# The Inflation Reduction Act of 2022 Democrats Deliver Lower Costs for Families

## HOW SOUTH CAROLINA BENEFITS

The Inflation Reduction Act will reduce health care and prescription drug costs for South Carolina seniors, people with disabilities and families.



Making Approved Vaccines Free Starting in 2023 Ensures approved vaccines under

Medicare Part D are free, helping nearly 70,300 South Carolinians.<sup>1</sup>



### Lowering Insulin Copays Starting in 2023

Reduces Medicare copays to a maximum of \$35 per month, lowering insulin costs nearly 33,100 South Carolinians.<sup>2</sup>



Reducing Health Care Premiums Starting in 2023 Lowers Marketplace premiums for roughly 285,000 South Carolinians by hundreds of dollars per person, on average, in 2023.<sup>3</sup>

### Helping Low-Income Americans Starting in 2024

Increases financial assistance to nearly 11,200 low-income South Carolinians to help them afford their prescription medications.<sup>4</sup>

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### Capping Out-of-Pocket Costs Starting in 2025

Caps prescription drug costs at \$2,000 a year for nearly 865,700 South Carolinians with Medicare Part D<sup>5</sup>– giving the 29,000 South Carolinians who will exceed this limit the help they need.<sup>6</sup>

### Lowering Prescription Drug Prices Through Negotiation Starting in 2026

Beginning in 2026, Medicare-negotiated prescription drug prices will go into effect, reducing costs for certain high-cost drugs and out-of-pocket costs for seniors and people with disabilities.<sup>7</sup>



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