2022 State Legislative Preview Survey Results

AMA Advocacy Resource Center

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About the AMA Advocacy Resource Center

- At the state level, the AMA helps shape the policy of influential national policymaking organizations, partners with outside experts and stakeholder groups and helps influence the enactment and/or defeat of state legislation and regulations.
- The American Medical Association Advocacy Resource Center (ARC) is a tireless advocate for physicians and their patients. We roll up our sleeves—providing cutting edge strategies, expert counseling on best practices and turn-key resources and tools—to help state policymakers respond to the rapidly evolving health care system. In coordination with state and national medical specialty societies, our work has resulted in the enactment and/or defeat of hundreds of proposed state laws and regulations.
- For contact information, please view the ARC staff directory.

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Background and Objectives

- The AMA Advocacy Resource Center conducts an annual state legislative and regulatory priorities survey among state and national medical specialty societies.

  Objectives:

  1. To identify trends for the upcoming 2022 state legislative sessions.
  2. To get a clear picture of the top issues facing organized medicine at the state level.

- The survey results guide how the AMA allocates its state advocacy resources in the coming year and fosters alignment of priorities between the AMA and the state and national medical specialty societies.

A detailed survey report will be distributed in January 2022

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Overview of Study Design

- **Methodology**: An online survey was distributed to representatives of state and national medical specialty associations from November 8, 2021 - November 30, 2021 using the Qualtrics survey platform.
- **Sample size**: The 72 respondents are broken out by organization as follows:

Total association respondents	State medical association respondents	National medical specialty and national medical associations
N=72	N=51	N=21

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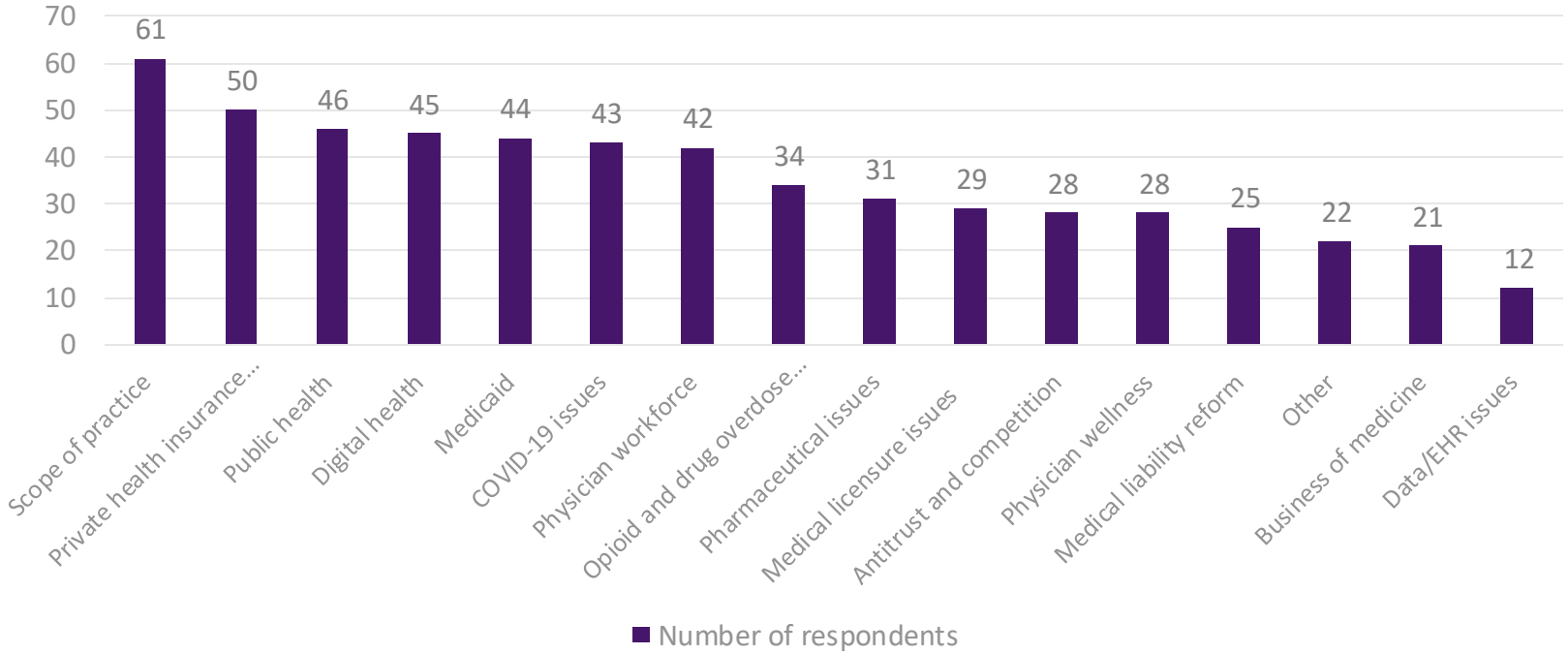

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Top Priorities by Type of Association

	Total respondents (n=72)	State medical associations (n=51)	National medical specialty and national medical associations (n=21)
Scope of practice	61 (84.7%)	44 (86.3%)	17 (81.0%)
Private health insurance practices	50 (69.4%)	34 (66.7%)	16 (76.2%)
Public health	46 (63.9%)	36 (70.6%)	10 (47.6%)
Digital health	45 (62.5%)	30 (58.8%)	15 (71.4%)
Medicaid	44 (61.1%)	32 (62.7%)	12 (57.1%)
COVID-19 issues	43 (59.7%)	32 (62.7%)	11 (52.4%)
Physician workforce	42 (58.3%)	30 (58.8%)	12 (57.1%)
Opioid and drug overdose epidemic issues	34 (47.2%)	24 (47.1%)	10 (47.6%)
Pharmaceutical issues	31 (43.1%)	24 (47.1%)	7 (33.3%)
Medical licensure issues	29 (40.3%)	22 (43.1%)	7 (33.3%)
Antitrust and competition	28 (38.9%)	20 (39.2%)	8 (38.1%)
Physician wellness	28 (38.9%)	22 (43.1%)	6 (28.6%)
Medical liability reform	25 (34.7%)	15 (29.4%)	10 (47.6%)
Other	22 (30.6%)	10 (19.6%)	12 (57.1%)
Business of medicine	21 (29.2%)	13 (25.5%)	8 (38.1%)
Data/EHR issues	12 (16.7%)	10 (19.6%)	2 (9.5%)

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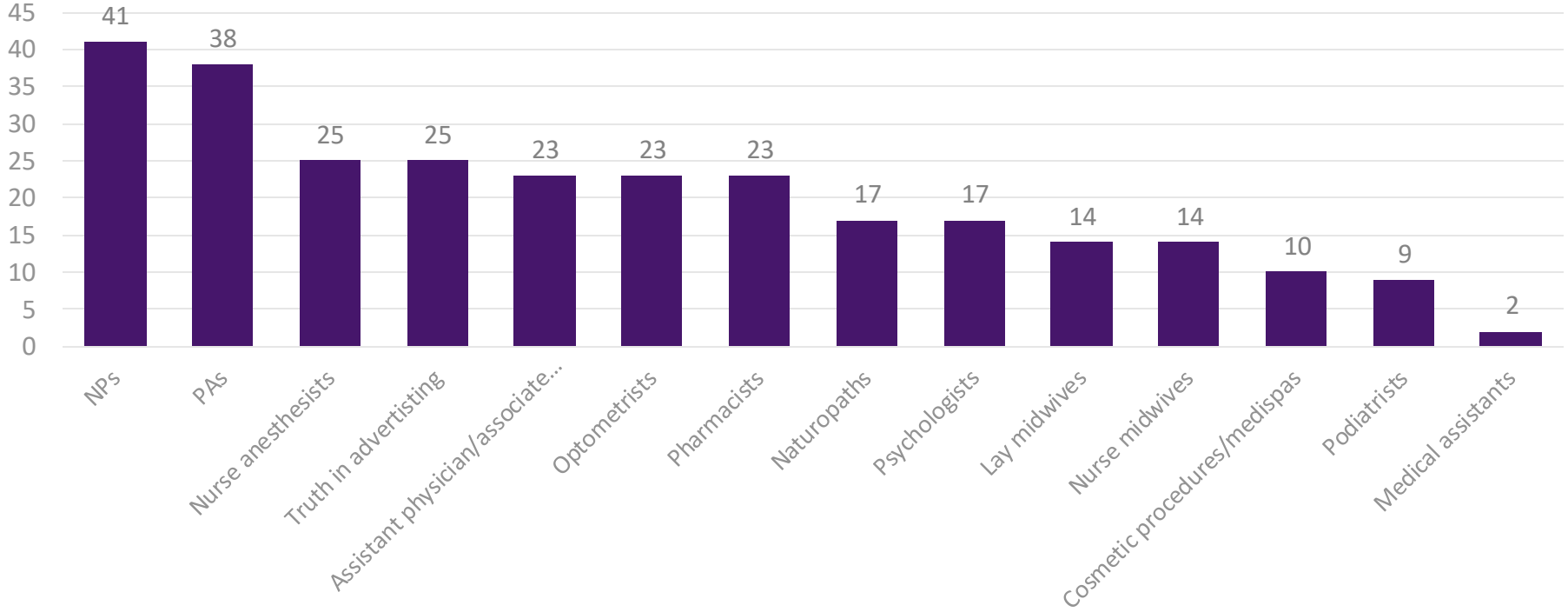

