SINGLE PAYER MYTH BUSTER

THE MYTH

"National Improved Medicare for All will increase the price of my medications."

THE FACT

No. You will pay nothing for your medications at the pharmacy, and drug prices will come down. National Improved Medicare for All (bill H.R. 3069 in the United States House of Representatives) covers all the prescription drugs you need. One public program buys medications for the whole country, so it can bargain with drug companies for lower prices.

HOW H.R. 3069 LOWERS DRUG COSTS

H.R. 3069 changes the way the nation pays for prescriptions. Here is how it works.

1. **One purchaser for everyone.** The federal government becomes the "single buyer" of medications for the whole country.
2. **Prices are negotiated.** H.R. 3069 lets the Secretary of Health and Human Services negotiate with drug makers the prices they may charge.
3. **More buying power, lower prices.** One buyer purchasing for the whole country has more bargaining power, and buying in bulk brings prices down.
4. **No more middlemen.** Pharmacy benefit managers (PBMs), the middleman companies that manage drug benefits for insurance plans, will no longer exist.

WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

- ✓ **Pay nothing at the pharmacy.** No copay, no deductible, and no other charge when you pick up your prescriptions at your local pharmacy.
- ✓ **Every needed medication is covered.** All necessary prescription drugs are part of the program.
- ✓ **Medical devices and equipment are covered.** This includes all approved items you need for your care.
- ✓ **Lower prices on drugs, devices, and equipment.** Negotiated prices bring costs down for everyone.
- ✓ **Everyone is included.** All people living in the United States are covered.
- ✓ **One program covers your care.** All necessary medical services are covered, along with your prescriptions.

THE BOTTOM LINE

Medication prices will not go up for you. With National Improved Medicare for All, you pay nothing at the pharmacy, and one public program bargains with drug companies to bring prices down for everyone.

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