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INTEROPERABILITY AND PRIOR AUTHORIZATION SURVEY

2025 & 2026 RESULTS

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ABOUT WEDI & THE SURVEY

- WEDI, as an HHS advisor, has taken on the task of tracking industry progress toward compliance with the CMS-0057-F
- In Jan/Feb 2025. Oct 2025, Feb 2026, and Sept/Oct 2026 we surveyed payer, provider, clearinghouse, and health IT vendors to assess readiness
- Surveys focused on Patient Access, Provider Access, Payer-to-Payer, and Prior Authorization API requirements
- Survey responses received 1st (243), 2nd (173), 3rd (83), 4th (174)

PRIOR AUTHORIZATION

SUBWORKGROUP

- Survey was developed with assistance from the WEDI Prior Authorization SWG co-chairs and attendees
- Co-Chairs –**Janice Bakos (CVS Aetna), Rajesh Godavarthi (MCG Health), Heather McComas (AMA), and Michael Lunzer (Itiliti Health)**
- Reach out to Ariana at apoole@wedi.org to join!

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SURVEY HIGHLIGHTS: PAYERS

Top 3 Payer Challenges

JAN/FEB '25

1. Determining a cohesive enterprise strategy for interoperability
2. Digitizing prior authorization policies
3. Sufficient funding

OCT '25

1. Digitizing prior authorization policies
2. Meeting compliance timelines
3. Delegated 3rd-parties facing challenges connecting with different systems

FEB '26

1. Determining a cohesive enterprise strategy for interoperability
2. Digitizing prior authorization policies
3. Sufficient funding

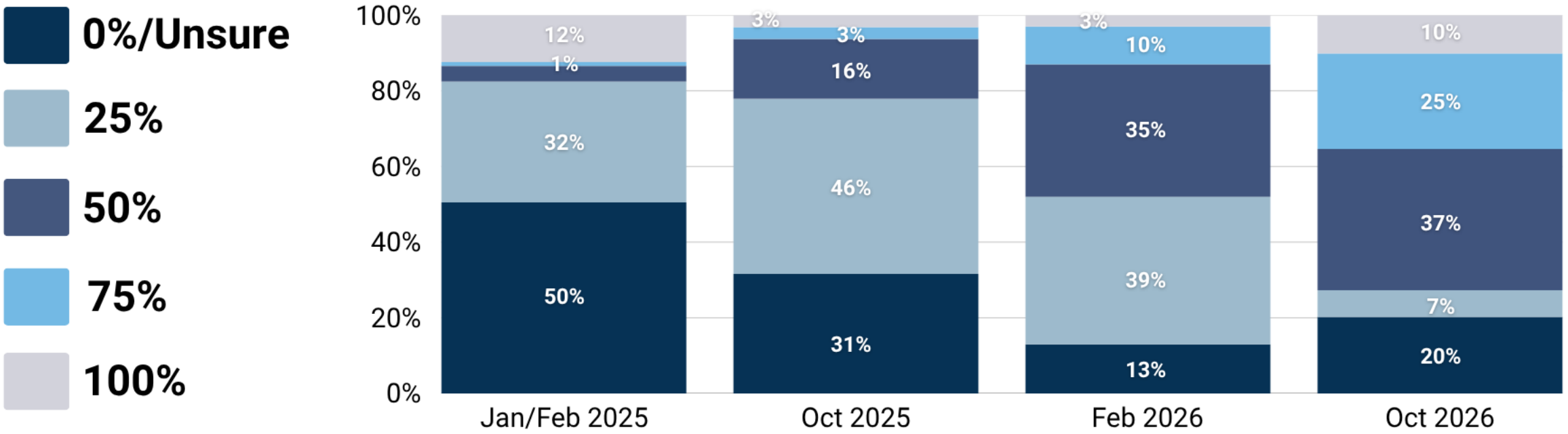
OCT '26

1. Delegated third parties facing challenges connecting with different systems
2. Meeting compliance timelines
3. Coordination with trading partners