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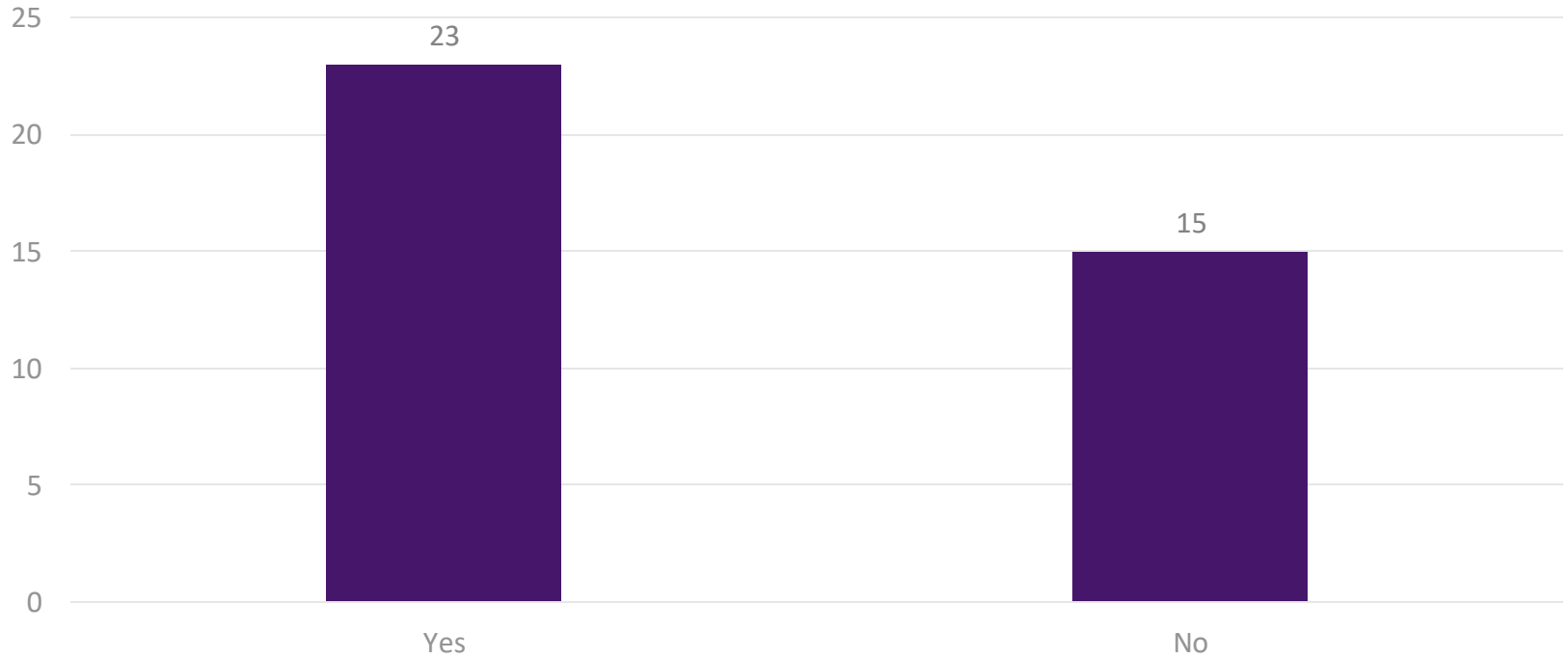

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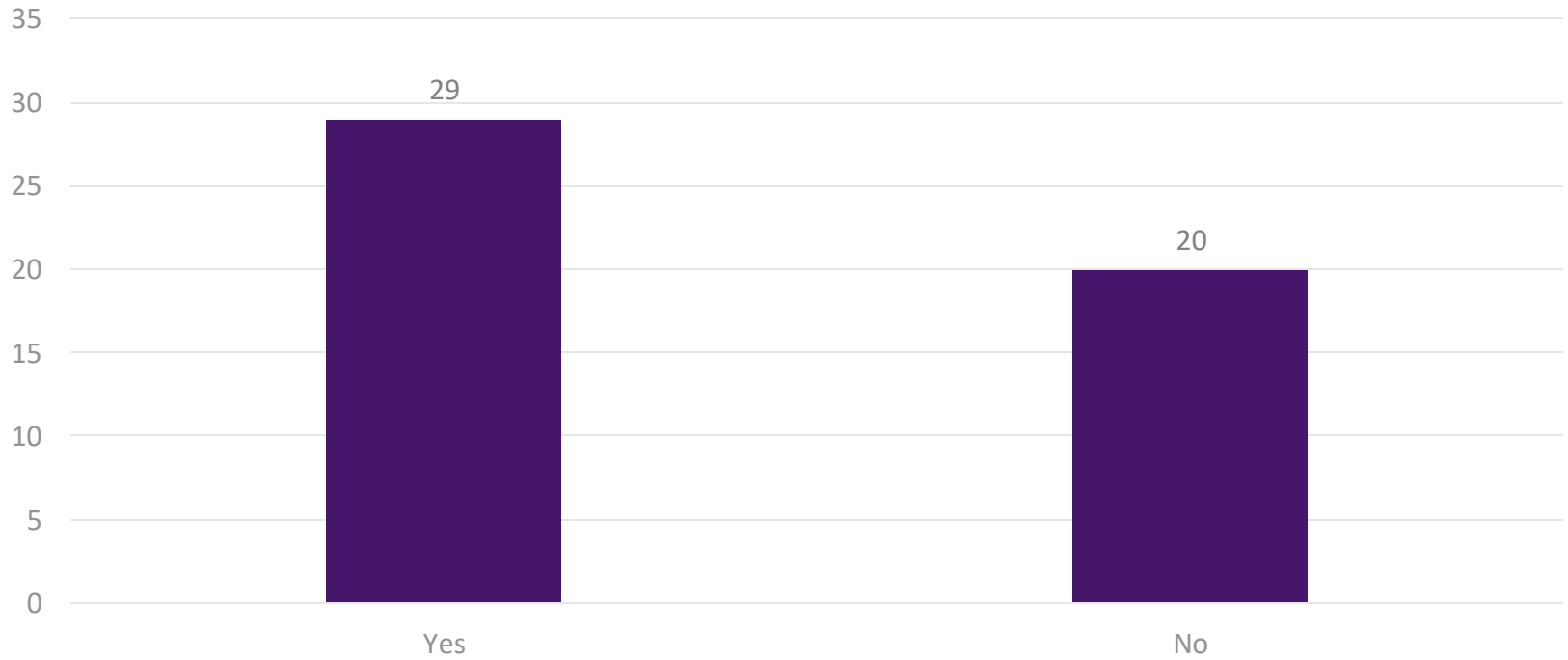

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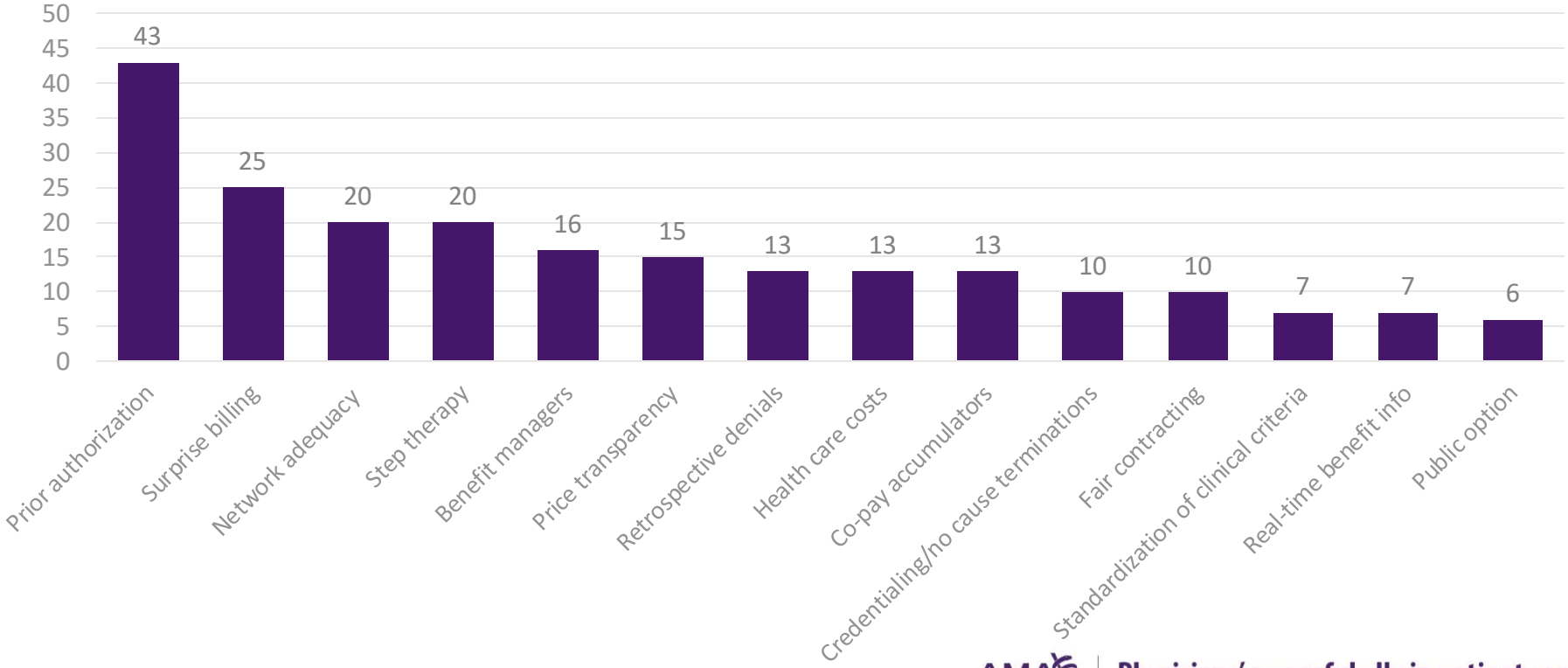

