What every clinical practice should know about the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA)

New in 2025: Medicare Part D Changes

- Out-of-pocket Part D drug costs will be capped at \$2,000.
- The Medicare Prescription Payment Plan is a new (voluntary) opt-in member payment option that "smooths" the way for members (with Part D prescription drug coverage) to spread out the cost of their prescription drugs over the plan year.

What to do now: Consider your patient's out-of-pocket costs and experience

- Encourage your AmeriHealth Medicare Advantage patients, our members, to consider using preferred pharmacies and/or mail order to take advantage of \$0 copays on Tier 1 & 2 prescription drugs. Visit our <u>find a pharmacy</u> webpage.
- Write 90-day prescriptions to improve medication adherence.
- Enroll in our <u>PEAR portal</u> and obtain access to the PEAR AR application.
- Review your Part D member-specific Impact Report in PEAR AR, in Output Manager under Published Reports.
- Update prescriptions by changing Non-Formulary medications to formulary and consider lower tier/lower cost options, if available.
- Submit Prior Authorizations or request drug exceptions. Requirements should include a physician statement with details to avoid a denial.
- Tell patients (our members) to contact us with questions using the number on the back of their insurance card.

Key links and resources

- Check the <u>Provider News Center</u> for updates, especially the <u>Pharmacy & IRA resource page</u>.
- Search the 2024 and 2025 AmeriHealth formularies
- Key links:
 - Prescription Drug Information
 - <u>CMS IRA and Medicare page</u>



For help with Medicare Part D questions, call Provider Services:

New Jersey 1-888-YOUR-AH1 (1-888-968-7241), select option 2

Pennsylvania 1-800-275-2583, select option 2

The Provider Contact Center can address most questions and offer insights on formulary alternatives.

PEAR portal support: 1-833-444-PEAR (1-833-444-7327)