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# Improving Access Through the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA):

How Can Manufacturers Support Patients During IRA Implementation?



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# Magnolia Market Access: Who We Are



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# Objectives

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**This webinar will help you and your organization understand:**



## Education

The IRA and its effects on patients



## Outreach

Payer responsibilities and potential gaps in IRA



## Enrollment

Actions that manufacturers are taking to prepare, address, and track patient access and IRA effects

# Agenda

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**IRA Overview and Effects on Patients**

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# IRA Overview and Effects on Patients

# Patient Effects: Major IRA Provisions Affecting Patients

Beginning January 1, 2025:

IRA Provision	Significance for Patients
Part D Redesign	The “coverage gap” phase of the Part D benefit will be eliminated, and maximum out-of-pocket costs will be <b>capped at \$2,000 annually</b>
Medicare Prescription Payment Plan (M3P) Program	Patients will have the ability to <b>spread</b> (or “smooth”) their out-of-pocket prescription drug costs over the course of the calendar year



## Insight

The benefits of these changes for patients come with financial, operational, and administrative considerations for payers, providers, and manufacturers; however, **proactive planning, and training** can minimize barriers.

## MEDICARE PART D REDESIGN

### Overview: Four Components of the Medicare Part D Redesign

1

#### Benefit Redesign

Eliminate 5% beneficiary coinsurance above catastrophic coverage threshold

Cap out-of-pocket costs at \$2,000 in 2025

2

#### Manufacturer Discount

Subject manufacturers to mandatory discounts on brand drugs in the initial coverage and catastrophic coverage phases

3

#### Out-Of-Pocket (OOP) Cap

Add hard cap on out-of-pocket spending of \$2,000 in 2025, indexed in future years to the rate of increase in per capita Part D costs

4

#### Premium Cap

Limit base premium annual increase to 6% from 2024 to 2029

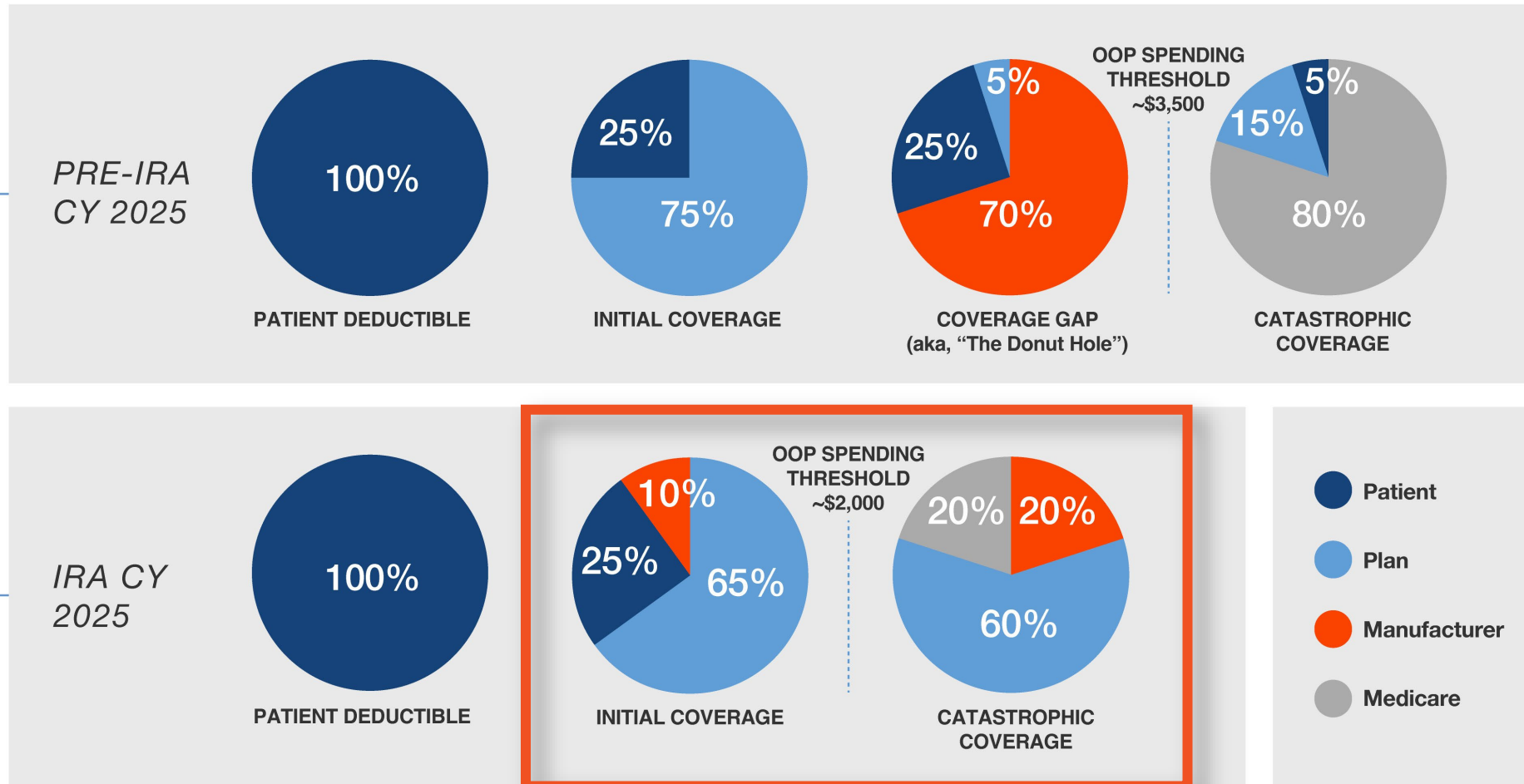
Lower beneficiary cost share of standard drug coverage in 2023