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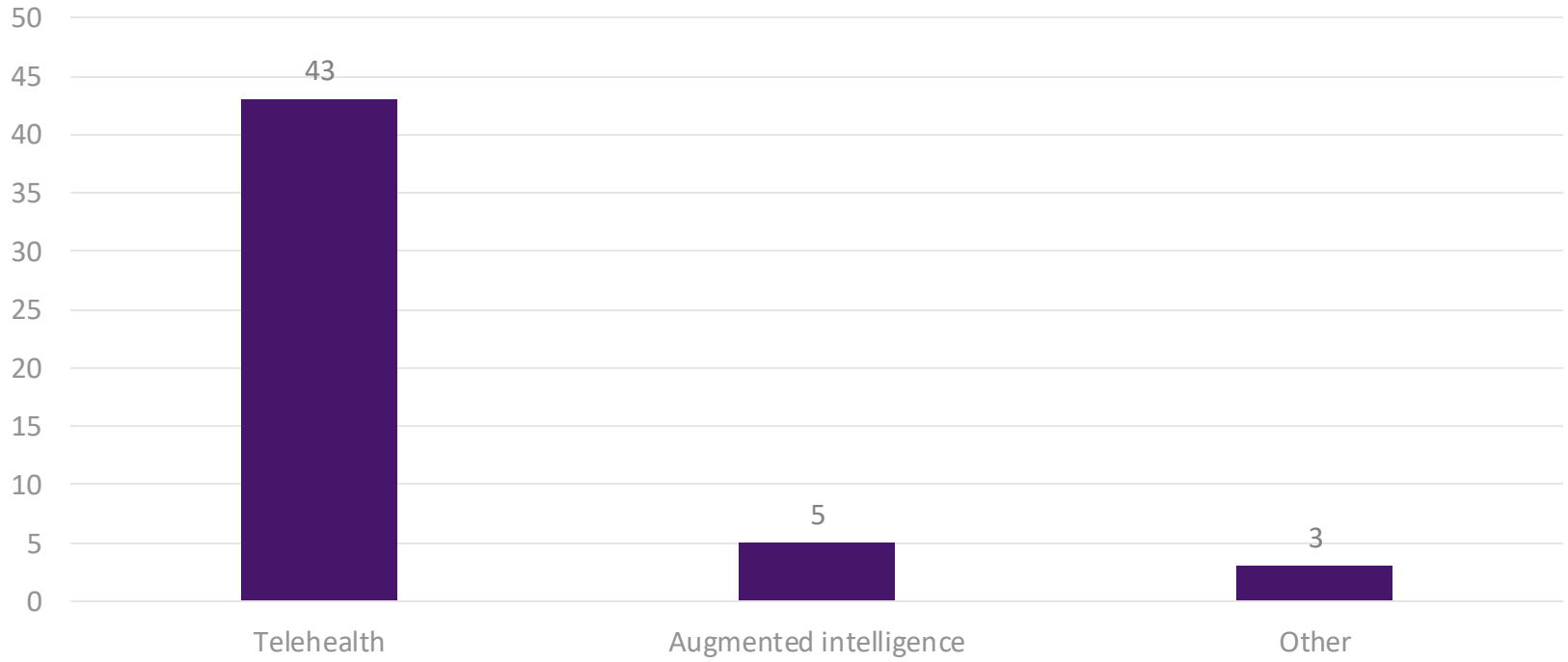

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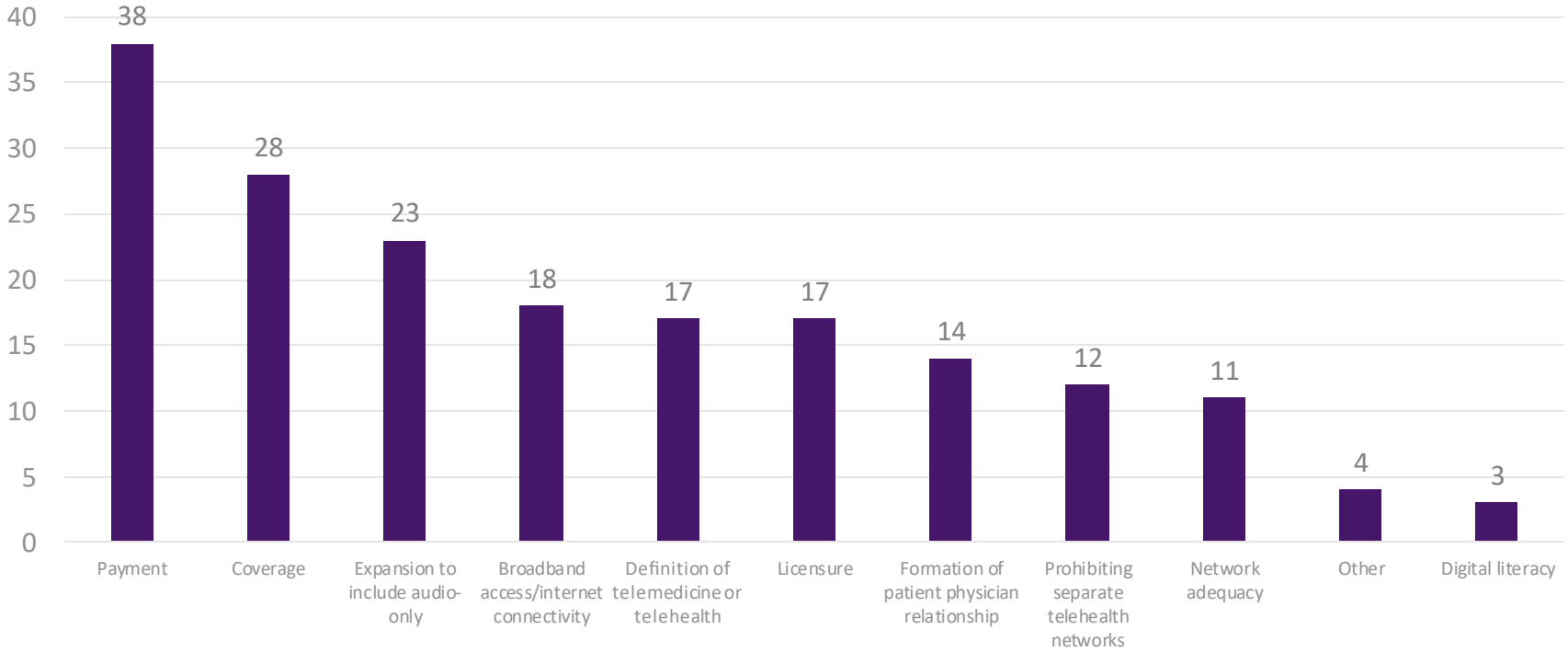

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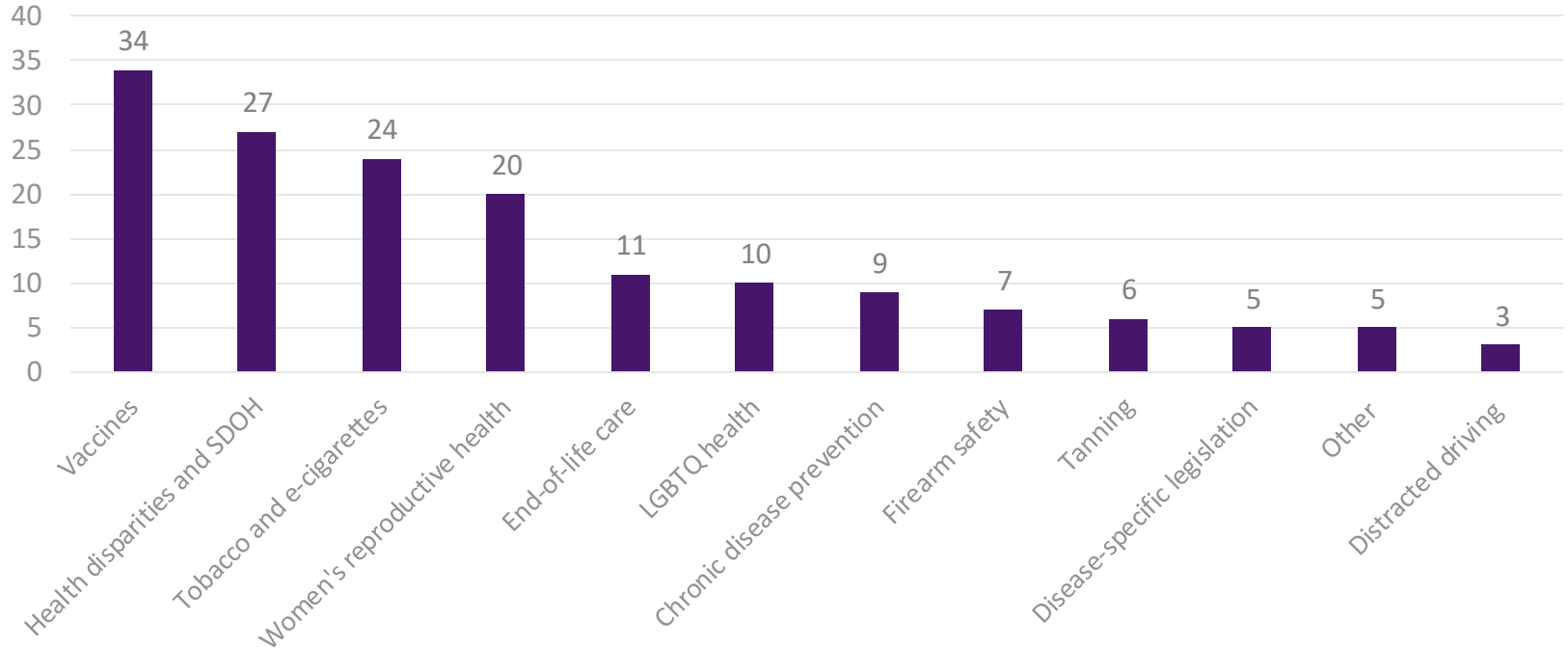