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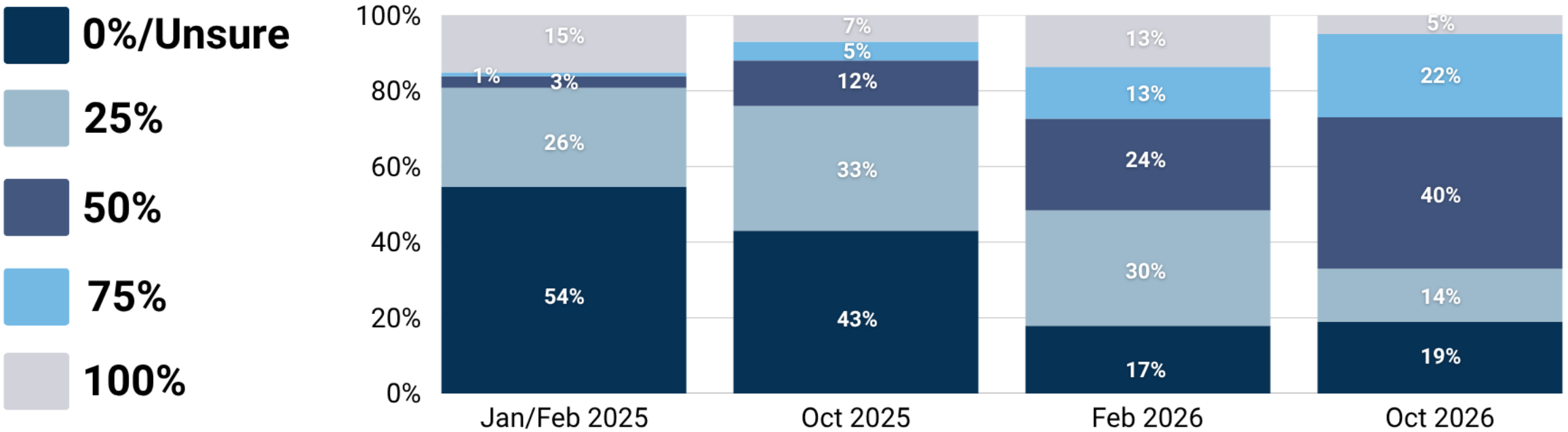
Current approximate completion in meeting the by January 1, 2027 compliance date for the CMS-0057-F Final Rule Prior Authorization API requirement.



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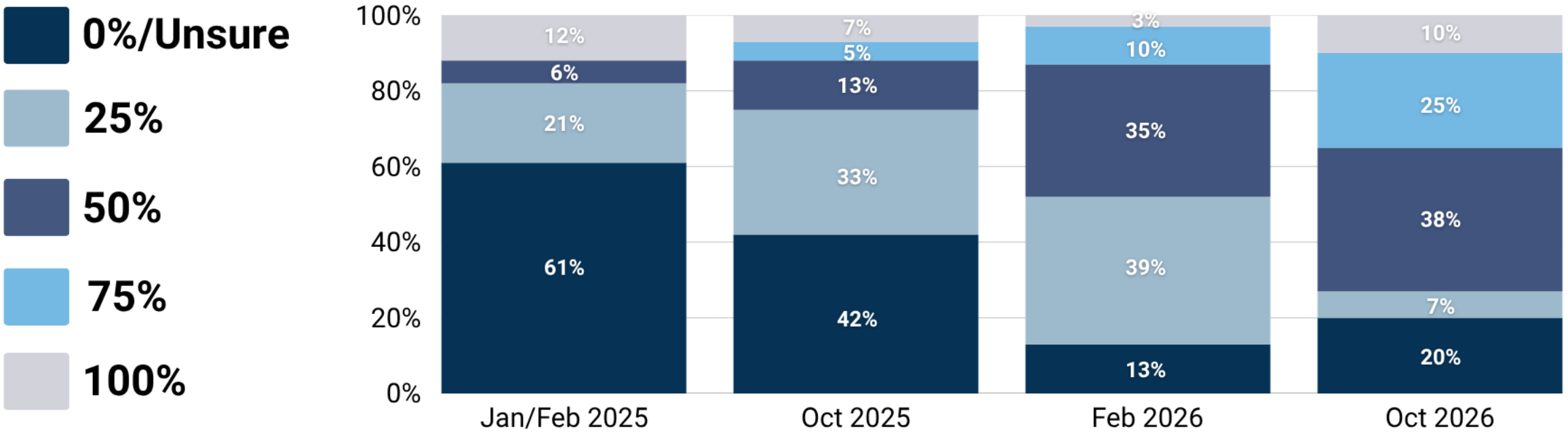
Current approximation where your organization is regarding meeting the January 1, 2027 compliance date for the CMS-0057-F Final Rule Payer-to-Payer API requirement