# MEDICARE PART D REDESIGN

## Changing Liabilities: Significant Shift of Financial Responsibility to Payers and Manufacturers

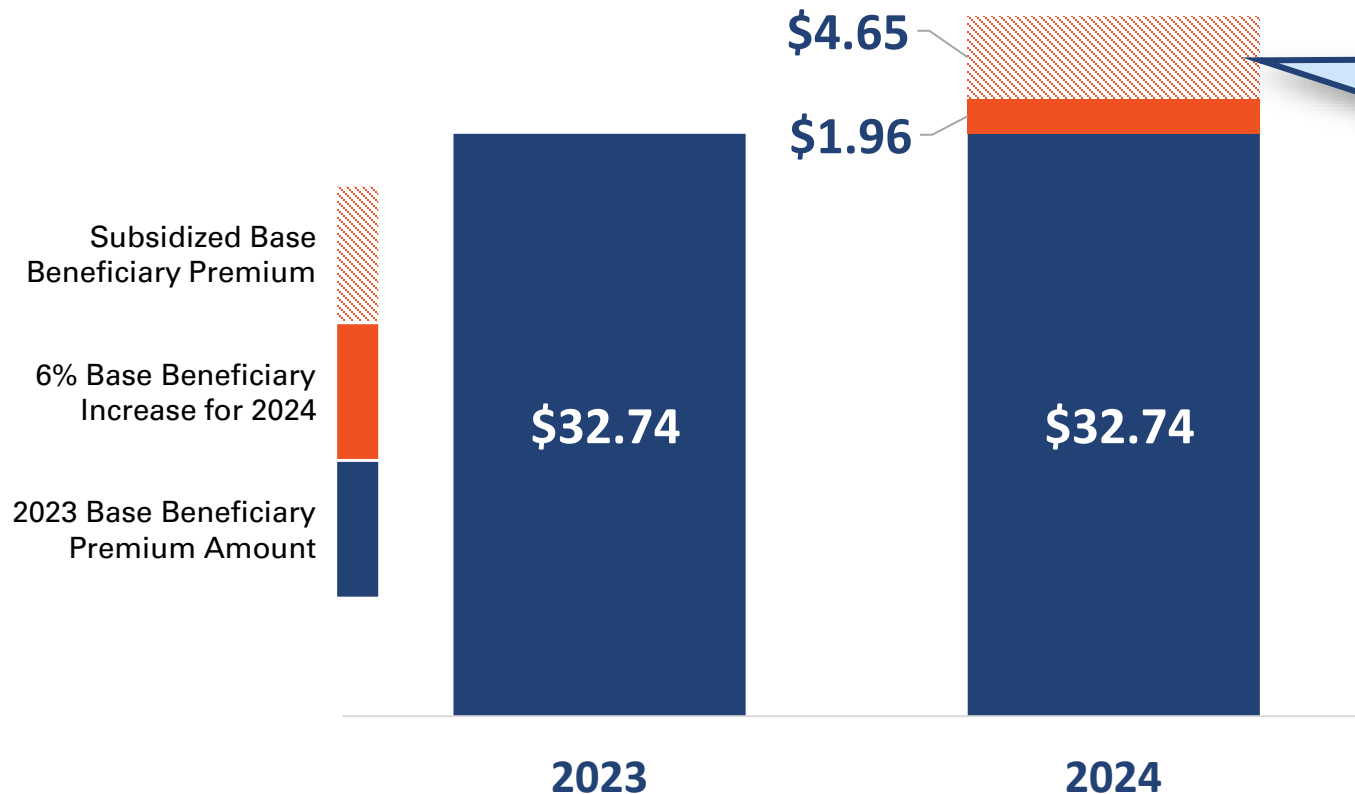
### Part D Benefit Plan Redesign



## MEDICARE PART D REDESIGN

### Premium Stabilization: Plan Subsidies Based On the Base Beneficiary Premium (BBP)

#### Base Beneficiary Premium Change



The \$4.65 base beneficiary premium subsidy is based on the national average monthly bid amount (NAMBA) and **does not shift for payers with higher bids**