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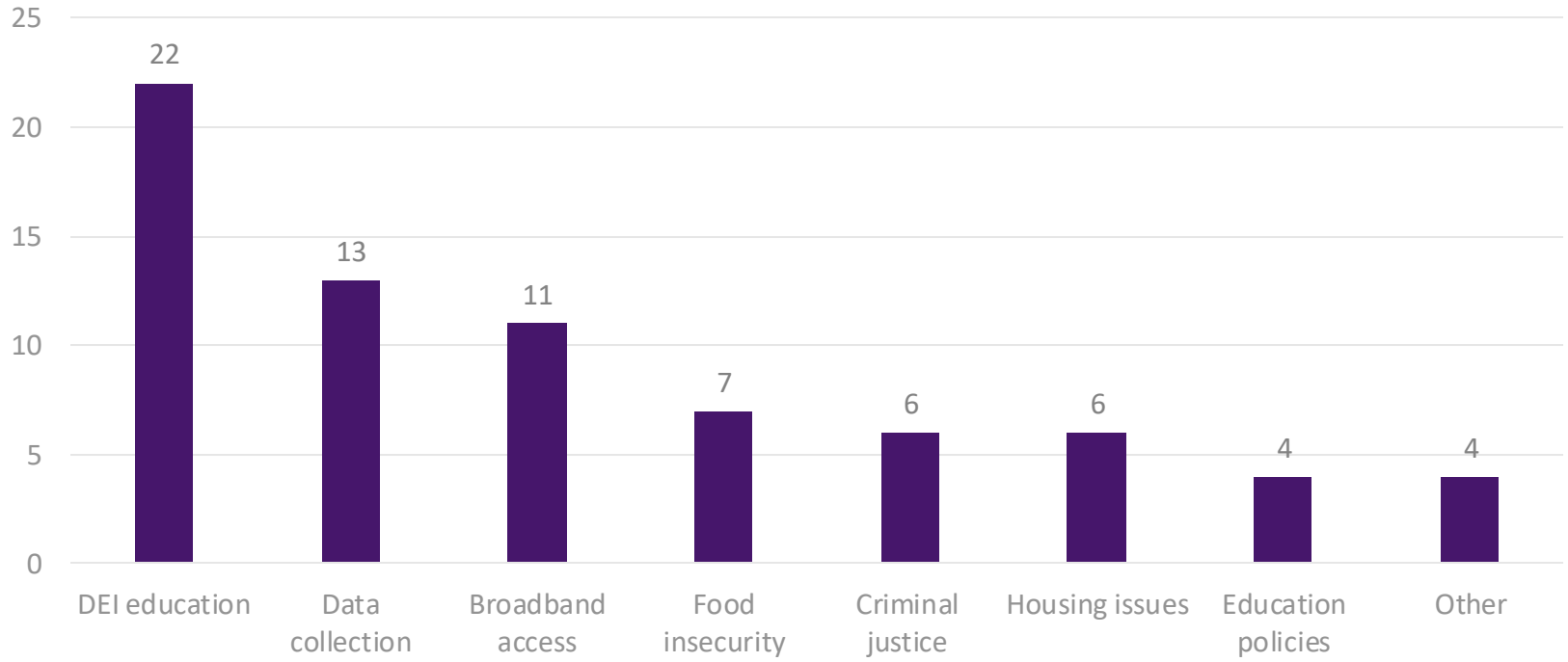

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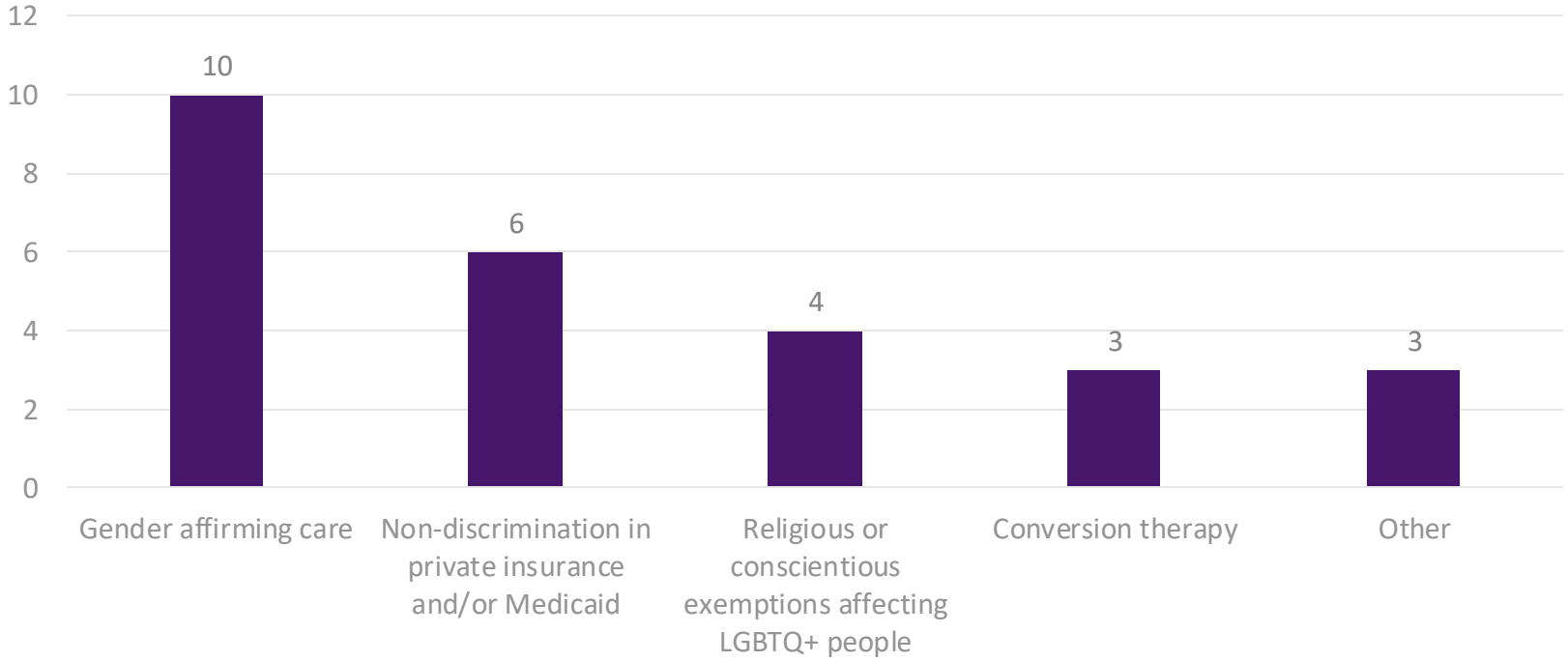

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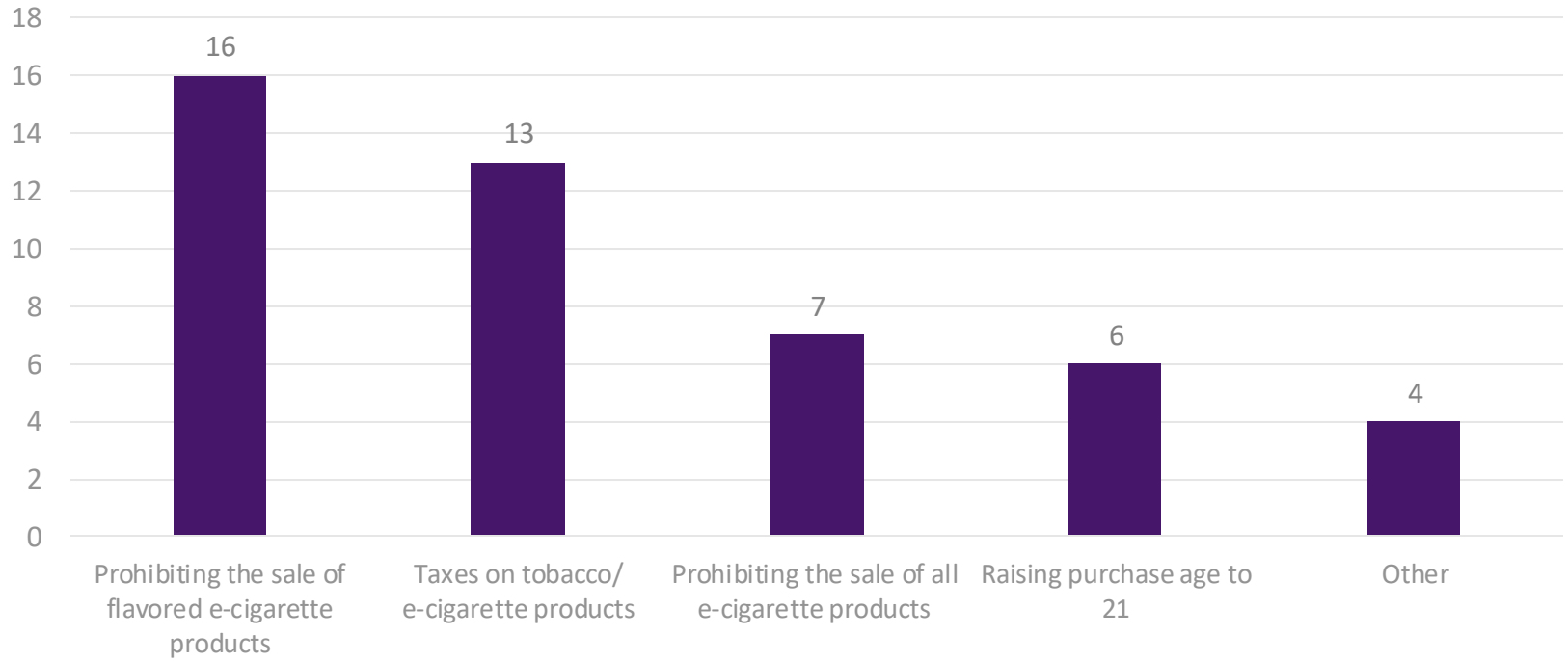