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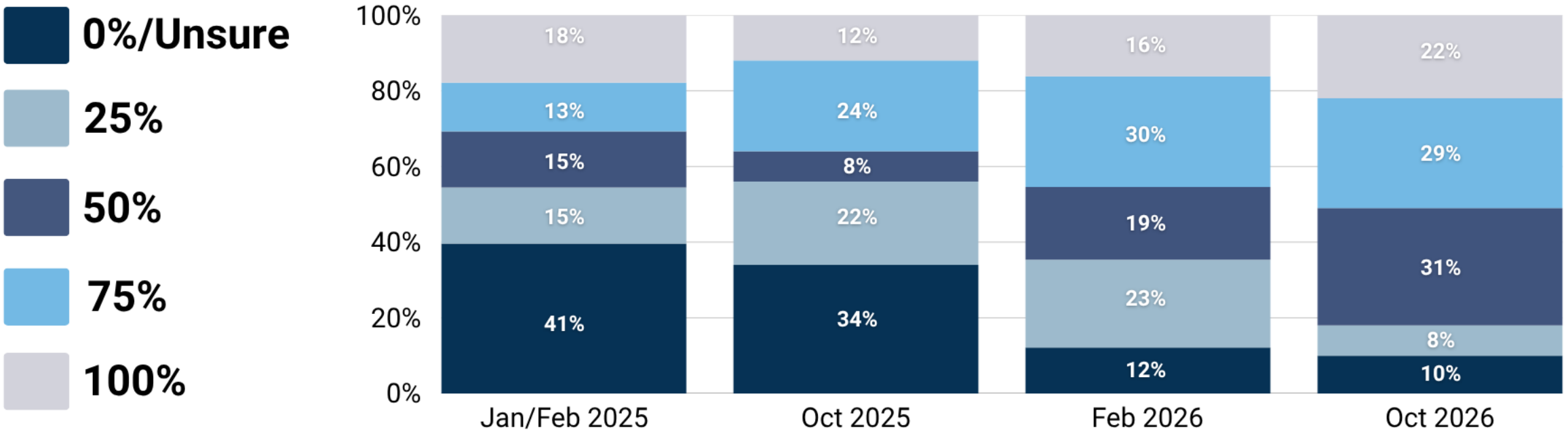
Current approximation completion in meeting the January 1, 2027 compliance date for the CMS-0057-F Final Rule Provider Access API requirement



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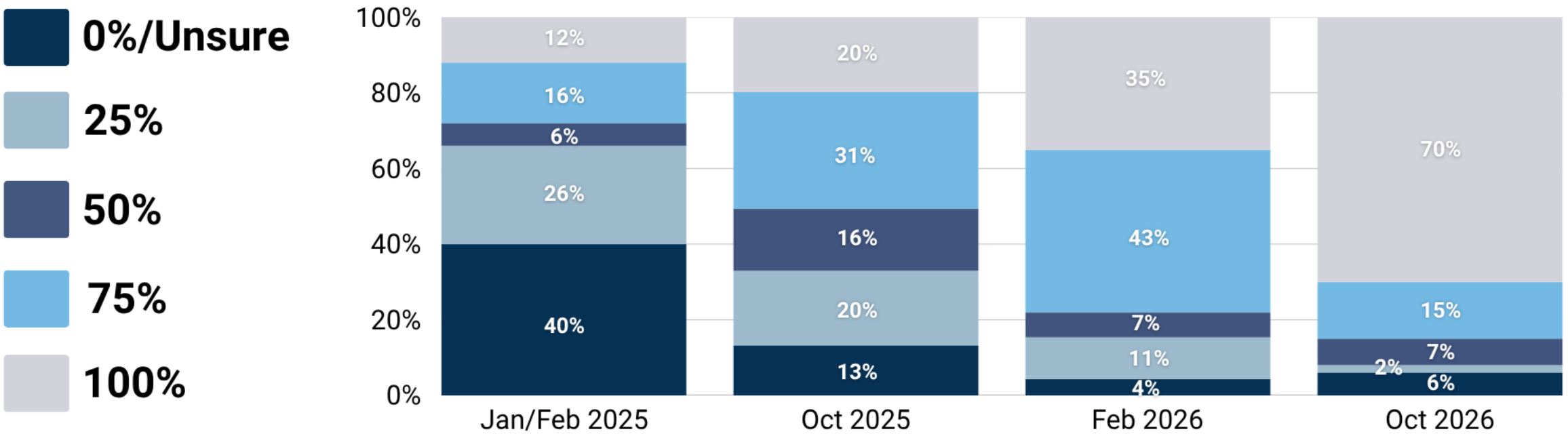
Current approximate completion in meeting the by January 1, 2027 compliance date for the incremental requirements included in the CMS-0057-F Final Rule for the Patient Access API



