

**Estimated Budgetary Effects of the Better Mental Health Care, Lower-Cost Drugs, and Extenders Act and Certain Provisions of the Modernizing and Ensuring PBM Accountability (MEPA) Act**

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		Increases or Decreases (-) in Direct Spending											
<b>Title I. Expanding Mental Health Care Workforce and Services Under Medicare and Medicaid</b>													
Sec. 101	Expanding Eligibility for Incentives Under the Medicare Health Professional Shortage Area Bonus Program to Practitioners Furnishing Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Services												
	Budget Authority	0	0	20	33	35	34	38	38	40	44	88	282
	Estimated Outlays	0	0	20	33	35	34	38	38	40	44	88	282
Sec. 102	Improved Access to Mental Health Services Under the Medicare Program												
	Budget Authority	0	0	8	12	13	14	15	15	15	18	33	110
	Estimated Outlays	0	0	8	12	13	14	15	15	15	18	33	110
Sec. 104	Medicare Incentives for Behavioral Health Integration with Primary Care												
	Budget Authority	3	2	17	20	13	3	0	0	0	0	55	58
	Estimated Outlays	3	2	17	20	13	3	0	0	0	0	55	58
Sec. 109	Requiring Enhanced & Accurate Lists of (REAL) Health Providers Act												
	Budget Authority	0	0	7	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	15	35
	Estimated Outlays	0	0	7	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	15	35
Sec. 114	Medicaid State Option Relating to Inmates With a Substance Use Disorder Pending Disposition of Charges												
	Budget Authority	0	0	47	73	99	103	111	116	123	128	219	800
	Estimated Outlays	0	0	47	73	99	103	111	116	123	128	219	800

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<b>Title II. Reducing Prescription Drug Costs Under Medicare and Medicaid</b>													
Sec. 201	Assuring Pharmacy Access and Choice for Medicare Beneficiaries												
	Budget Authority	250	0	0	0	92	106	121	130	140	166	342	1,005
	Estimated Outlays	223	17	10	0	92	106	121	130	140	166	342	1,005
Sec. 202	Ensuring Accurate Payments to Pharmacies Under Medicaid												
	Budget Authority	14	-19	-157	-234	-244	-256	-268	-280	-294	-308	-640	-2,046
	Estimated Outlays	11	-16	-157	-234	-244	-256	-268	-280	-294	-308	-640	-2,046
Sec. 203	Protecting Seniors From Excessive Cost-Sharing for Certain Medicines												
	Budget Authority	0	0	0	0	168	148	182	192	205	264	168	1,159
	Estimated Outlays	0	0	0	0	168	148	182	192	205	264	168	1,159
<b>Title III. Medicaid Expiring Provisions</b>													
Sec. 301	Delaying Certain Disproportionate Share Hospital Payment Reductions Under the Medicaid Program												
	Budget Authority	1,934	1,780	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3,714	3,714
	Estimated Outlays	1,934	1,780	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3,714	3,714
Sec. 302	Extension of State Option to Provide Medical Assistance for Certain Individuals Who Are Patients in Certain Institutions for Mental Diseases												
	Budget Authority	23	28	33	39	45	52	60	69	79	89	168	517
	Estimated Outlays	23	28	33	39	45	52	60	69	79	89	168	517

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<b>Title IV. Medicare Expiring Provisions and Provider Payment Changes</b>													
Sec. 401	Extension of Funding for Quality Measure Endorsement, Input, and Selection												
	Budget Authority	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	20	20
	Estimated Outlays	19	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	20	20
Sec. 402	Extension of Funding Outreach and Assistance for Low-Income Programs												
	Budget Authority	50	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	50
	Estimated Outlays	50	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	50
Sec. 403	Extension of the Work Geographic Index Floor Under the Medicare Program												
	Budget Authority	341	201	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	542	542
	Estimated Outlays	341	201	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	542	542
Sec. 404	Extension of Medicare APM Payment Incentives												
	Budget Authority	0	0	433	247	0	0	0	0	0	0	680	680
	Estimated Outlays	0	0	433	247	0	0	0	0	0	0	680	680
Sec. 405	Payment Rates for Durable Medical Equipment Under the Medicare Program												
	Budget Authority	142	35	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	177	177
	Estimated Outlays	142	35	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	177	177
Sec. 406	Extending the Independence at Home Medical Practice Demonstration Program Under the Medicare Program												
	Budget Authority	7	8	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	19	19
	Estimated Outlays	7	8	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	19	19

