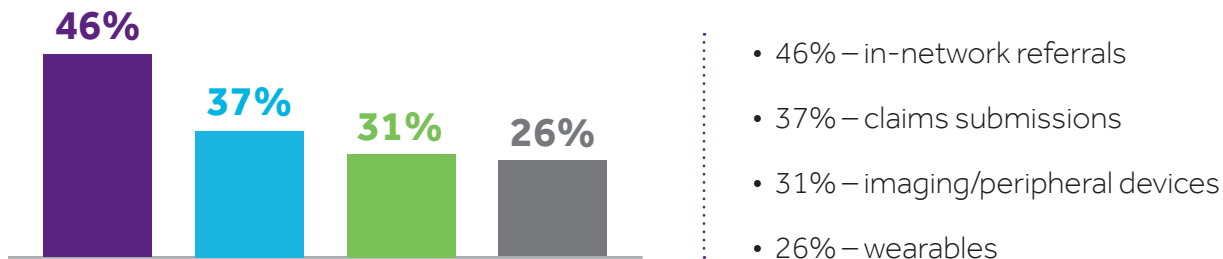
- 27% Competitive market with a number of other systems
- 20% One of two dominant systems in the market
- 14% Numerous retail walk-in and urgent care clinics

### Biggest barriers to implementing consumer telehealth:



- 26% Reimbursement
- 18% Too many unknowns/lack of product roadmap
- 15% IT integration into EHRs
- 14% High-performing consumer telehealth software

### Most desired features in consumer telehealth solutions:



### Most important factors of successful consumer telehealth program partner:



- 67% Software (i.e.: video, integration with EHR, administrative tools)
- 56% Satisfaction (i.e.: patient, physician, administrator)
- 50% Vendor support (i.e.: operational support, patient support, physician training, program roadmap)
- 31% Marketing capabilities (i.e.: plans, digital and print collateral, execution)

No Plan to Create a Telehealth Program in the Next 24 Months

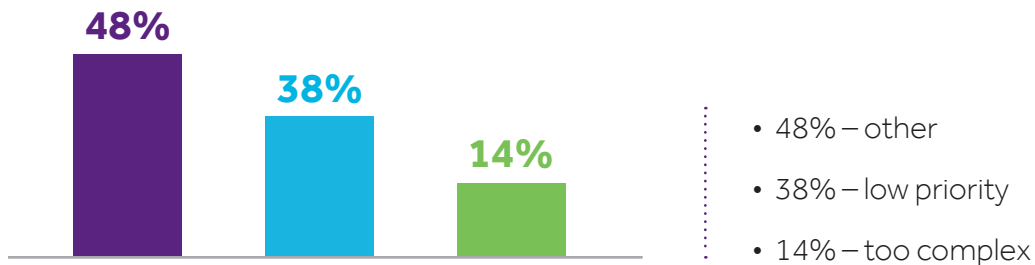
24%

of organizations surveyed do not have  
a consumer telehealth program and no  
plans to create one in the next 24 months



The following results are for those systems that have no plan to implement a consumer telehealth program in the next 24 months.

Most common reasons for not implementing consumer telehealth:



**67%** do not have at-risk contracts or plans to implement one in the **next 12 months**

Competitive landscape:



- 45% Competitive market with a number of other systems
- 29% Geographically isolated with limited competitive pressure
- 14% Numerous retail walk in and urgent care clinics

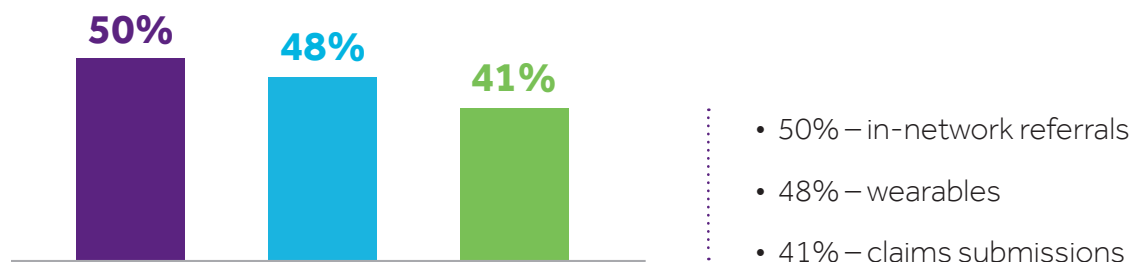
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### Most desired features in consumer telehealth solutions:



### Most important factors of successful consumer telehealth program partner:



- 52% Satisfaction (i.e.: patient, physician, administrator)
- 48% Vendor support (i.e.: operational support, patient support, physician training, program roadmap)
- 45% Software (i.e.: video, integration with EHR, administrative tools)



## About Teladoc

Teladoc has been involved with many consumer telehealth initiatives that support the Triple Aim while also helping individual hospitals and health systems meet their specific clinical and financial goals. Teladoc provides a licensable platform that hospitals and health systems can configure to create targeted programs.

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