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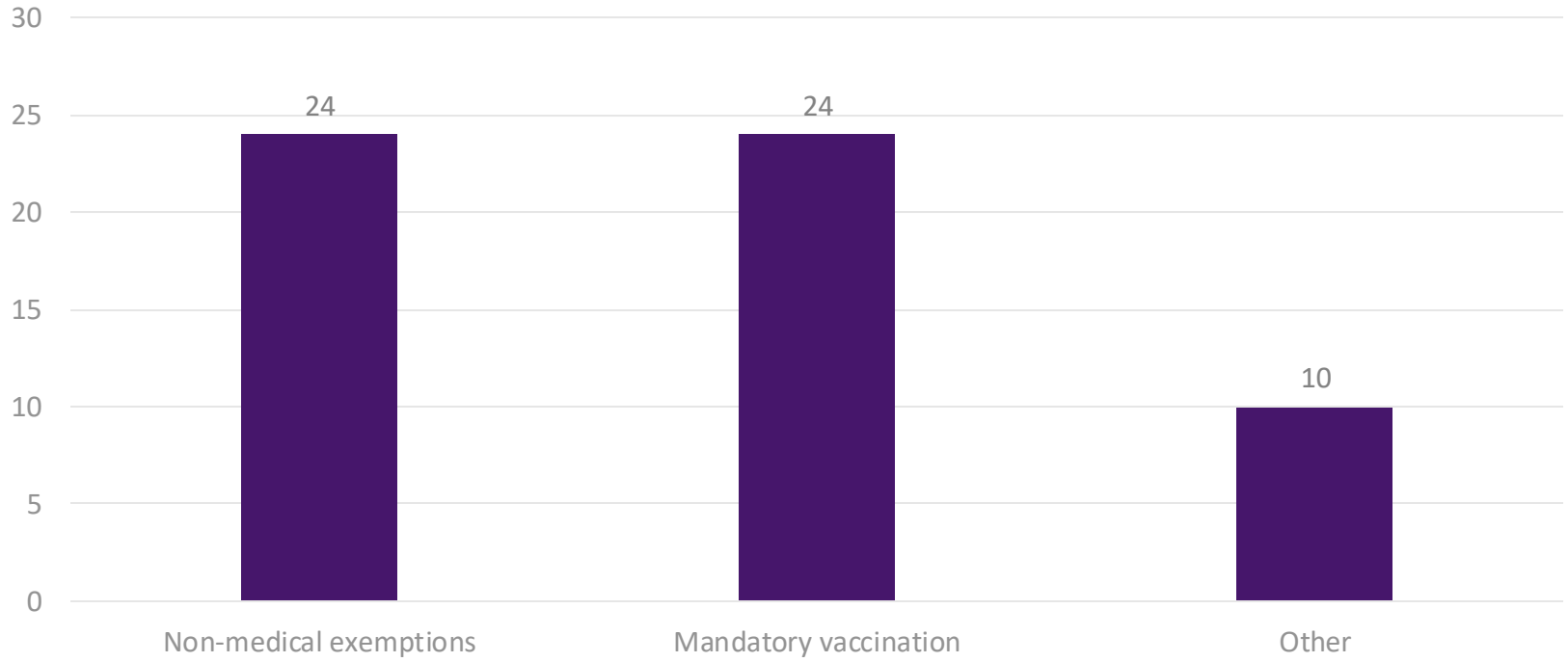

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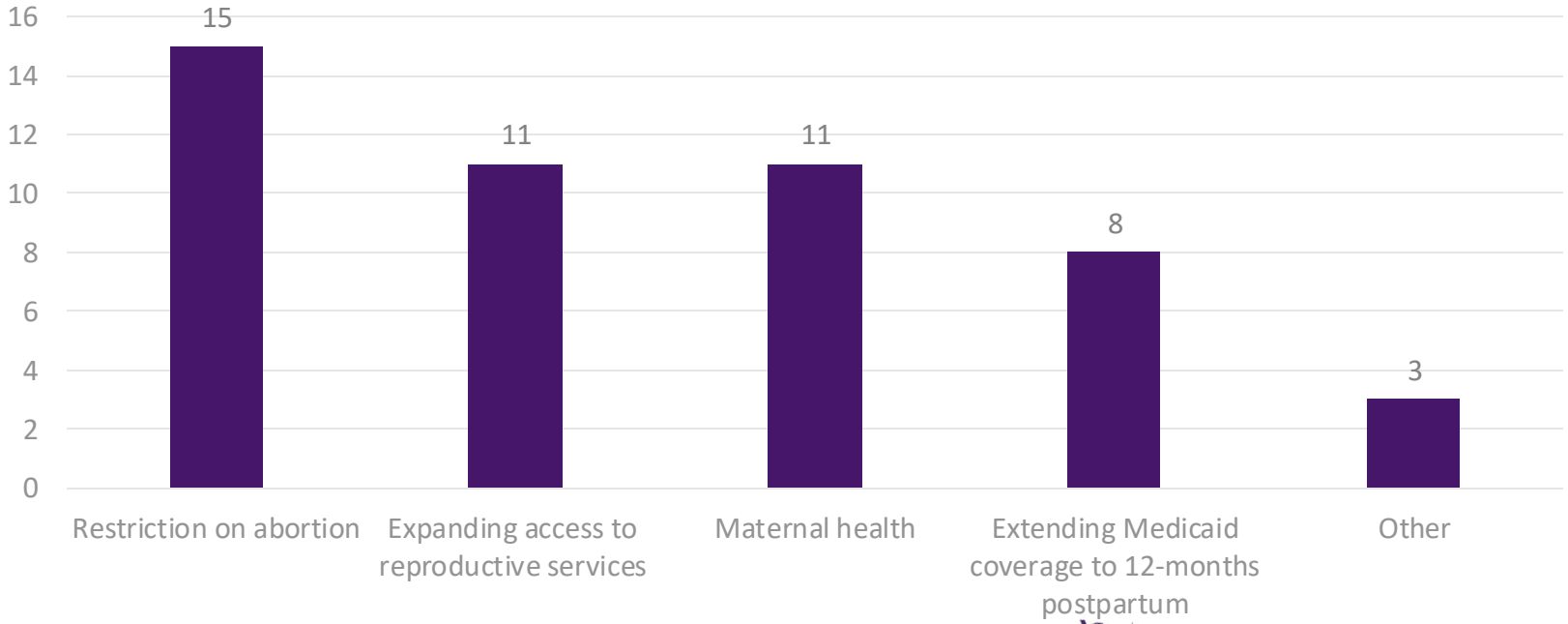

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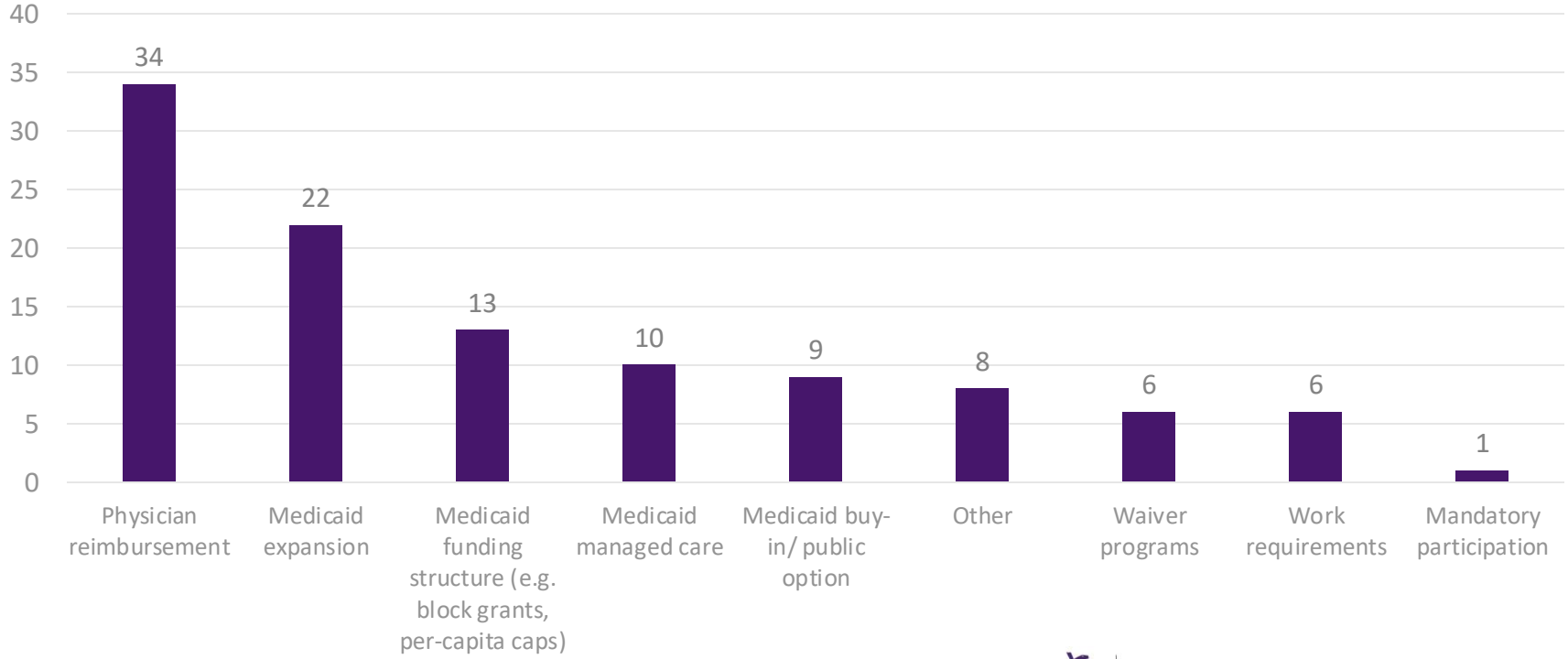

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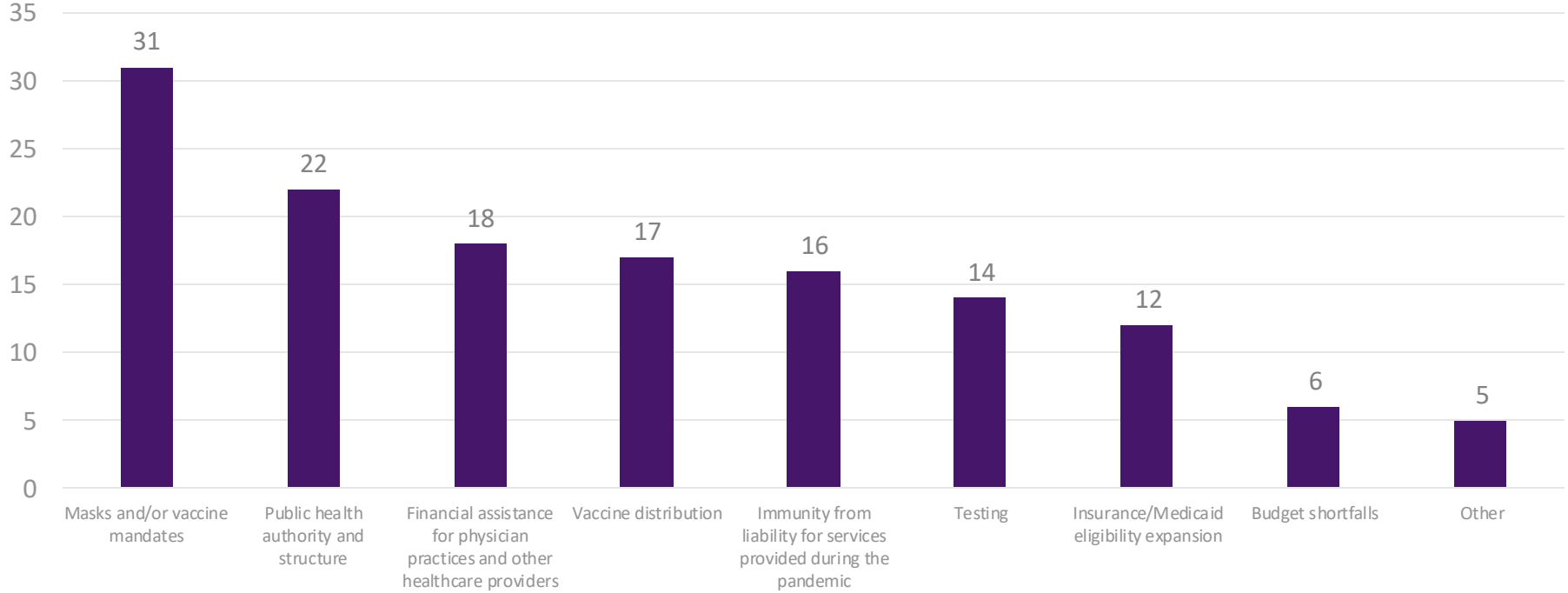