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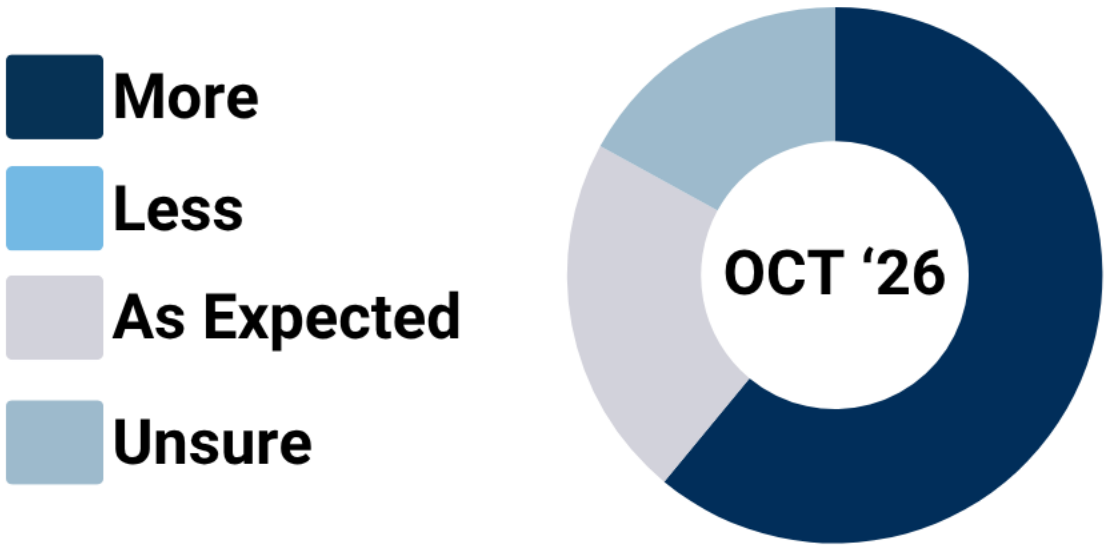
Current approximation in level of readiness to publicly report your Prior Authorization program metrics on January 1, 2026



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SURVEY HIGHLIGHTS: PAYERS

To date, are the costs you expected to incure when implementating 0057-F requirements more, less, or as expected?



52%

Payers indicating it is "Somewhat Likely" to "Very Likely" that they will offer the prior authorization APIs (CRD, DTR, PAS) via an online portal

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SURVEY HIGHLIGHTS: PROVIDERS

Top 3 Provider Challenges

JAN/FEB '25

1. Sufficient funding
2. Determining a cohesive enterprise strategy for interoperability
3. Sufficient internal expertise

OCT '25

1. Developing new workflows
2. Sufficient internal expertise
3. Coordinating with vendors/health plans to test with

FEB '26

1. Sufficient internal expertise
2. Coordinating with vendors/health plans to test with
3. Sorting out the various networks and how they interplay (i.e. TEFCA, QHIN, HIE, Etc.)

