

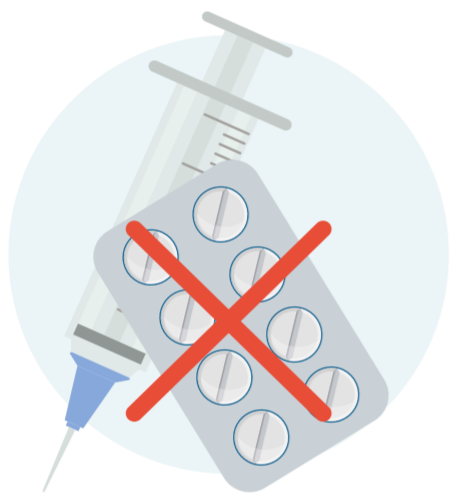
# How the Inflation Reduction Act Could IMPACT PATIENT CARE



Under the Inflation Reduction Act, **Medicare can soon negotiate prices for some drugs.**

But government officials and physicians don't always agree on medication value.<sup>1</sup>

## What could happen if the government overrides physicians' judgment?



### Inability to access new treatment

Medicare Part D plans are required to cover drugs selected for price negotiation, but there are no policies to protect access to other medications.



### Less personalized care

Physicians may feel pressured to prescribe whichever drug carries the lowest price as a result of Medicare negotiation – even if that option is not the best fit for a particular patient.



### More frequent non-medical switching

Where health plans drive stable patients from their prescribed medication to an alternative that's more profitable for the health plan, patients can face new side effects, re-emerging symptoms and interactions with other medications.



### Reduction in the development of new treatments

Experts have already predicted that the Inflation Reduction Act may lead to 135 fewer new drugs being brought to market over the next 20 years.



Alliance for Patient Access

Policymakers must commit to improving patient access, **not reducing it.**

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