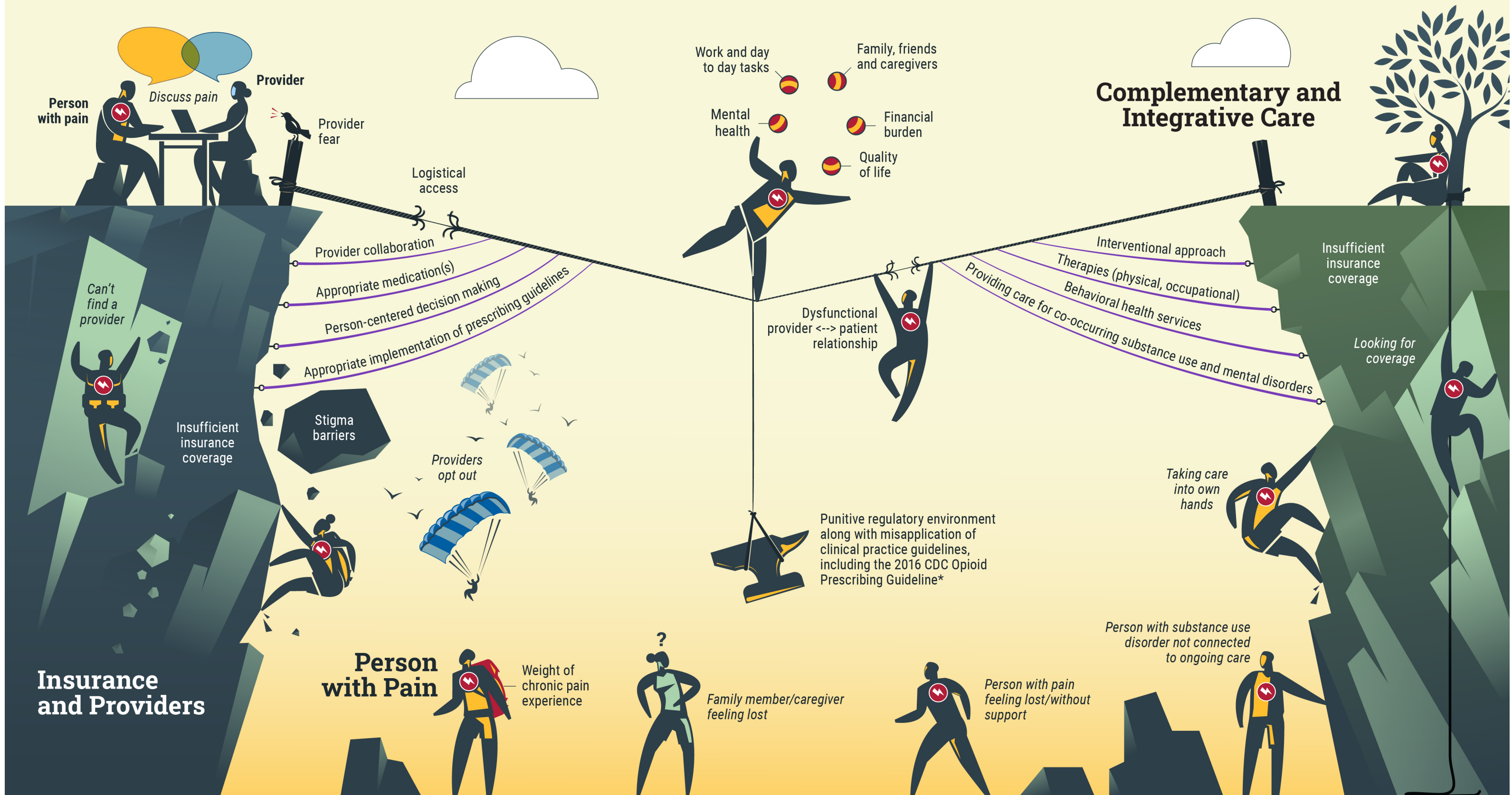


Chronic Pain Experience

Understand access to covered treatment and services for people with chronic pain.

This visual is derived from stakeholder interviews focusing on the experiences of those living with and treating chronic pain. Its intent is to highlight the most prominent barriers experienced by people accessing care and the influencers acting on providers, ultimately affecting the person with chronic pain, their quality of care, and their quality of life. These sentiments were derived from requests for information (RFIs) conducted by CMS and CDC, including as part of CDC's efforts to understand and integrate the lived experiences of patients and providers into their update to the 2016 opioid prescribing guideline.



* CDC is in the process of updating the 2016 CDC Guideline for Prescribing Opioids for Chronic Pain. The goal of the revised clinical practice guideline is to help advance effective, individualized, patient-centered care. The revision was designed with a focus on ensuring appropriate use as a clinical tool and to avoid misapplication of the guideline itself.