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WASHINGTON - This week, the Biden-Harris administration announced the first 10 drugs that will undergo Medicare price negotiation under the *Inflation Reduction Act*, a move that will lower the price of these commonly used, lifesaving drugs for millions of Americans.



Here's what local headlines across the country are saying about the Biden-Harris administration delivering on their promise to lower prescription drug prices for Americans:

- **In Illinois:** [Aurora Beacon-News](#) : New health law to save Illinois residents millions, officials say at Aurora event
- **In Iowa:** [Des Moines Gazette](#) : Negotiated Medicare drug costs could aid 36K Iowans
- **In Maine:** [Maine Beacon](#) : 'Major milestone.' Biden takes first step to directly negotiate down drug prices

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And here's what they're saying on local broadcasts:

- **In California:** [KTLA Los Angeles](#) : *“For the first time ever, Medicare will negotiate with drug manufacturers over the price of some medications. The Biden administration has announced the name of the 10 drugs that could see their prices come down.”*

- **In California:** [FOX 2 KTVU](#) : *“President Biden says his administration will soon negotiate prices of widely used prescription drugs to help reduce costs for millions of Americans. The administration also says the negotiations will also save taxpayers billions of dollars.”*

- **In Iowa:** [Iowa's News Now](#) : *“For decades, Big Pharma has been able to use Medicare as a blank check, raking in billions of dollars off the backs of older Americans, but thanks to President Biden and Democrats' Inflation Reduction Act, prescription drug costs are falling and more Iowa seniors will be able to afford the medication they need — no thanks to a single Republican,” said Rita Hard, Chair for IDP. “Every single GOP candidate coming through Iowa needs to answer whether they would rip away these lifesaving provisions and raise costs for families across the Hawkeye State — Iowans deserve to know.”*

- **In Louisiana:** [WDSU New Orleans](#) : *“The government just announced a major step forward to reduce the cost of prescription drugs, the Biden administration will announce the first drugs Medicare will negotiate lower prices for under the Inflation Reduction Act.”*

- **In Missouri:** [KMBC Kansas City](#) : *“The program, part of the Democrat-only Inflation Reduction Act passed last year, allows Medicare to negotiate directly with pharmaceutical companies to lower prices.”*
- **In New Mexico:** [KOAT Albuquerque](#) : *“President Biden announced this morning he's going to be pursuing talks with diabetes drug Jardiance, [a] blood thinner, as well as eight others, hoping that patients on Medicare could save money as soon as 2026. So as part of the White House's Inflation Reduction Act, the government's going to start price negotiations by early next year.”*
- **In Pennsylvania:** [PCNC Pittsburgh](#) : *“President Biden is expected to take the first major step in dramatically lowering the cost of some common prescription drugs. The White House will officially announce the first 10 drugs that it will begin negotiating the prices of with manufacturers for Medicare patients.”*
- **In Texas:** [FOX 26 Houston](#) : *“Today in Washington, the Biden administration is set to announce the first batch of prescription drugs that will be subject to new price negotiations with Medicare. Among the drugs included are the diabetes treatment Jardiance and Entresto, which is used to treat heart failure and the blood thinner Eliquis. And many see this as an important first step in lowering drug costs for Medicare recipients.”*
- **In Vermont:** [CBS 3 WCAX](#) : *“If you know a veteran, ask the veteran if they get their prescription drugs through the VA, how much they pay for those drugs compared to what they would be on the market -- and there is a huge difference because the Veterans Administration negotiates with those drug companies.”*

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Across the country this week, Bidenomics continued to make headlines for creating new economic opportunities for all Americans in key industries such as manufacturing and clean energy.

- **In Colorado:** [Pueblo Chieftain](#) : Pueblo mayor and US senator tout local benefits of Inflation Reduction Act
- **In Georgia:** [Atlanta Journal-Constitution](#) : Hyundai's EV plant, Georgia's biggest jobs deal, is getting bigger
- **In Georgia:** [Atlanta Journal-Constitution](#) : Biden adviser, McBath talk infrastructure investments in Gwinnett
- **In Nevada:** [Las Vegas Sun](#) : All across America, the success of Bidenomics is well beyond debate
- **In Oregon:** [Oregon Capital Chronicle](#) : 'The internet is no longer a luxury': \$667M from USDA for rural broadband

In the leadup to Labor Day, the Biden-Harris administration continued to build on their record as the most pro-labor and pro-union White House in history. Since day one, President Biden and Vice President Harris have been relentless advocates for workers' rights and have fought tirelessly to create good-paying jobs that empower the backbone of the American economy – labor unions, earning their reelection campaign's historic endorsements from organized labor groups.

- **In Illinois:** [ABC 20](#) : Embracing change: Federal grant aims to boost women's presence in Illinois construction industry
- **In Illinois:** [Chicago Tribune](#) : Gov. J.B. Pritzker and Biden official promote investment in female trade workers
- **In Illinois:** [Chicago Tribune](#) : First lady Jill Biden seeks to leverage union support in Chicago for husband's reelection and 'Bidenomics'
- **In Illinois:** [Chicago Sun-Times](#) : In Chicago visit, Jill Biden calls union workers 'backbone of this country'
- **In New York:** [New York Daily News](#) : Biden administration proposes to expand overtime pay to 3.6 million workers

Meanwhile, today's jobs report showed 187,000 jobs were created last month, bringing the total jobs created under President Biden to 13.5 million. This is just further proof of how Bidenomics is working for hard-working Americans.

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- **In Arizona:** [AZ Big Media](#) : Arizona local government and construction jobs see a spike
- **In Arkansas:** [Arkansas Democrat Gazette](#) : Yelp report: Arkansas is keeping pace with national business growth
- **In Ohio:** [Dayton Daily News](#) : Dayton area recoups COVID job losses; local employment highest since 2007

Finally, as the Virginia fall elections draw closer, Republican Gov. Glenn Youngkin and his MAGA Republican allies doubled down on their vow to enact an extreme 15-week abortion ban in the commonwealth if they take power.

- **In Virginia:** [VA Dogwood](#) : Report: Virginia Republicans Plan Abortion Ban If They Win Statehouse In November