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Sec. 407	Increase in Support for Physicians and Other Professionals in Adjusting to Medicare Payment Changes												
	Budget Authority	579	91	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	670	670
	Estimated Outlays	579	91	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	670	670
Sec. 408	Revised Phase-In of Medicare Clinical Laboratory Test Payment Changes												
	Budget Authority	438	-323	-288	0	-1,417	-302	605	7	202	489	-1,590	-589
	Estimated Outlays	438	-323	-288	0	-1,417	-302	605	7	202	489	-1,590	-589
Sec. 409	Extension of Adjustment to Calculation of Hospice Cap Amount Under Medicare												
	Budget Authority	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-927	0	-927
	Estimated Outlays	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-927	0	-927
<b>Title V. Offsets</b>													
Sec. 501	Medicaid Improvement Fund												
	Budget Authority	0	0	0	0	-5,796	0	0	0	0	0	-5,796	-5,796
	Estimated Outlays	0	0	0	0	-1,827	-1,918	-2,012	-39	0	0	-1,827	-5,796
Sec. 502	Medicare Improvement Fund												
	Budget Authority	756	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	756	756
	Estimated Outlays	0	76	499	98	83	0	0	0	0	0	756	756

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<b>Title VI. Certain Provisions From the Modernizing and Ensuring PBM Accountability Act</b>													
Sec. 601	Arrangements With Pharmacy Benefit Managers With Respect to Prescription Drug Plans and MA-PD Plans												
	Budget Authority	0	0	-67	-116	-117	-92	-92	-85	-77	-73	-300	-719
	Estimated Outlays	0	0	-70	-114	-116	-92	-92	-85	-77	-73	-300	-719
Sec. 602	Ensuring Fair Assessment of Pharmacy Performance and Quality Under Medicare Part D												
	Budget Authority	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	4
	Estimated Outlays	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	4
Sec. 603	Promoting Transparency for Pharmacies Under Medicare Part D												
	Budget Authority	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
	Estimated Outlays	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
Sec. 604	Preventing the Use of Abusive Spread Pricing in Medicaid												
	Budget Authority	0	-30	-56	-51	-45	-39	-32	-24	-14	-15	-182	-306
	Estimated Outlays	0	-30	-56	-51	-45	-39	-32	-24	-14	-15	-182	-306
Sec. 605	HHS OIG Study and Report on Drug Price Mark-Ups in Medicare Part D												
	Budget Authority	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	5
	Estimated Outlays	3	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	5

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Sec. 608	Facilitating Midyear Formulary Changes for Biosimilars												
	Budget Authority	0	-16	-22	-22	-25	-22	-26	-27	-29	-33	-85	-222
	Estimated Outlays	0	-16	-22	-22	-25	-22	-26	-27	-29	-33	-85	-222
<b>Total Changes in Direct Spending</b>													
	Budget Authority	4,562	1,763	-21	5	-7,175	-247	718	155	394	-154	-866	0
	Estimated Outlays	3,773	1,861	486	105	-3,122	-2,165	-1,294	116	394	-154	3,103	0

Source: Congressional Budget Office.

Estimates are relative to CBO's May 2023 baseline.

Components may not sum to totals because of rounding; APM = Alternative Payment Model; HHS OIG = Department of Health and Human Services Office of Inspector General; MA-PD = Medicare Advantage prescription drug; PBM = pharmacy benefit manager.