

How the Inflation Reduction Act Price-Gouging Penalties are Delivering for Seniors in Medicare Part B

The Inflation Reduction Act

For years, Big Pharma has been ripping off Americans by raising prescription drug prices **faster than the rate of inflation**.

Before the IRA became law, seniors in Medicare saw their drug costs rise faster than their Social Security checks every year.

Big Pharma spent decades lobbying against changes to the status quo in Medicare, but thanks to the IRA's new drug price-gouging penalties, seniors in Medicare are no longer beholden to Big Pharma's greedy and unnecessary price hikes.

The Success Story in Numbers

Nearly **\$3 billion** in savings for seniors and taxpayers thanks to price-gouging penalties slowing drug company price hikes in Medicare Part B

Since 2023, **98 drugs** have been penalized for price-gouging, leading to savings for seniors

At least **770,000 seniors** in Medicare received the additional direct cost reduction

Making a Difference

Examples of Savings for Seniors
Between July and September
2024

\$1,647 in savings for seniors taking Adcetris for Hodgkin lymphoma

\$1,070 in savings for seniors taking Blincyto for leukemia

\$658 in savings for seniors taking Imlygic for melanoma

What is the Inflation Rebate?

The IRA takes aim at high drug costs through the "inflation rebate," a price-gouging penalty that holds drug companies accountable for raising the cost of their prescription drugs higher than the rate of inflation, keeping seniors off a financial rollercoaster.

For prescription drugs administered in the doctor's office or outpatient care like chemotherapy under Medicare Part B, price-gouging penalties collected from drug companies go straight back to seniors by lowering out-of-pocket costs for their prescriptions. This spares seniors from the whims of large price hikes by Big Pharma.

