



**Estimated Budgetary Effects of Modernizing and Ensuring PBM Accountability Act Discussion Draft**

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**By Fiscal Year, Millions of Dollars**

		2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2023-2028	2023-2033
<b>Increases or Decreases (-) in Direct Spending</b>														
Sec. 2	Arrangements With Pharmacy Benefit Managers With Respect to Prescription Drug Plans and MA-PD Plans													
	Estimated Budget Authority	0	0	0	-65	-114	-114	-90	-90	-83	-75	-71	-293	-702
	Estimated Outlays	0	0	0	-68	-112	-113	-90	-90	-83	-75	-71	-293	-702
Sec. 3	Ensuring Fair Assessment of Pharmacy Performance and Quality Under Medicare Part D													
	Estimated Budget Authority	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	4
	Estimated Outlays	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	4
Sec. 4	Promoting Transparency for Pharmacies Under Medicare Part D													
	Estimated Budget Authority	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
	Estimated Outlays	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
Sec. 5	Preventing the Use of Abusive Spread Pricing in Medicaid													
	Estimated Budget Authority	0	0	-31	-57	-52	-46	-40	-32	-24	-15	-16	-186	-313
	Estimated Outlays	0	0	-31	-57	-52	-46	-40	-32	-24	-15	-16	-186	-313
Sec. 6	Ensuring Accurate Payments to Pharmacies Under Medicaid													
	Estimated Budget Authority	0	5	1	-58	-119	-113	-107	-99	-89	-78	-65	-284	-722
	Estimated Outlays	0	5	1	-58	-119	-113	-107	-99	-89	-78	-65	-284	-722
Sec. 7	OIG Study and Report on Drug Price Mark-Ups in Medicare Part D													
	Estimated Budget Authority	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	5
	Estimated Outlays	0	3	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	5
Sec. 8	Medicare Improvement Fund													
	Estimated Budget Authority	0	0	0	0	0	1,726	0	0	0	0	0	1,726	1,726
	Estimated Outlays	0	0	0	0	0	86	86	1,140	224	190	0	86	1,726

See also CBO’s Cost Estimates Explained, [www.cbo.gov/publication/56166](http://www.cbo.gov/publication/56166); How CBO Prepares Cost Estimates, [www.cbo.gov/publication/53519](http://www.cbo.gov/publication/53519); and [Glossary, www.cbo.gov/publication/42904](http://www.cbo.gov/publication/42904).



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<b>Total Changes in Direct Spending</b>													
<b>Estimated Budget Authority</b>	0	10	-24	-180	-285	1,453	-237	-221	-196	-168	-152	974	0
<b>Estimated Outlays</b>	0	8	-23	-182	-283	-186	-151	919	28	22	-152	-666	0

Source: Congressional Budget Office.

Components may not sum to totals because of rounding; PBM = Pharmacy benefit manager; MA-PD = Medicare Advantage prescription drug plan; OIG = Office of Inspector General.