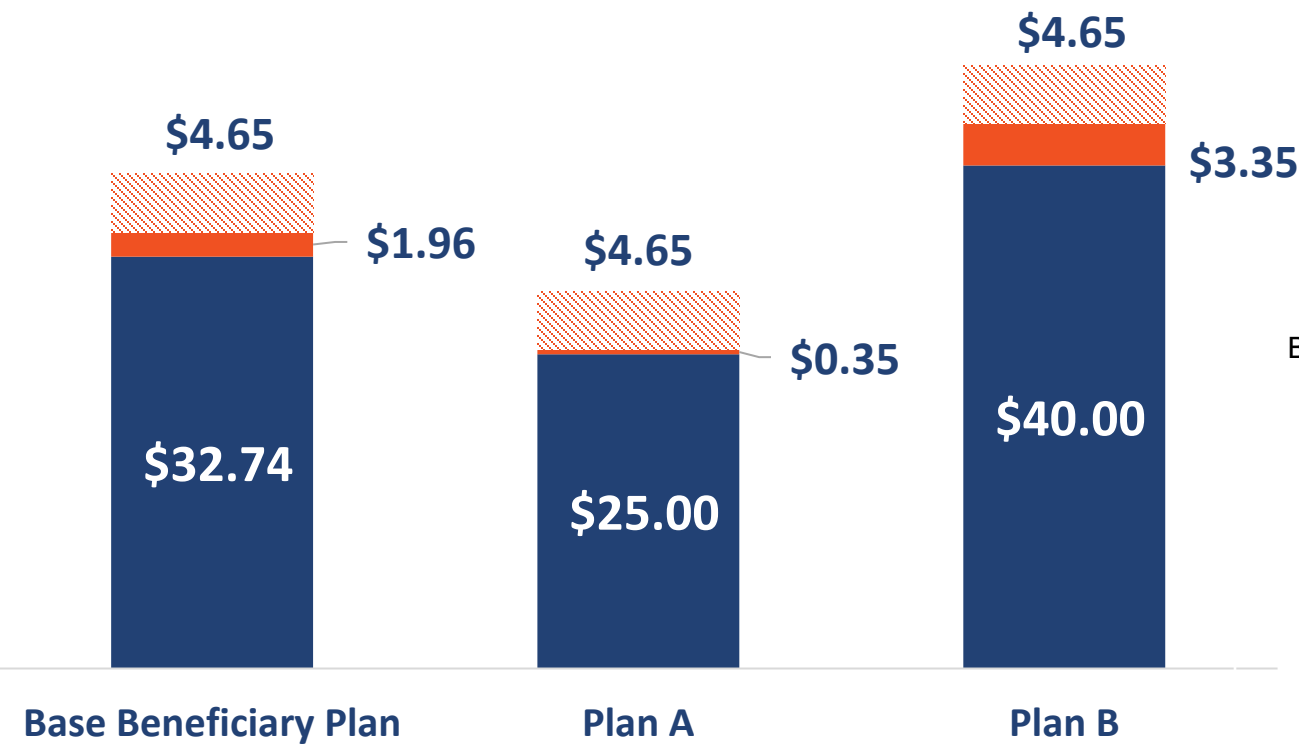


Plans may increase their PA and UM to avoid having to increase their beneficiary premiums beyond the premium subsidy—**without added stopgaps it may be difficult for them to compete**

# MEDICARE PART D REDESIGN

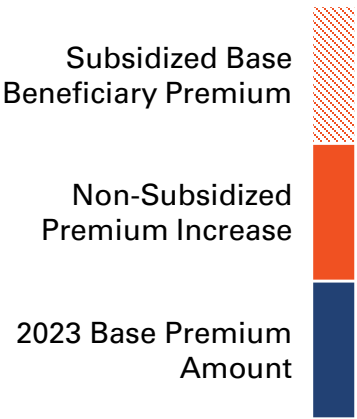
## Premium Stabilization: Do Patients Really See a 6% Cap?

Premium Subsidies by Plan



Premium Increase Percentage by Plan

	Total Premium Increase Percentage	Non-Subsidized Premium Increase Percentage
Plan A	20%	1.4%
Plan B	20%	8.4%



Despite receiving the same subsidy amount and having the same premium increase – **the premium increase for patients will differ between Plan A and Plan B**

## M3P PROGRAM

### Overview: Medicare Prescription Payment Plan (M3P) Program to Spread Patient Cost-Share Over the Plan Year<sup>1</sup>

#### First Month Maximum Cap

Annual OOP Threshold –  
Incurred Costs of the Enrollee

Number of Months Remaining  
in the Plan Year

#### Subsequent Month Maximum Cap

Sum of Remaining OOP Costs not yet Billed to  
Enrollee + Additional OOP Costs Incurred by  
Enrollee

Number of Months Remaining  
in the Plan Year



Based on these formulas, some beneficiaries, such as those who opt in to M3P earlier in the plan year or have higher single-prescription costs, may find more benefit from the M3P Program. However, all Part D beneficiaries have the option to enroll.

1. CMS. Technical Memorandum on the Calculation of the Maximum Cap on Cost-Sharing Payments Under Prescription Drug Plans. Published July 17, 2023.  
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## M3P PROGRAM

### Specialty Brand Product Example: Changes to Patient Out-of-Pocket Costs With the M3P<sup>1</sup>

#### Example Assumptions:

- Individual opts in to M3P in January
- Drug cost of \$6000/month
- Enrolled in a standard benefit plan
- Defined standard deductible of \$590



While the patient will pay more frequently throughout the year, the patient can **save \$1,833** with the M3P in the first month and reduce the healthcare cost burden at the beginning of the year.

