



A 2023 HHS report found major savings for Americans who use insulin thanks to President Biden’s Inflation Reduction Act. The \$35 monthly insulin cap in the historic law, which went into effect January 1 for Medicare Part D, would have saved 1.5 million people with Medicare an average of \$500 dollars on their insulin in 2020



Researchers estimate that **1.5 million people with Medicare** would have benefited from the new Inflation Reduction Act insulin cost-sharing limits if they had been in effect in 2020, with total savings to beneficiaries of about **\$734 million** in Part D and **\$27 million** in Part B – an average savings of approximately **\$500** for those Medicare beneficiaries.

Cost-Sharing for Medicare Enrollees on Insulin

Estimated Out-of-Pocket Savings If Inflation Reduction Act \$35 Out-of-Pocket Insulin Cap Had Been in Effect in 2020, by State

State	Total Number of Enrollees in Part D and B Who Would Experience Savings	Projected IRA Savings (\$)	Average Annual Out-of-Pocket Savings Per Enrollee (\$)
Alabama	29,127	\$12,800,687	\$439
Alaska	1,026	\$613,867	\$598
Arizona	28,124	\$14,545,058	\$517
Arkansas	15,559	\$8,395,598	\$540
California	108,164	\$36,622,758	\$339
Colorado	16,085	\$8,288,613	\$515
Connecticut	11,444	\$6,749,195	\$590
Delaware	6,066	\$2,707,378	\$446
Dist. of Columbia	650	\$262,462	\$404
Florida	90,181	\$42,920,606	\$476
Georgia	45,625	\$21,764,218	\$477
Hawaii	3,703	\$1,440,292	\$389
Idaho	7,927	\$4,801,119	\$606
Illinois	59,718	\$30,975,919	\$519
Indiana	42,310	\$22,876,374	\$541
Iowa	18,834	\$13,648,044	\$725
Kansas	15,657	\$10,170,650	\$650
Kentucky	27,797	\$12,590,086	\$453
Louisiana	22,071	\$9,095,485	\$412
Maine	5,976	\$3,169,201	\$530
Maryland	21,052	\$9,868,664	\$469
Massachusetts	26,287	\$13,248,195	\$504
Michigan	66,726	\$26,908,214	\$403
Minnesota	27,128	\$18,232,052	\$672
Mississippi	15,366	\$8,344,497	\$543
Missouri	34,881	\$18,256,529	\$523
Montana	4,835	\$2,913,023	\$602



In 2019, about **37 percent** of insulin fills for people with Medicare required cost-sharing that exceeded \$35 per fill, including **24 percent** that exceeded \$70 per fill. Nationally, the average out-of-pocket cost was **\$58** per insulin fill in 2019, typically for a 30-day supply. Patients with private insurance or Medicare paid about **\$63** per fill on average.

“The Biden-Harris Administration is committed to lowering health care costs and increasing access to high-quality, affordable health care, and the Inflation Reduction Act is helping us do just that. Thanks to this historic law, people who get their insulin through Medicare won’t have to pay more than \$35 for a month’s supply. No one should have to skip or ration their insulin because they can’t afford it.”

- HHS Secretary Xavier Becerra

Nebraska	9,716	\$6,576,898	\$677
Nevada	10,769	\$4,725,569	\$439
New Hampshire	6,586	\$3,533,326	\$536
New Jersey	39,641	\$20,239,433	\$511
New Mexico	8,716	\$3,856,841	\$443
New York	75,601	\$36,526,747	\$483
North Carolina	56,921	\$25,580,364	\$449
North Dakota	4,527	\$3,642,152	\$805
Ohio	72,854	\$36,536,703	\$502
Oklahoma	19,556	\$10,417,603	\$533
Oregon	17,915	\$10,586,279	\$591
Pennsylvania	80,197	\$43,565,423	\$543
Rhode Island	4,678	\$2,269,088	\$485
South Carolina	31,235	\$14,896,443	\$477
South Dakota	4,568	\$3,313,226	\$725
Tennessee	39,562	\$19,534,028	\$494
Texas	114,242	\$50,395,627	\$441
Utah	11,393	\$7,110,735	\$624
Vermont	3,118	\$2,153,816	\$691
Virginia	36,461	\$18,597,268	\$510
Washington	28,063	\$16,917,285	\$603
West Virginia	12,656	\$5,706,666	\$451
Wisconsin	31,935	\$20,064,260	\$628
Wyoming	2,469	\$1,597,721	\$647