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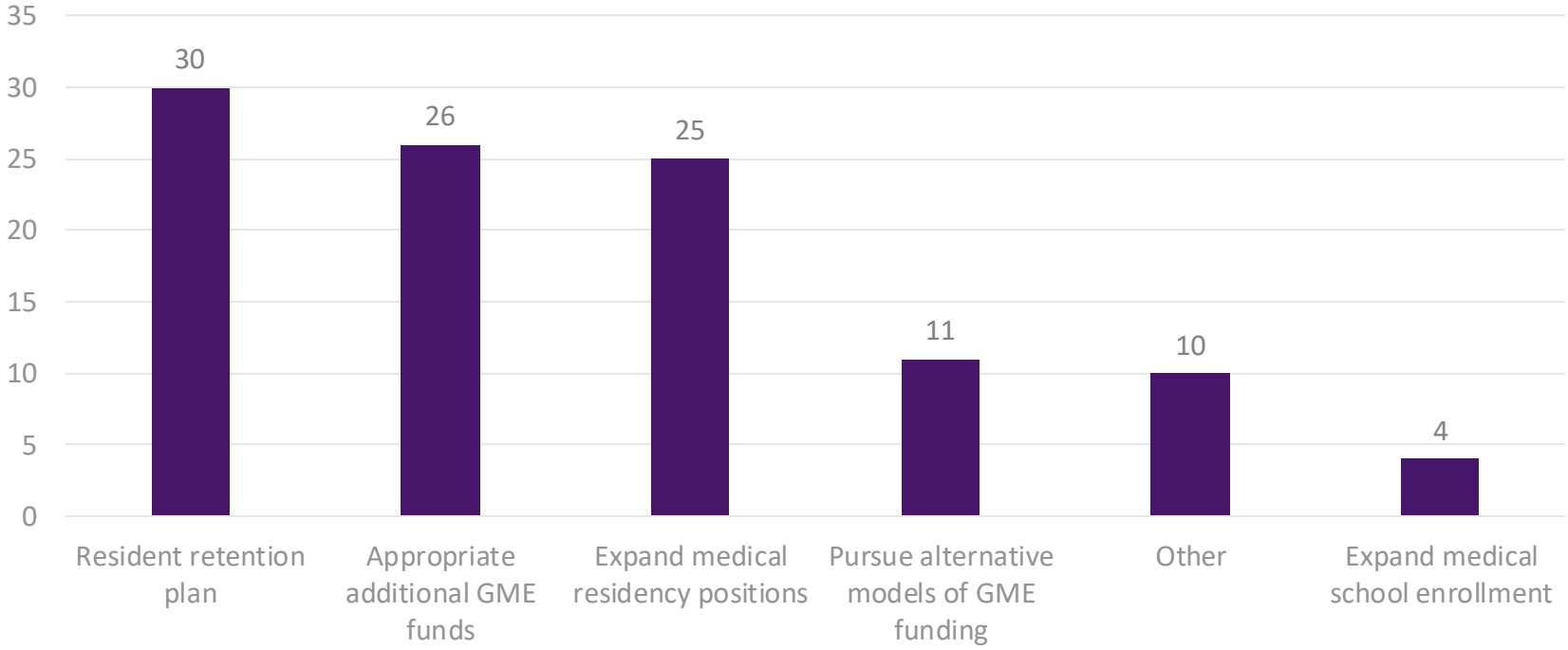

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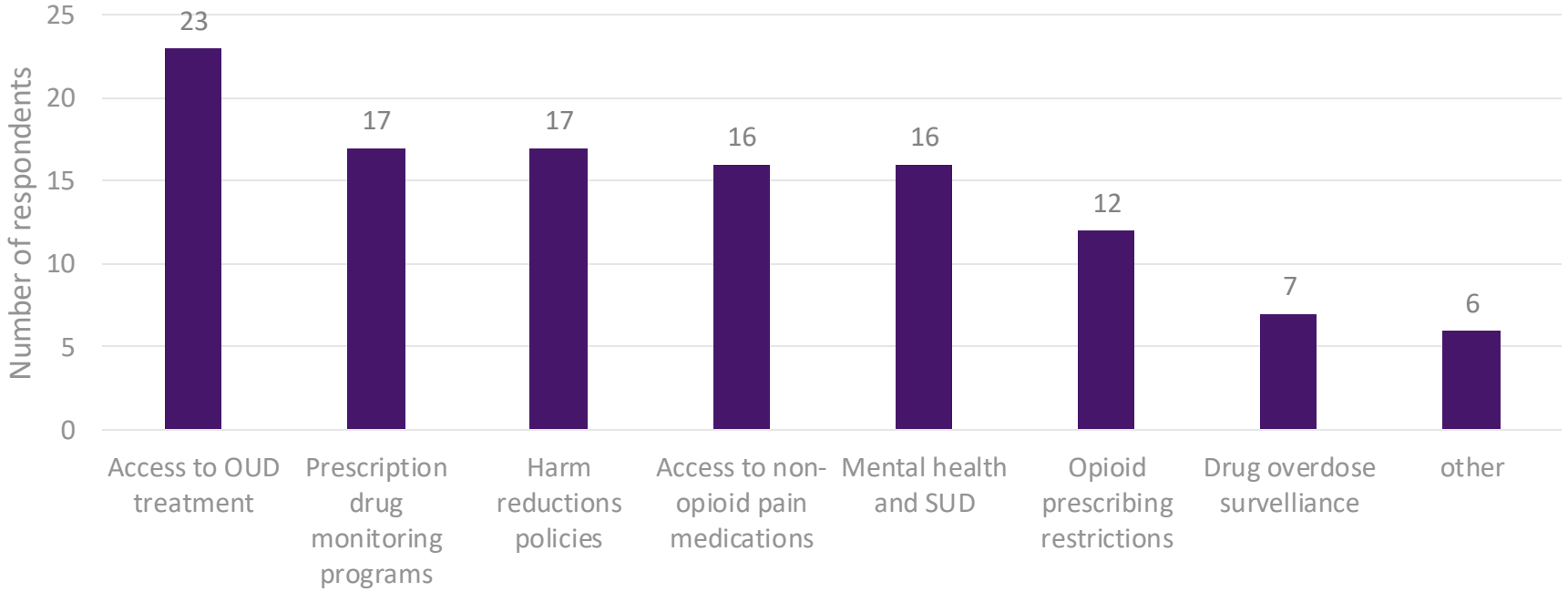

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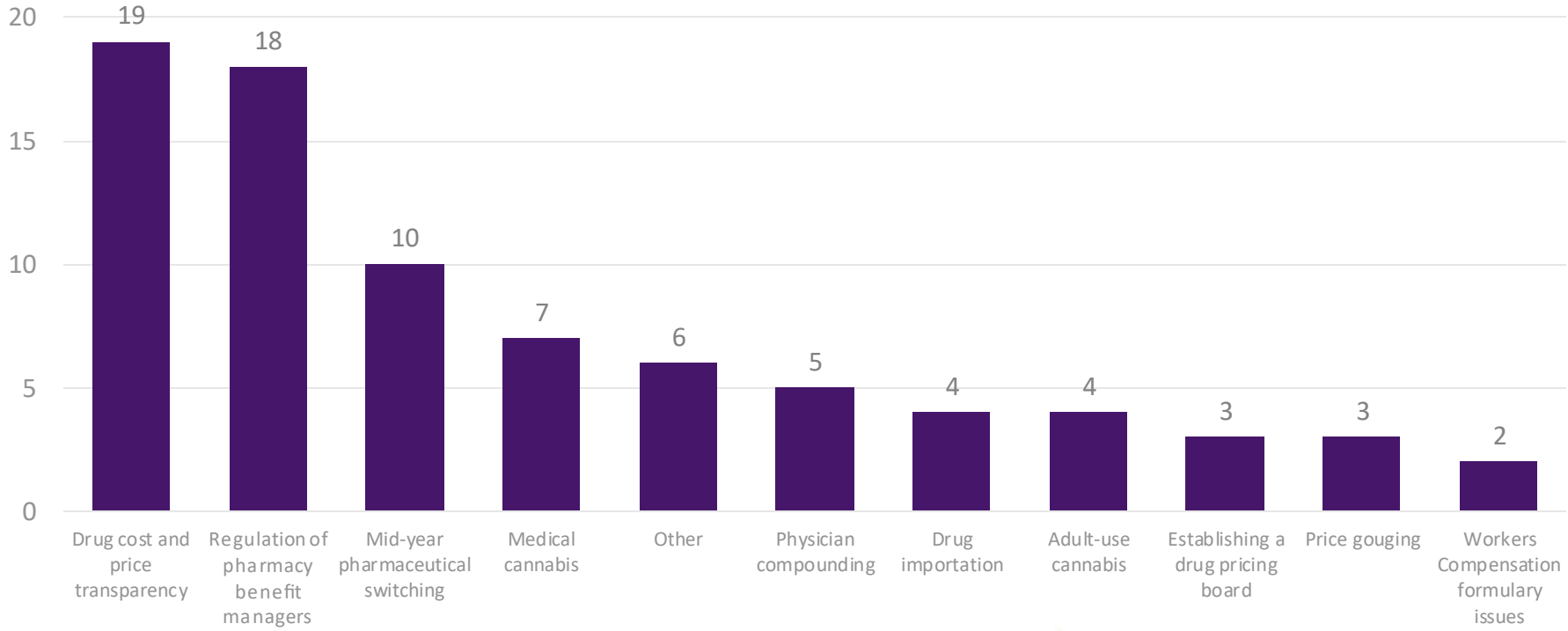