OCT '26

1. Developing new workflows
2. Determining a cohesive enterprise strategy for interoperability
3. Coordinating timing & roadmap with other mandates

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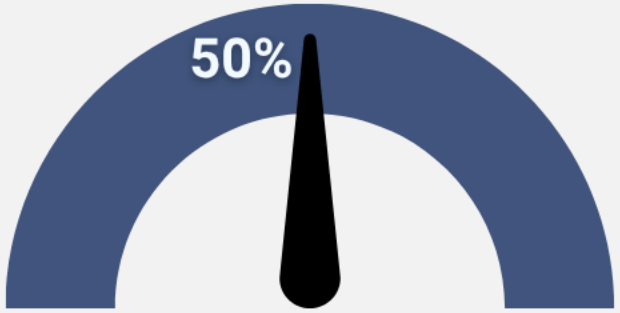
Providers indicating it is "Somewhat Likely" to "Very Likely" that they will implement the Provider Access API

36%

as of October 2026

Feb 2026 (33%), Oct 2025 (44%), Jan/Feb 2025 (72%)

Providers indicating it is "Somewhat Likely" to "Very Likely" they will meet CMS-0057-F Final Rule API provisions by the January 1, 2027 deadline



Feb 2026 (25%), Oct 2025 (47%), Jan/Feb 2025 (69%)

Providers indicating it is"Very Important" to "Extremely Important" to have the majority of the payers you contract with support the prior authorization API

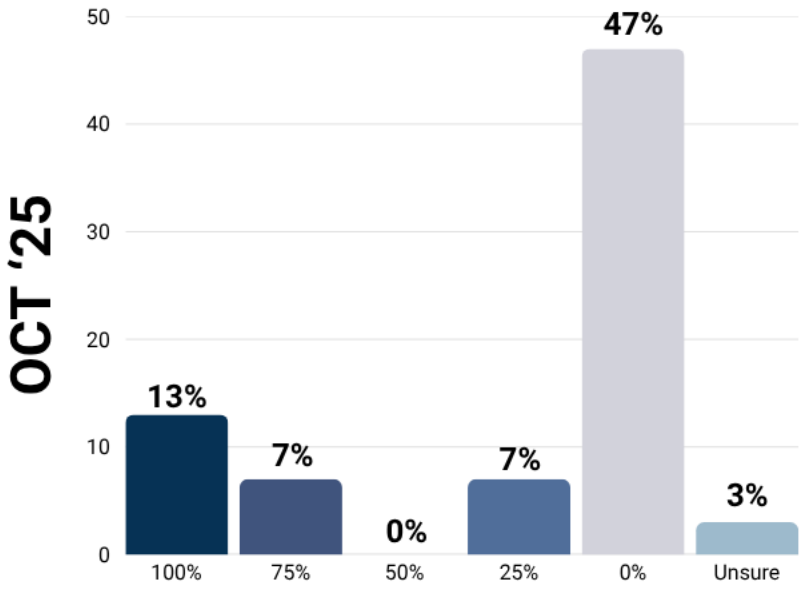
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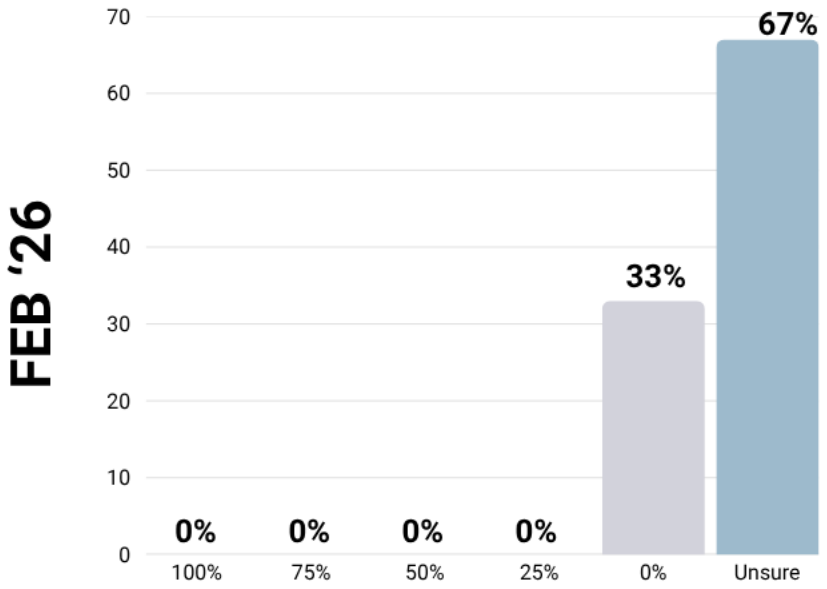
Feb 2026 (66%), Oct 2025 (75%), Jan/Feb 2025 (41%)

