

INFLATION REDUCTION ACT

Two years ago, President Biden signed the Inflation Reduction Act, the largest investment in climate action and clean energy in world history. Key to the Biden-Harris Administration's Investing in America agenda, this transformative law is lowering energy costs, creating new income streams, and tackling the climate crisis. The Inflation Reduction Act has given the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) historic resources to better serve communities nationwide.

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One year ago today, on August 16, 2022, President Biden signed into law landmark legislation to lower health care costs for millions of Americans, known as the Inflation Reduction Act. This historic law extends Marketplace affordability, caps the cost of insulin at \$35 per month for people with Medicare, and improves access to affordable prescription drugs for millions of Americans.

"The first anniversary of the Inflation Reduction Act is cause for celebration, as millions of Americans are already saving money on health care," said HHS Secretary Xavier Becerra. "As a result of this law, individuals purchasing Marketplace coverage are paying less in premiums, people with Medicare are benefiting from the \$35 cap on insulin, and saving on free, recommended vaccines, and we are strengthening Medicare for the next generation. The Biden-Harris Administration is delivering lower prescription drug costs, making health insurance more affordable, and making the economy work for working families."

Additional savings are also coming to those eligible for Medicare's Extra Help program. Beginning in 2024, the Extra Help program will expand for beneficiaries earning less than 150% of the federal poverty line. People with Medicare who qualify for Extra Help will pay \$0 for their Medicare drug plan premium and plan deductible, and a reduced amount for both generic and brand-name drugs. Find out more about the Extra Help program at <http://www.Medicare.gov/ExtraHelp>.

The full HHS report, "The Inflation Reduction Act of 2022: One Year Anniversary Highlights from ASPE Drug Pricing Reports", is available at <https://aspe.hhs.gov/reports/inflation-reduction-act-2022-one-year-anniversary-highlights-aspe-drug-pricing-reports>.

The Inflation Reduction Act is accomplishing the following just one year after being enacted:

- Saving Affordable Care Act Marketplace consumers an average of more than **\$800 per year** from continued expansion of financial assistance, based on national estimates.
- Driving the nation's uninsured rate to **historic lows**.
- Lowering insulin costs for **4 million seniors** and other Medicare beneficiaries with diabetes by capping a month's supply of each covered **insulin at \$35**.
- Providing ACIP-recommended adult **vaccines** at no cost to millions of people with Medicare.
- Lowering out-of-pocket costs for some people with Medicare for certain Part B drugs and biologicals with prices that have increased faster than the rate of inflation.
- Projecting savings for nearly **19 million seniors** of an average of **\$400 per year** when the \$2,000 cap on out-of-pocket prescription drug costs goes into effect in 2025.