Month	Monthly Drug Cost	No M3P: Patient OOP Cost	With M3P: Patient OOP Cost	Difference
January	\$6,000	\$2,000	\$167	+\$1,833
February	\$6,000	\$0	\$167	-\$167
March	\$6,000	\$0	\$167	-\$167
April	\$6,000	\$0	\$167	-\$167
May	\$6,000	\$0	\$167	-\$167
June	\$6,000	\$0	\$167	-\$167
July	\$6,000	\$0	\$167	-\$167
August	\$6,000	\$0	\$167	-\$167
September	\$6,000	\$0	\$167	-\$167
October	\$6,000	\$0	\$167	-\$167
November	\$6,000	\$0	\$167	-\$167
December	\$6,000	\$0	\$167	-\$167
Total	\$72,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$0

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## M3P PROGRAM

# Non-Specialty Brand Product Example: Changes to Patient Out-of-Pocket Costs With the M3P<sup>1</sup>

### Example Assumptions:

- Individual opts in to M3P in January
- Drug cost of \$500/month
- Started an additional \$500/month drug in July
- Enrolled in a standard benefit plan
- Defined standard deductible of \$590



The patient will experience **moderate savings** in the beginning of the year but will have to **make up payments** in the final months of the year as smoothed payments become due. Depending on their financial situation, patients could prefer **either option**.

Month	Monthly Drug Cost	No M3P: Patient OOP Cost	With M3P: Patient OOP Cost	Difference
January	\$500	\$500	\$125	+\$375
February	\$500	\$193	\$52	+\$141
March	\$500	\$125	\$64	+\$61
April	\$500	\$125	\$78	+\$47
May	\$500	\$125	\$94	+\$31
June	\$500	\$125	\$111	+\$14
July	\$1,000	\$250	\$153	+\$97
August	\$1,000	\$250	\$203	+\$47
September	\$1,000	\$250	\$266	-\$16
October	\$1,000	\$57	\$285	-\$228
November	\$1,000	\$0	\$285	-\$285
December	\$1,000	\$0	\$284	-\$284
Total	\$9,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$0

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## M3P PROGRAM

### Non-Specialty Brand Product Example (cont.): Behind the Payment Amount<sup>1</sup>

After January:  
 $\text{OOP Cost} = (\text{Remaining Cost} + \text{New Costs}) / \text{months remaining in the year}$

		Annual OOP Threshold	year					
			\$2,000					
A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
			=D1+C2 (recursive)	2025 Part D Benefit Design	=F1+E2 (recursive)	=G1+I2 (recursive)	=F-G	= (H1+E2)/A2
Months Left	Month	Monthly Drug Cost	Total Incurred Drug Cost	Patient Cost w/out M3P	Accumulated Cost w/out M3P	Accumulated Cost w/ M3P	Not yet paid by patient	Patient Cost w/ M3P
12	January	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$125.00	\$375.00	\$125.00
11	February	\$500.00	\$1,000.00	\$193.00	\$693.00	\$176.64	\$516.36	\$51.64
10	March	\$500.00	\$1,500.00	\$125.00	\$818.00	\$240.77	\$577.23	\$64.14
9	April	\$500.00	\$2,000.00	\$125.00	\$943.00	\$318.80	\$624.20	\$78.03
8	May	\$500.00	\$2,500.00	\$125.00	\$1,068.00	\$412.45	\$655.55	\$93.65
7	June	\$500.00	\$3,000.00	\$125.00	\$1,193.00	\$523.96	\$669.04	\$111.51
6	July	\$1,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$250.00	\$1,443.00	\$677.13	\$765.87	\$153.17
5	August	\$1,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$250.00	\$1,693.00	\$880.30	\$812.70	\$203.17
4	September	\$1,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$250.00	\$1,943.00	\$1,145.98	\$797.02	\$265.67
3	October	\$1,000.00	\$7,000.00	\$57.00	\$2,000.00	\$1,430.65	\$569.35	\$284.67
2	November	\$1,000.00	\$8,000.00	\$-	\$2,000.00	\$1,715.33	\$284.67	\$284.67
1	December	\$1,000.00	\$9,000.00	\$-	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$-	\$284.67
			Total	\$2,000.00			Total	\$2,000.00

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## M3P PROGRAM

### Timeline: Implementation of the M3P from Mid-2023 to Launch in Early 2025<sup>1</sup>

**July 17, 2023**

Summary and Sample Calculations technical memo was published

**August 21, 2023**

M3P Draft Part One Guidance was published

**September 20, 2023**

Deadline for comments on M3P Draft Part One Guidance

**February 15, 2024**

M3P Draft Part Two Guidance was published

**February 29, 2024**

M3P Final Part One Guidance was published

**March 16, 2024**

Deadline for comments on M3P Draft Part Two Guidance

**Summer 2024**

Expected finalization of M3P Part Two Guidance

**October 15, 2024**

Part D enrollees can opt in to the M3P during Medicare Open Enrollment

**January 1, 2025**

M3P will launch

1. CMS. Medicare Prescription Payment Plan Implementation Timeline. <https://www.cms.gov/files/document/medicare-prescription-payment-plan-timeline.pdf>. Accessed June 19, 2024.