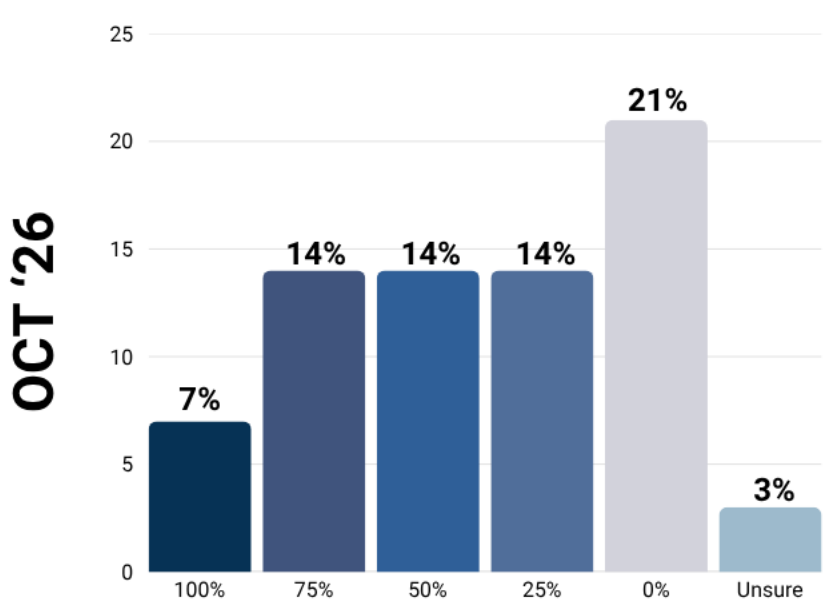
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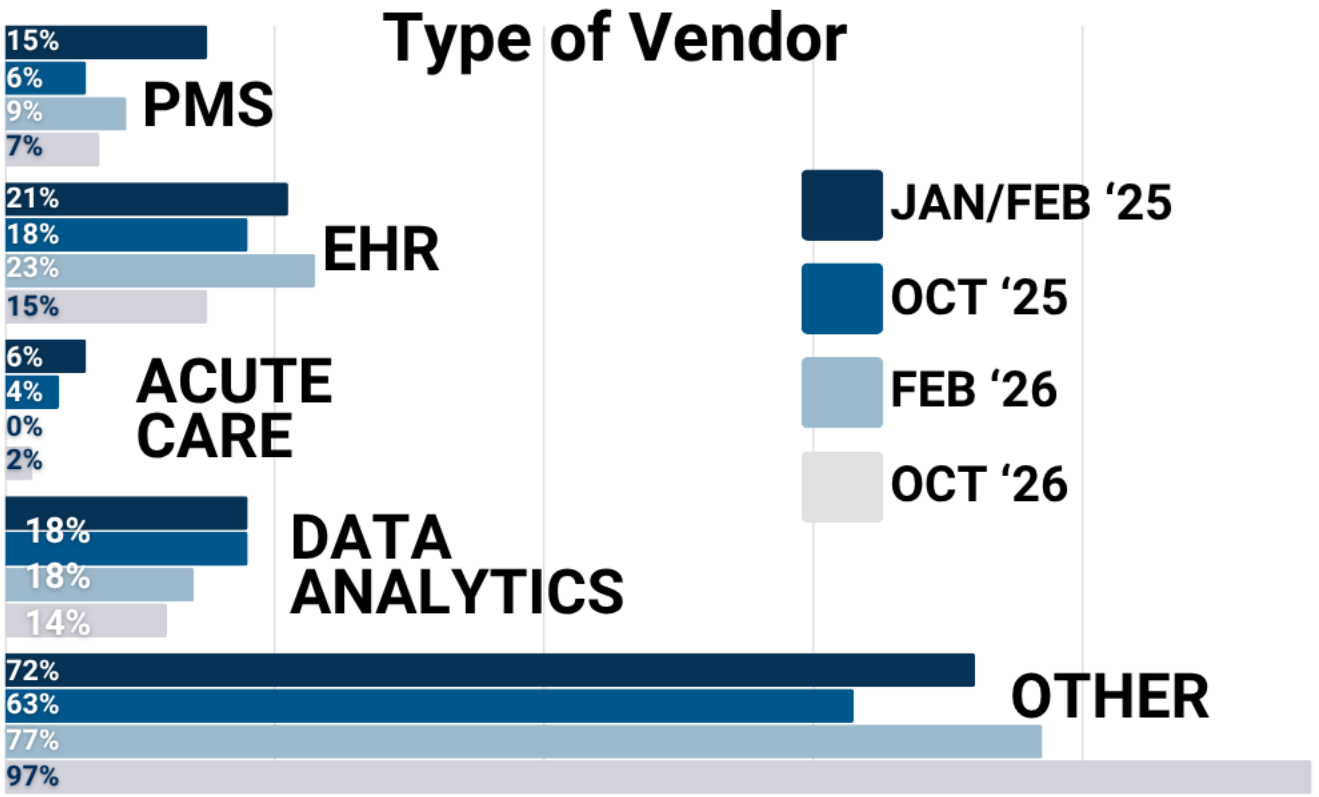