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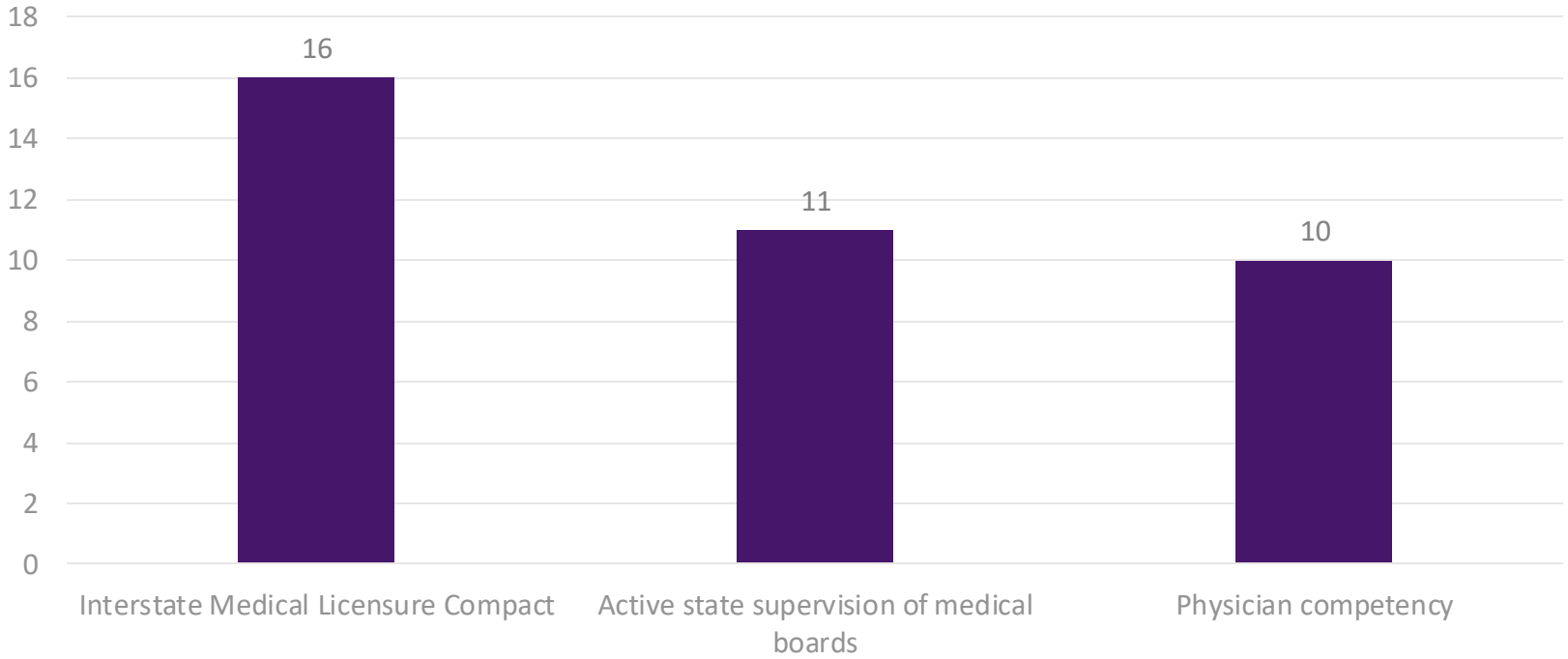

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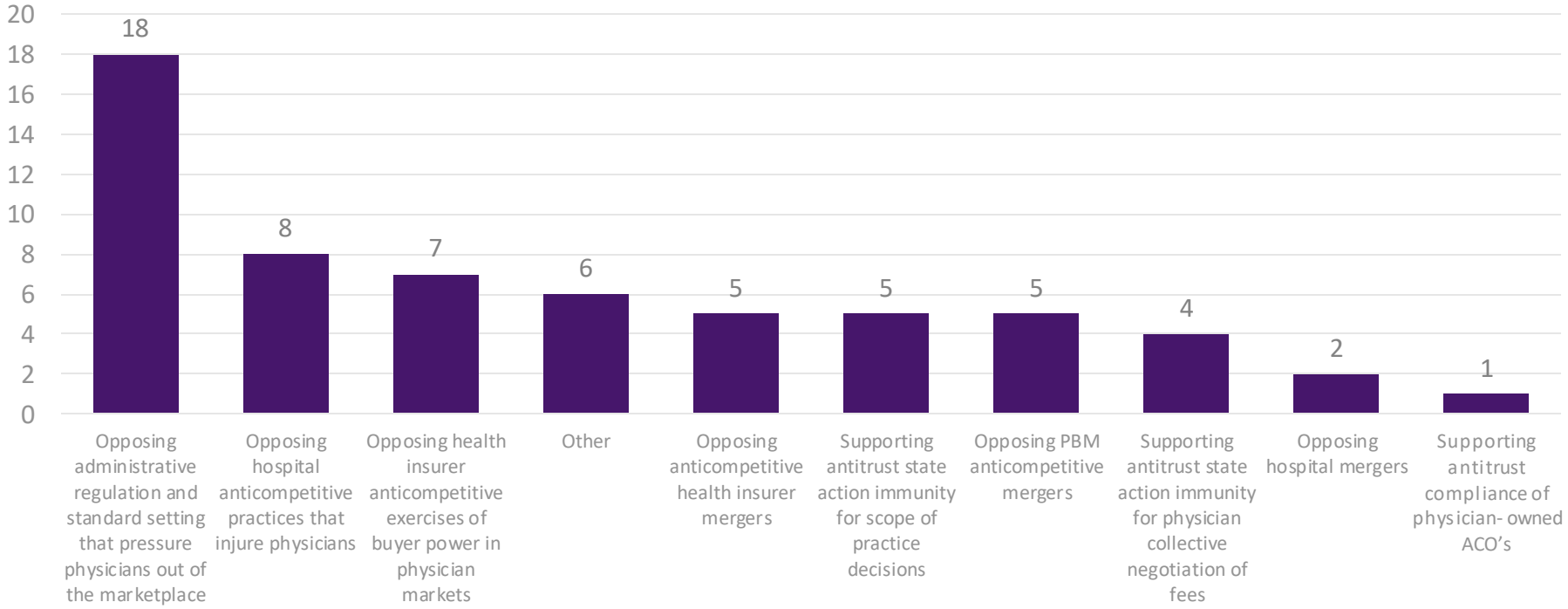

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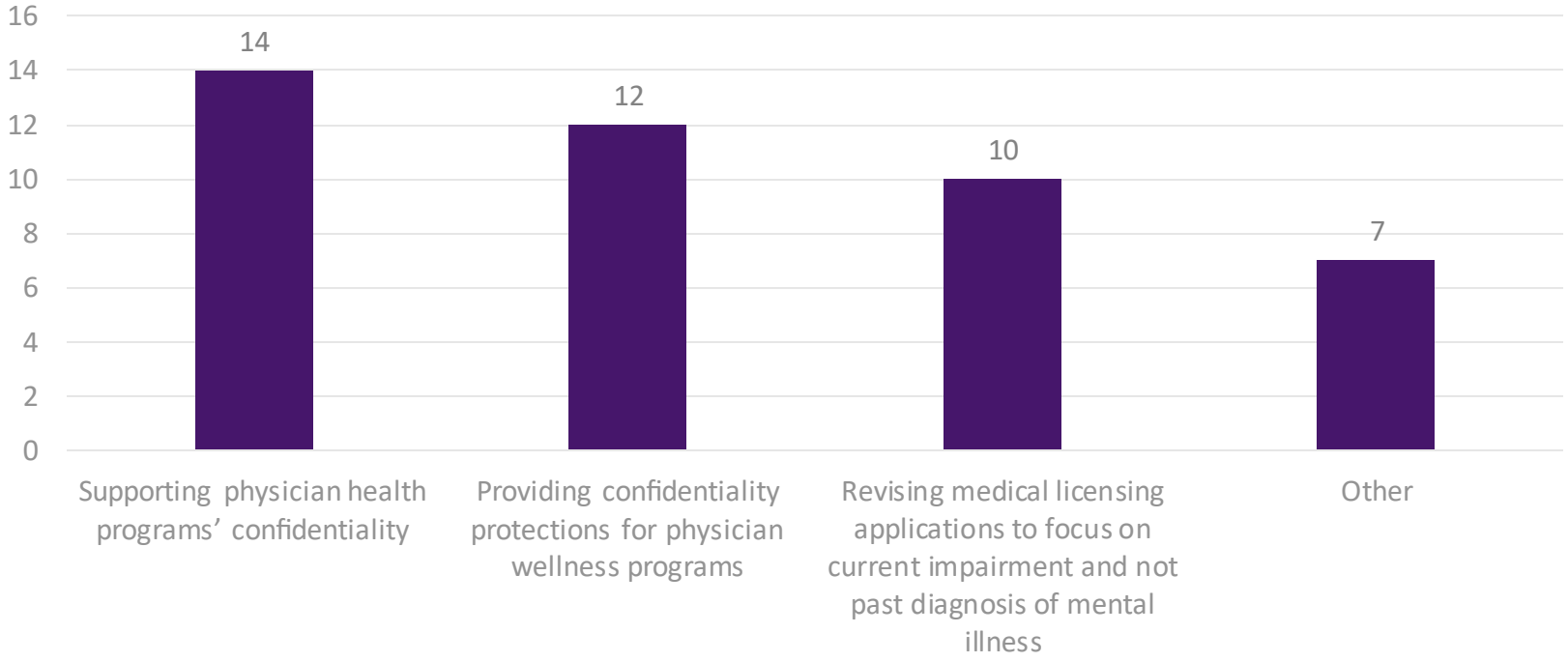