## Payer Reactions and Requirements to Support Patients With the IRA

## MEDICARE PART D REDESIGN

**Financial Strain:** Payer Struggles With Balancing Competitive Plan Offerings and Absorbing Costs Associated With Part D Redesign

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**OOP Cap**

**Benefit  
Redesign**

**Premium Cap**



**Payer Financial Squeeze**

## M3P PROGRAM

# Payer Responsibilities: CMS Guidance to Payers About the M3P<sup>1,2</sup>



Identification of “likely-to-benefit” participants



Program outreach and education



Billing



Data submission requirements



Participation



Payment issues



Reimbursement



Program calculations

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## M3P PROGRAM

### What is Missing?: CMS Guidance Leaves Ambiguity in Payer Responsibilities<sup>1,2</sup>



#### Outreach

- Is the \$600 single prescription likely-to-benefit (LTB) notification threshold established by CMS sufficient to capture all/enough LTB beneficiaries?
- What beneficiaries are missed with that threshold?



#### Enrollment

- What enrollment benchmarks will payers have to meet?
- What role do payers play in program enrollment at the pharmacy counter?



#### Education

- Given the ambiguous requirements for educational resources, should CMS require that payers provide standard information to decrease enrollee confusion?

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## M3P PROGRAM

# Payer Insights Survey: Payer Concerns and Lack of Understanding About Operationalizing the M3P

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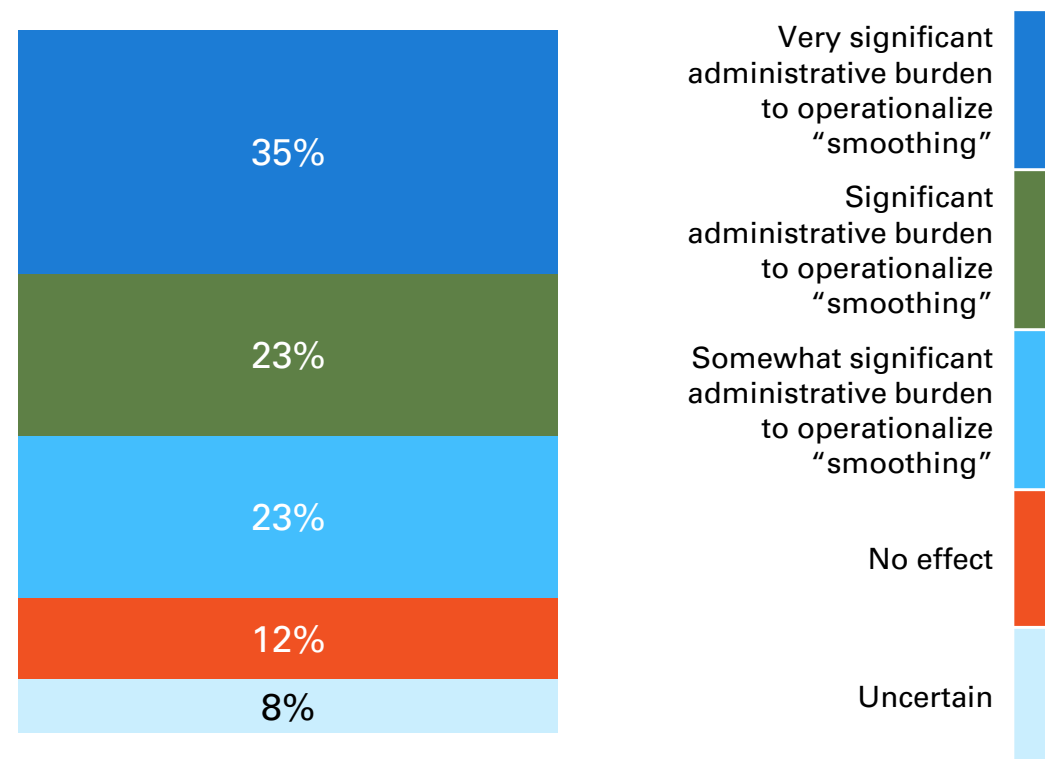
"We've never done anything like this. It is so massive. This is the biggest provision I think we are all going to screw up. Someone wants it at \$12.22 a month, and another wants it at \$19 a month, and someone else wants it at \$5. I don't even know. We're working on it."