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SURVEY HIGHLIGHTS: VENDORS



Vendors that will assist payers and/or providers in compliance with the API provisions included in the CMS-0057-F Final Rule

85%

as of October 2026

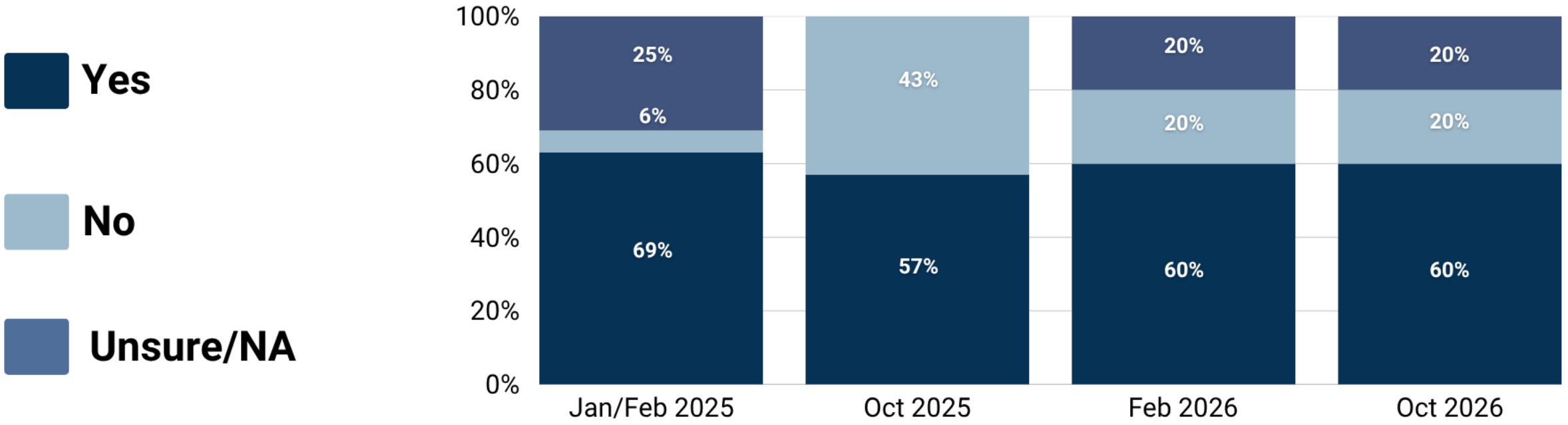
Feb 2026 (82%), Oct 2025 (77%), Jan/Feb 2025 (82%)

Note: Survey participants were able to select more than one option for this question.

