

# High Out-of-Pocket Costs Hurt Seniors

Medicare beneficiaries increasingly spend a large percentage of their income on necessary medical treatment. For many seniors, out-of-pocket costs for prescribed medications are unaffordable. This results in treatment non-adherence and prescription abandonment—ultimately putting their health in jeopardy.



## THE FACTS

# 45 million

Number of Medicare beneficiaries with Part D prescription drug coverage.

# 65%

Percentage of adults on Medicare living with 2+ chronic conditions.

# \$3,000

Average amount spent out-of-pocket for medications in 2015 by 1 million Medicare beneficiaries who reached the catastrophic threshold.

# \$8,100

Average amount spent in 2019 by Medicare beneficiaries with cancer, multiple sclerosis, arthritis and hepatitis C for specialty medications.

## THE IMPACT

### Out-of-pocket costs are unaffordable

Medicare beneficiaries' average out-of-pocket healthcare spending was 41% of their social security income in 2013 and is projected to rise to 50% by 2030.



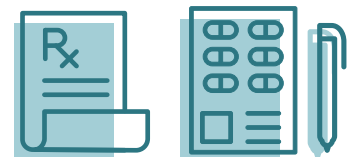
### High out-of-pocket costs reduce medication adherence

3 in 10 adults report not taking their medicines as prescribed in the past year because of cost. One-third reported their condition worsened as a result.



### High out-of-pocket costs increase prescription abandonment rates

People are four times more likely to abandon their prescription when faced with a co-pay of \$50 or more.



The PAN Foundation advocates for a cap on out-of-pocket costs in Medicare Part D so that more Americans can access their critical medical treatment.

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