

Insurance Solutions December Newsletter



A look at some important trends that will affect you

Medicare Drug Price Reductions

Starting next month, a \$35 cap on insulin prices will go into effect for millions of Medicare recipients. The lower pricing is one of the first of several policy measures Americans will see in the coming months and years under the Inflation Reduction Act signed into law in August.

The bill also requires pharmaceutical companies to pay rebates for drugs where prices surpass inflation for Medicare Part D and mandates that the government negotiate drug prices on some prescription drugs for people who have Medicare.

The Medicare Part D rebates began in October. That same month, Medicare also began paying more for some biosimilar drugs to create more competition, lower the cost and improve access to those drugs for consumers.

There was a lot of hoopla over the major benefits of this new legislation... but little detail on the actual timeline. As you can see here, s-l-o-w and steady is the plan.

- In September, CMS will list the **10** Part D drugs prices will take effect in 2026.
- Another round of negotiations for **15** Part D drugs starts in February 2025 and ends November 2025, with prices to take effect in 2027.
- Negotiations for **15** Part D or Part B drugs starts in 2026 with pricing in 2028.
- In 2027, **20** Part D or Part B drugs - Pricing in 2029
- In 2028, **20** more Part D and Part B drugs pricing in 2030.
- The last round of **20** Part B and D drugs prices would be seen in 2031.

The price changes should start to have a real impact on Americans in **2026**. You'll get roughly a 30% haircut on that deductible portion of your drug in a lot of cases.

Forgive me if I yawn. This is too little (**100 drugs in total**) over an extraordinarily long period. Always be mindful of the cost of your drugs – check my website for savings ideas <https://gobillc.com/rx-resources> or contact me personally.

Wishing each of you a safe and truly relaxing holiday season with family and friends!