--Pharmacy Director

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### Administrative Burden Imposed on Part D Sponsors by M3P Program<sup>1</sup>

*All Respondents*

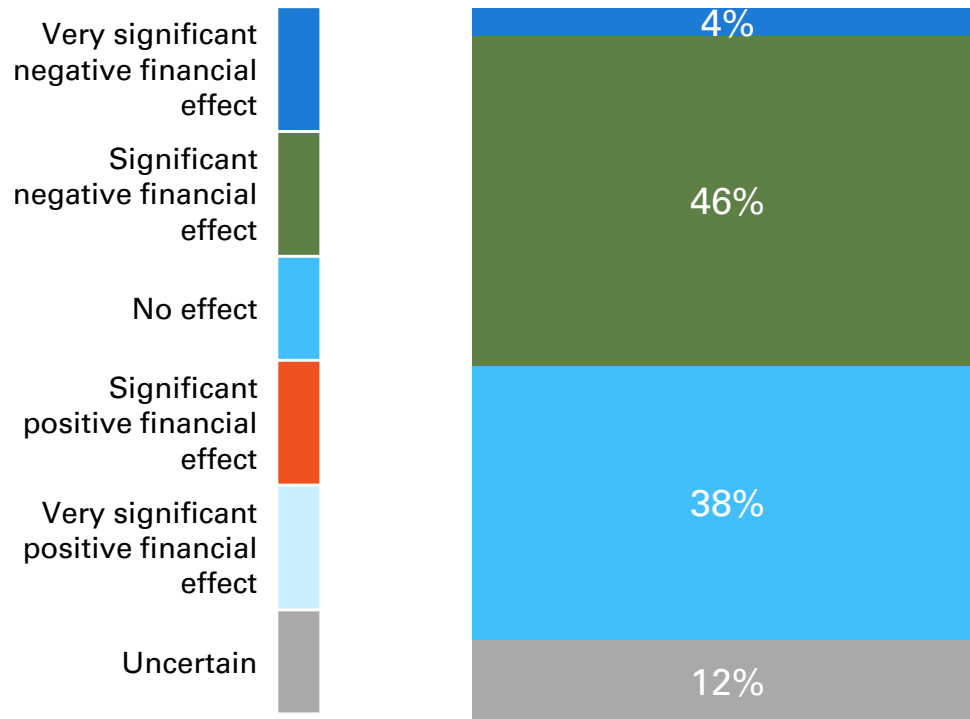


## M3P PROGRAM

# Payer Insights Survey: Mixed Concerns of the Financial Burden of the M3P

### Anticipated Financial Effects of M3P Program<sup>1</sup>

*All Respondents*



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"I am not really sure of the financial impact unless it's medical debt; people don't pay their bills. It's more of a 'how do I actually operationalize this and stay in compliance with Medicare.'"

--Pharmacy Director

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# Payer Responsibilities: What *Should* Payers Be Doing to Prepare Patients for the IRA?



## Education

Creating educational materials beyond what CMS has developed to ensure benefits of the IRA are clear, concise, and easy to understand for both patients, providers, and pharmacists



## Outreach

Leveraging educational resources to ensure anyone who could benefit from the IRA knows about these provisions and is participating, as appropriate



## Enrollment

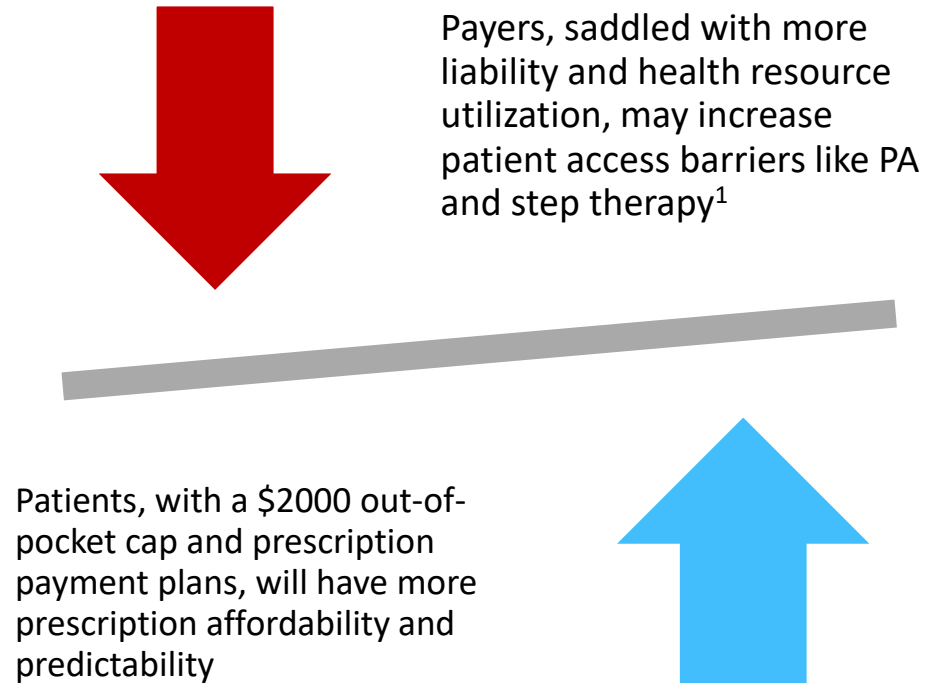
Proactively prompting patients to enroll in the M3P program at the time of general plan enrollment and/or creating ways for patients to enroll at the pharmacy counter when they fill their first prescription for the year



# Manufacturer Support Opportunities to Prepare Patients for IRA Implementation

# Patient Preparation: Responding to Approaches Payers May Take to Prepare Patients

The IRA is a 2-sided patient access coin...

