

# Special Bulletin

For professional and facility providers

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## Medicare Advantage: Inflation Reduction Act Part D Coverage

President Joe Biden passed the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) on August 16, 2022. As part of the legislation, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) will begin requiring the following coverage for Medicare Advantage members beginning **January 1, 2023**:

- [Adult preventive vaccines](#) that are recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) must be provided under Medicare Part D at \$0 coverage.
- Insulin guidelines:
  - Members who receive insulin through Medicare Part D will be charged no more than \$35 per a month's supply. **IMPORTANT:** Some insulins may cost less if the member is part of the Part D Senior Savings Model.
  - Insulins covered by Medicare Part B will be covered at the \$35 rate as of **July 1, 2023**.

### Guiding Members Through These Changes

Highmark has been reaching out to our Medicare Advantage members with this information. If a member comes to you between January and March 2023, and states that they paid more than \$35 for their monthly insulin under their Part D benefit, tell them Highmark will reimburse them within 30 days for the overpaid amount.

Members who have other questions about these changes should call the Member Services number on the back of their ID card.

### More Changes to Come

Watch the Provider Resource Center for more updates as Highmark continues to work with CMS to implement IRA requirements.

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