

# Inflation Reduction Act: Lowering Rx Costs

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## HOW LOUISIANA BENEFITS

The Inflation Reduction Act has lowered health care and prescription drug costs for Louisiana families.

### Reducing Health Care Premiums

Marketplace premiums have been reduced by hundreds of dollars per person, on average, for roughly 94,000 Louisianians.<sup>1</sup>



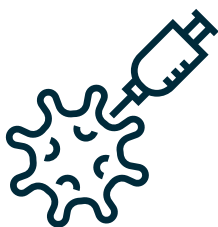
### Capping Insulin at \$35/month

Out-of-pocket costs for insulin are now capped at \$35 per month for Medicare beneficiaries enrolled in Part D and Part B, lowering costs for nearly 22,100 Louisianians.<sup>2</sup>



### 10 Initial Drugs for Negotiation

In 2023, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services announced the first 10 drugs covered under Part D selected for negotiation. The following drugs will have capped maximum fair prices beginning in 2026, lowering the cost of these drugs.<sup>3</sup>



### Making Approved Vaccines Free

Approved vaccines, including vaccines for shingles, flu, DTaP, and COVID-19, are free for Part D beneficiaries. This has helped to lower costs for nearly 38,000 Louisianians.<sup>4</sup>

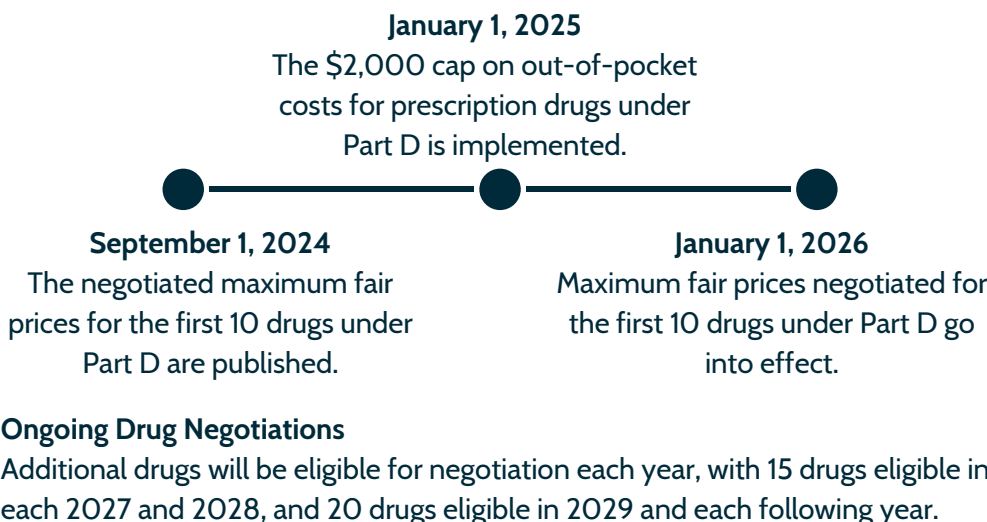


### Decreasing Out-Of-Pocket Costs

Reforms to the Part D program, including the \$2,000 cap on out-of-pocket costs, will lower prescription drug costs for more than 327,100 Louisianians. This will mean nearly \$105 million in savings for state residents in 2025.<sup>5</sup>

1. Eliquis, used by 55,000 state residents on Medicare
2. Jardiance, used by 23,000 state residents on Medicare
3. Xarelto, used by 19,000 state residents on Medicare
4. Januvia, used by 16,000 state residents on Medicare
5. Farxiga, used by 11,000 state residents on Medicare
6. Entresto, used by 13,000 state residents on Medicare
7. Enbrel, used by 600 state residents on Medicare
8. Imbruvica, used by 300 state residents on Medicare
9. Stelara, used by 300 state residents on Medicare
10. Fiasp/NovoLog, used by 13,000 state residents on Medicare

## IRA IMPLEMENTATION TIMELINE



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