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SURVEY HIGHLIGHTS: CLEARINGHOUSE

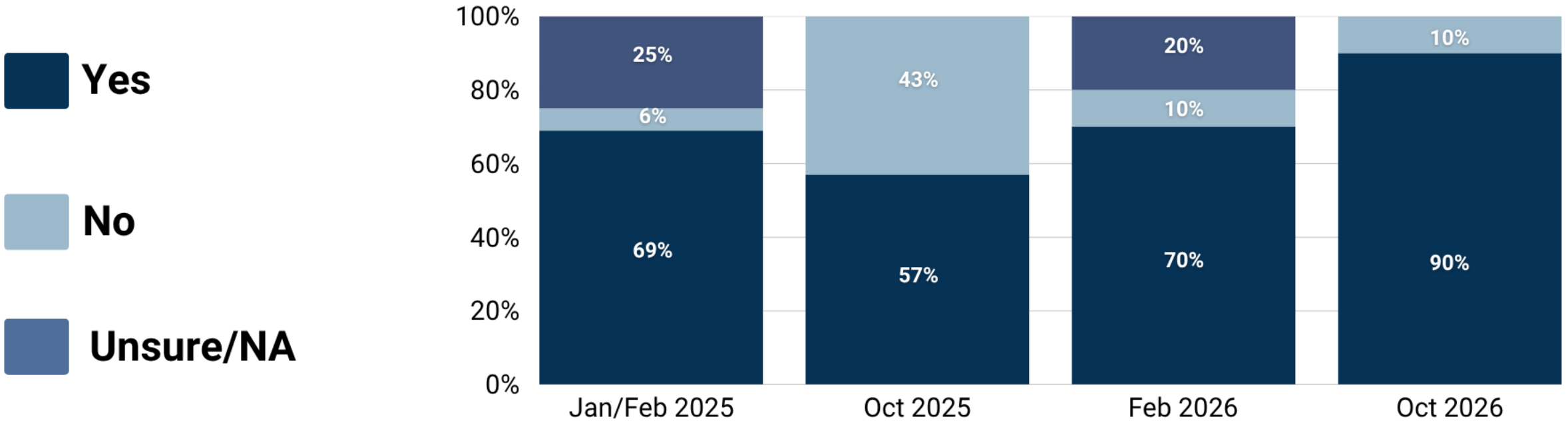
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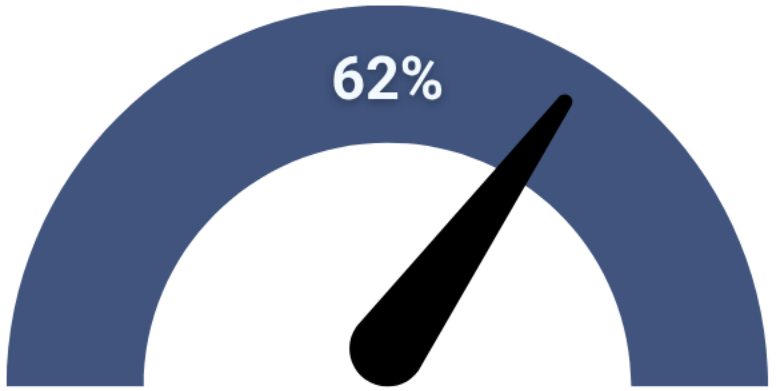
Plan to conduct API exchanges on behalf of Provider customers



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SURVEY HIGHLIGHTS: ALL RESPONDENTS

Survey respondents that are "Moderately Supportive" to "Very Supportive" in staggering deployment of Coverage Requirements Discovery (CRD), Document Templates and Rules (DTR), and Prior Authorization Support (PAS)



as of Oct 2026

Feb 2026 (53%), Oct 2025 (68%) & Jan/Feb 2025 (61%)

Respondents that favored staggering implementation starting with CRD, followed by DTR and then PAS.

34%

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SURVEY HIGHLIGHTS: ALL RESPONDENTS

Reported top educational resources needed for implementation across all respondents

1. Education on industry best practices
2. Advanced education (technical) on implementing APIs
3. Education on workflow design/modification