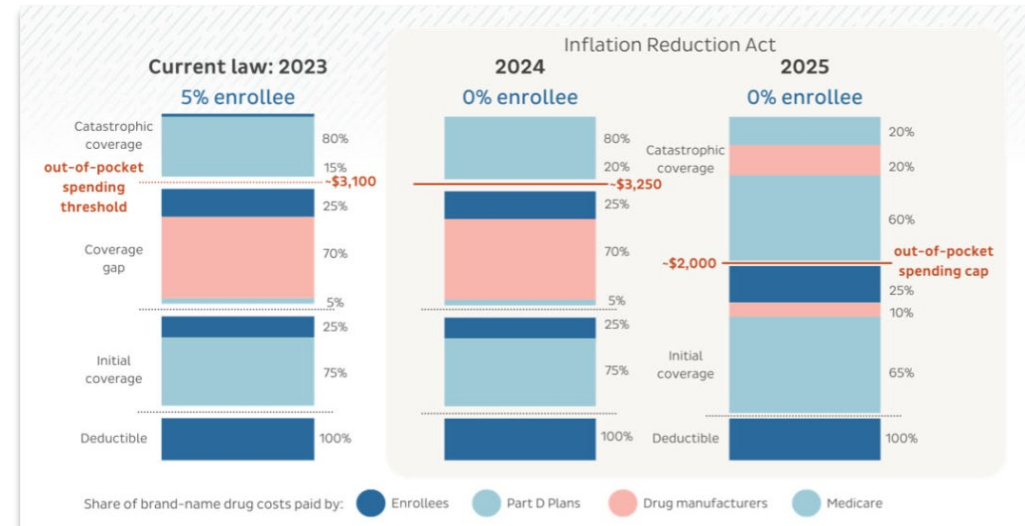


## Insight

Manufacturers need a plan to:

1. Minimize IRA-induced patient access barriers caused by increased plan management and
2. Maximize opportunities caused by the Part D benefit redesign and M3P

# Minimizing Barriers: Expanding Patient Support Through Provider, Patient Advocacy, and Hub Education and Resources<sup>1</sup>



To support education efforts, patient advocacy groups have been sharing implementation timelines and fact sheets on benefits of the IRA provisions. Manufacturers may be able partner with patient advocacy group actions to develop patient resources.



## Minimizing Barriers: Understanding the Financial Effects of IRA on Patient Assistance Program Enrollment and Offerings

PAP modeling can answer questions such as:

1. How will legislative changes (eg, IRA Medicare benefit design changes) affect patient cost-sharing and subsequent enrollment in PAPs?
2. What is the ideal timing to distribute program funding throughout the year?
3. How much should our company donate to charitable foundations to support Medicare patients who are not qualified for PAP support?

Patient Support Services Financial Modeling  
 Impact on Patient Support Enrollment and Costs Due to the Inflation Reduction Act  
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**General Product/Patient Information**

**Patient Counts**

Patients Enrolled or Forecast - NEW STARTS

	Year 0		Year 1		Year 2		Year 3		Year 4		Year 5	
	Q1	Q2	Q1	Q2	Q1	Q2	Q1	Q2	Q1	Q2	Q1	Q2
Newly Diagnosed Patients	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
Existing Diagnosed Patients	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
Total Patients by Quarter	7,000	7,000	7,000	7,000	7,000	7,000	7,000	7,000	7,000	7,000	7,000	7,000
Total Patients by Year	28,000		28,000		28,000		28,000		28,000		28,000	

**Product Coverage**

	Year 0	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3
Commercial & N/A	98%	98%	98%	98%
Medicaid	100%	100%	100%	100%
Medicare	100%	100%	100%	100%
Other	2%	2%	2%	2%
Uninsured/Cash	8%	8%	8%	8%
	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%

**Coverage Type Percent of Patients**

	Year 0	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3
Medicaid	50%	50%	50%	50%
Pharmacy	50%	50%	50%	50%

**Payment Type Percent of Medicare Patients**

	Year 0	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3
Traditional Medicare	50%	50%	50%	50%
Medicare with Prescription Payment Plan ("manuhuh")	50%	50%	50%	50%

**Support Program Design Parameters**

**Insured Patient Support**

Commercial Coverage Program			
Copay per Treatment	\$100	\$100	\$100
Maximum Copay Benefit per Year	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000
NPA Limit (NPA)	\$500	\$500	\$500
Yearly Fixed Administration Cost	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
Yearly Administration Costs per Patient	\$50	\$50	\$50
Admin cost per patient going through Special Pharmacy	\$50	\$50	\$50
Admin cost per patient going through Hub	\$50	\$50	\$50
% of Patients going through Special Pharmacy	50%	50%	50%
% of Patients going through Hub	50%	50%	50%
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% of Patients going through Hub	50%	50%	50%
% of Patients with Copay Exemptions	50%	50%	50%
% of Patients with Copay Exemptions	50%	50%	50%

**Disability Donations (for Medicare Patients)**

	Year 0	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3
Max. Copay Donation per Year	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500
NPA Limit (NPA)	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500
Yearly Fixed Administration Cost	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
Yearly Administration Costs per Patient	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50
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Admin cost per patient going through Hub	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50
% of Patients going through Special Pharmacy	50%	50%	50%	50%
% of Patients going through Hub	50%	50%	50%	50%

