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Congress Thought You Wouldn't Figure This Out

The “Inflation Reduction Act of 2022” has a major price hike for Medicare drug coverage. When Congress capped out-of-pocket costs for enrollees, it shifted the costs to Part D carriers. It also capped premium increases and shifted that cost to you, the taxpayer, by subsidizing Part D plans. Medicare also subsidized premiums for two years, forcing America’s taxpayers to cover \$9.8 billion dollars for the subsidy. This ends next year.

Thus, Congress has been diverting your tax dollars to Medicare Part D plans. Congress is also forcing seniors to pay more every month in higher premiums, rather than more out of pocket if they need medication. Congress likely never thought you’d figure this out. Now you know.

“Medicare Part D Premium Stabilization Demonstration,” Michele L. Malloy, et al, Congressional Research Service, January 30, 2025:
<https://www.congress.gov/crs-product/IF12889>

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<https://www.kff.org/quick-insights/cmss-decision-to-end-temporary-subsidies-to-medicares-stand-alone-drug-plans-could-mean-larger-premium-increases-for-some-beneficiaries-next-year/>

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