# Inflation Reduction Act: Lowering Rx Costs U.S. Senator Bob Casey, Jr.

## **HOW CALIFORNIA BENEFITS**

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

#### **Reducing Health Care Premiums**

Marketplace premiums have been reduced by hundreds of dollars per person, on average, for roughly 1.6 million Californians. <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 108,200 Californians.<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>

- 1. Eliquis, used by 277,000 state residents on Medicare
- 2. Jardiance, used by 164,000 state residents on Medicare
- 3. Xarelto, used by 113,000 state residents on Medicare
- 4. Januvia, used by 103,000 state residents on Medicare
- 5. Farxiga, used by 64,000 state residents on Medicare
- 6. Entresto, used by 46,000 state residents on Medicare
- 7. Enbrel, used by 5,000 state residents on Medicare
- 8. Imbruvica, used by 2,000 state residents on Medicare
- Stelara, used by 2,000 state residents on Medicare
- 10. Fiasp/NovoLog, used by 54,000 state residents on Medicare



## 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 more than 403,100 Californians.<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 2,180,500 Californians. This will mean more than \$644 million in savings for state residents in 2025.<sup>5</sup>

# IRA IMPLEMENTATION TIMELINE

#### January 1, 2025

The \$2,000 cap on out-of-pocket costs for prescription drugs under Part D is implemented.



### September 1, 2024

The negotiated maximum fair prices for the first 10 drugs under Part D are published.



Maximum fair prices negotiated for the first 10 drugs under Part D go into effect.

#### **Ongoing Drug Negotiations**

Additional drugs will be eligible for negotiation each year, with 15 drugs eligible in each 2027 and 2028, and 20 drugs eligible in 2029 and each following year.



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