**Patient Assistance Program Support**

	Year 0	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3
NPA Limit	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500
Fixed Program Costs	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
Program Administration Costs per Patient	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50
% Participation in Program for those Eligible	50%	50%	50%	50%

**NPV - Bridge Programs**

	Year 0	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3
Duration (months)	12	12	12	12
Yearly Fixed Administration Cost	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
Program Administration Costs per Patient	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50
Admin cost per patient going through Special Pharmacy	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50
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% of Patients with Copay Exemptions	50%	50%	50%	50%

**Cash/Charitable Donations**

	Year 0	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3
Duration (max of 3 months)	3	3	3	3
Yearly Fixed Administration Cost	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
Program Administration Costs per Patient	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50

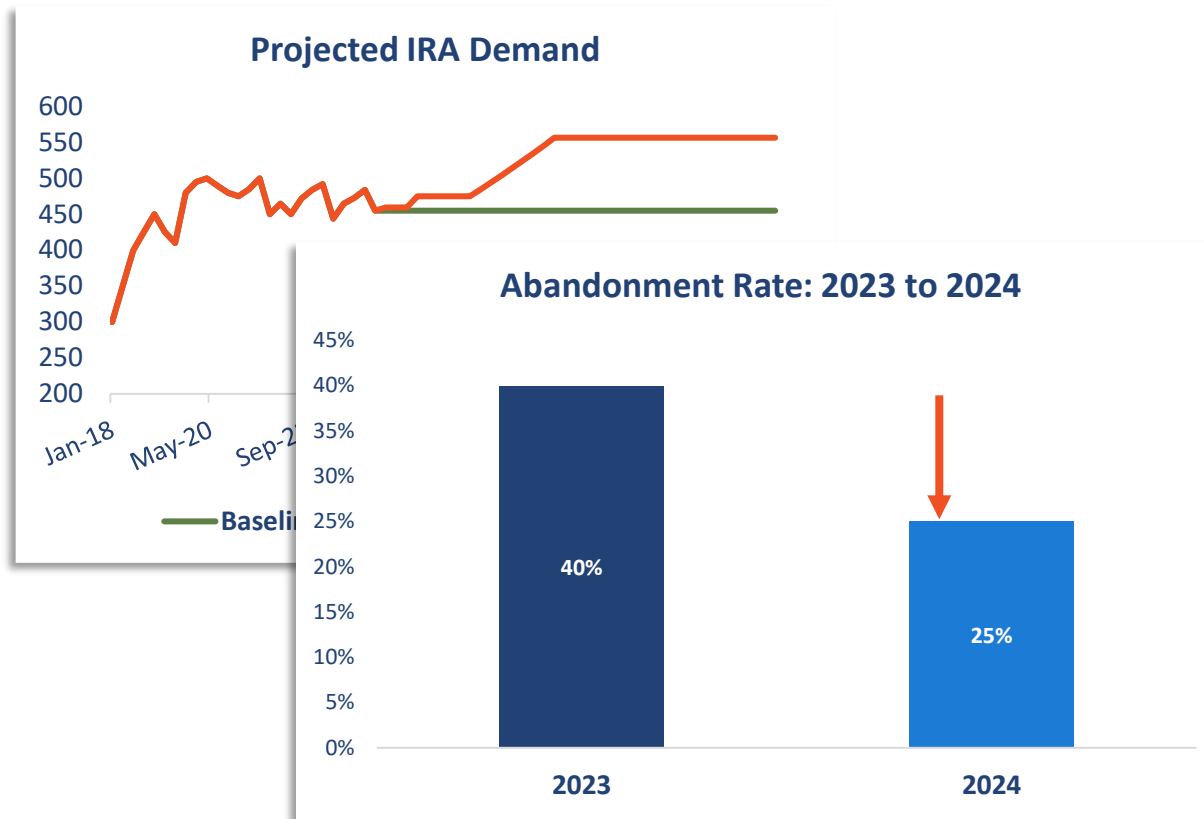


## PAP Modeling Action Items

1. Re-evaluate PAP eligibility criteria
2. Develop buy-in on IRA educational and outreach investments

# Maximizing Affordability Increases: Manufacturers Can Utilize IRA Forecasting to Complete Several Financial Action Items

## IRA Abandonment & PAP Demand Modeling



### Financial Action Items

Manufacturers can utilize IRA demand and PAP forecasts to:

1. Adjust gross revenue forecasts
2. Assess PAP patient gross-to-net effects

# Webinar Wrap-Up

# Webinar Wrap-Up: Key Takeaways and Action Items for Manufacturers



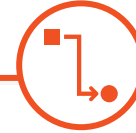
## Patient Effects

The IRA—specifically the Part D redesign and M3P program next year—will have tremendous effects on the affordability and accessibility of needed medications



## Payer Responsibilities

Operational and financial burden on payers, coupled with vague guidance from CMS, means payers may not adequately address patient needs



## Filling the Gaps

Manufacturers can develop materials and conduct strategic planning to maximize patient access and business growth opportunities offered by IRA provisions

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