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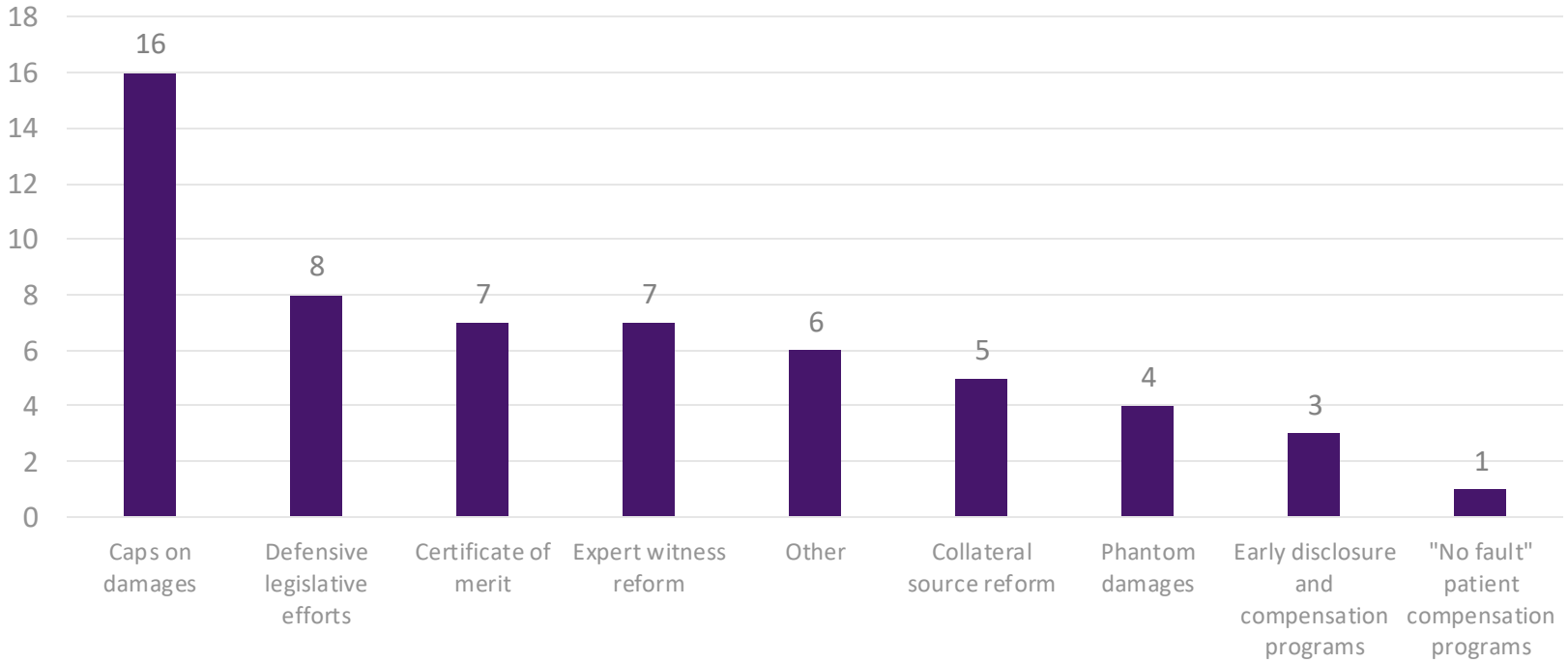

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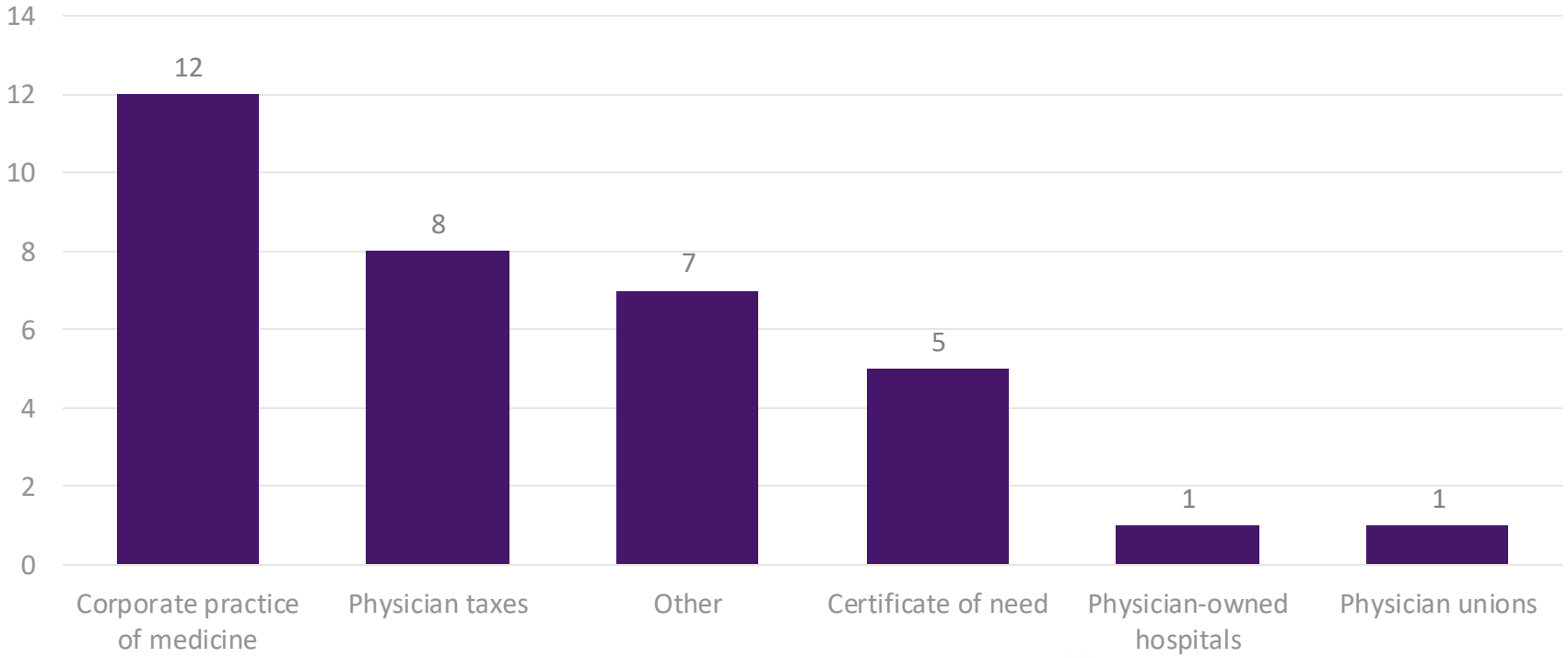

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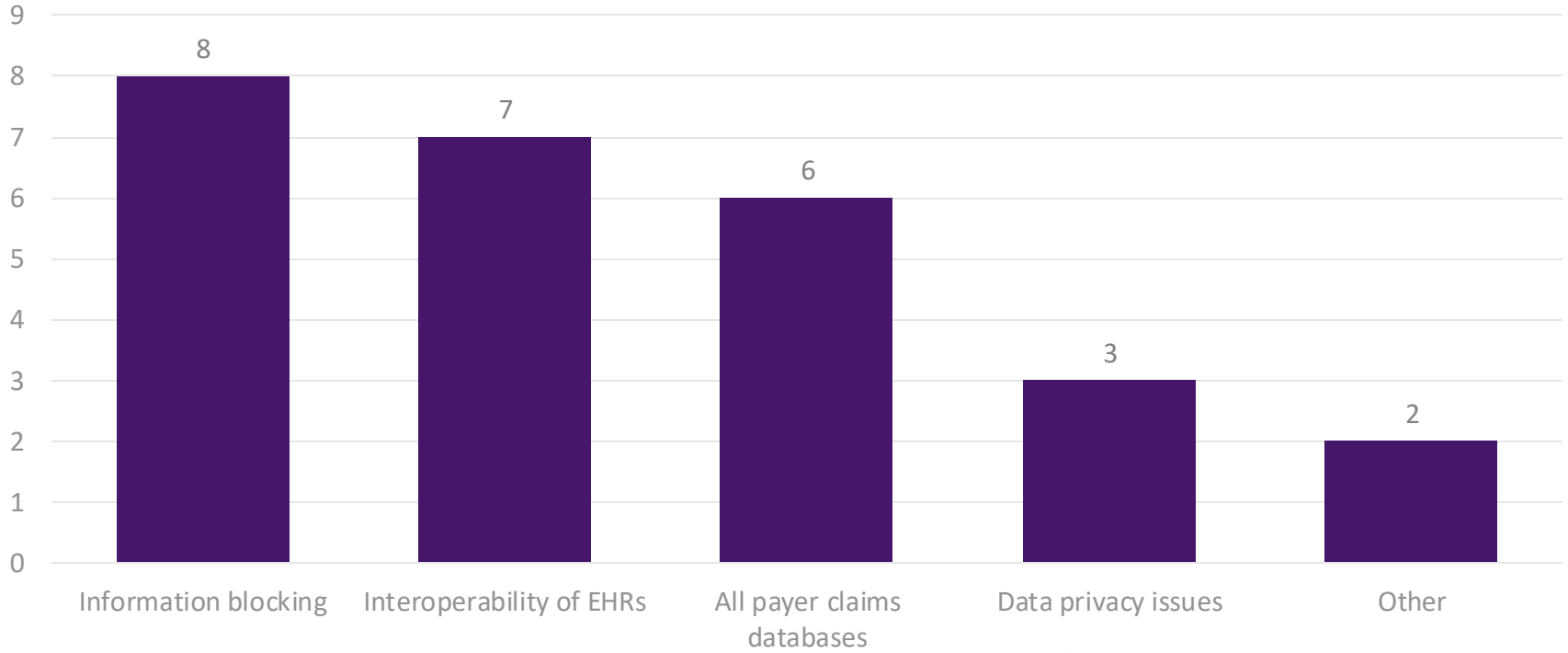

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