







CPPI UPDATE: U.S. Rx Prices Are Going Up. Can Congress Stop Them?

U.S. Rx Prices Going Up, Canadian Savings Remain Consistent

As if U.S. drug prices were not high enough already, a new CPPI price comparison of leading brand name prescription drugs shows average U.S. retail prices have climbed over \$165 in 2021. Online Canadian pharmacies have not seen a jump in prices and offer the same prescription drugs at savings up to 90% lower than the best U.S. coupon prices.

Drug Prices: U.S. VS Canada	 GoodRx			
Entocort: IBD, Crohn's Disease, Ulcerative Colitis	\$2,046.62	\$2,014.70	\$249.94	88%
Flovent Diskus: Asthma *	\$198.65	\$245.30	\$55.31	72%
Spiriva: COPD	\$1,403.36	\$1,394.60	\$95.30	80%
Premarin: Estrogen Replacement Therapy	\$521.75	\$442.40	\$106.22	76%
Januvia: Type 2 Diabetes	\$1,724.55	\$1,449.50	\$125.57	74%
Crestor: Cholesterol	\$774.92	\$656.50	\$217.29	67%
Synthroid: Hormone Deficiency	\$128.97	\$120.20	\$36.06	72%
Xarelto: Blood Clots	\$1,445.43	\$1,436.90	\$455.27	68%
EpiPen: Allergies *Price for two .3mg injectors	\$607.27	\$582.40	\$279.22	52%
Dexilant: Stomach & Esophageal Issues	\$579.41	\$519.80	\$276.99	47%

Prices obtained September 2021. U.S. Cash price for a 90-day supply (* 1 Inhaler 60 Blister) calculated using the lowest after-coupon discount price of pharmacies listed on GoodRx.com for the United States. Canadian mail order prescription pricing calculated using the average price of pharmacies certified by Canadian International Pharmacy Association (CIPA.com). Canadian product pricing is for Health Canada approved brand name products, dispensed by a pharmacy licensed in Canada.

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NEW HHS Drug Pricing Importation Plan Misses the Mark

CPPI released the following statement on the [Health and Human Services \(HHS\) report "A Comprehensive Plan for Addressing High Drug Price"](#) submitted to the White House Competition Council on Thursday September 9, 2021:



“While we applaud the Biden Administration’s efforts to lower prescription drug prices, this plan gets prescription importation wrong and misses the only immediate source of safe and affordable medicines: allowing Americans to import for personal use,” said Jack Pfeiffer, CPPI Executive Director.

“Americans can’t afford to wait years for relief as a limited number of states design, seek federal approval, and implement programs that allow for bulk importation of prescription drugs. Congress should act now to ensure personal prescription importation is included in the reconciliation package and protected under the law. Just like with the recently approved rule on wholesale importation, HHS should certify that medications imported from licensed Canadian pharmacies clearly meet the standards for significant consumer cost savings and pose no risk to public health.”

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Take Action - Write to Congress or Submit Op-Eds to Your Local Paper

We need your help. All eyes are on Congress to legislate the solution to rising prescription drug costs. A multitude of proposals have been floated, but only two bills directly support personal prescription drug importation from Canada. The [Safe and Affordable Drugs from Canada Act of 2021 \(S.259, H.R.832\)](#) and [The Affordable and Safe Prescription Drug Importation Act of 2021 \(S.920, H.R. 2181\)](#) would expand support for prescription importation and fully codify individuals rights to safely import prescription drugs from Canada.



Join the cause, [share your testimony](#), contact congress, or submit an op-ed to your local newspaper. Now is the time to take action ensuring American patient access to affordable prescription drugs.

Take Action To Support Passage of RxImportation Legislation

18 Million in US Can’t Afford Household Medications

This month [Gallup and West Health](#) released survey data in which seven percent of U.S. adults — representing an estimated 18 million persons — reported in June that they were unable to pay for at least one doctor-prescribed medication for their household during the prior three months.



The truth may be even more dire, amid the pandemic, somewhere between 44% and 29% of Americans failed to take their prescribed medications due to cost.

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What is Your Experience? We Need Your Voice

We need your help. Providing a testimonial of your experience and the savings you have found by personally importing your prescription drugs from a Canadian pharmacy, takes only moments and can help tremendously. It only takes a moment. [Submit your testimonial and/or read others.](#)

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5 Quick Ways You Can Take Action:

1. Sign up to receive CPPI communications [HERE](#)
2. Share your story to help inform decision makers on the real impact of high drug prices [HERE](#)
3. Join our Action Committee and get more involved by emailing us at info@personalimportation.org
4. Let Congress know how this issue impacts you [HERE](#)
5. Follow us on [Twitter](#) & [Facebook](#) so you can see the latest news on this important issue

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About the Campaign for Personal Prescription Importation

The Campaign for Personal Prescription Importation (CPPI) is a national nonprofit patient advocacy organization that fights for Americans' access to safe, affordable prescription medications from Canada for personal use. Tens of millions of Americans – especially the elderly and others on fixed incomes – struggle to pay the extremely high price of prescription medications in the U.S. We are here to be their voice.

Millions of Americans use licensed Canadian pharmacies annually, to purchase their daily prescription medications at an affordable price. We believe that all Americans have a right to affordable medications. It is time to change the current U.S. policy on this issue to provide immediate access to life-saving medications, taken daily for chronic health conditions, at affordable prices.

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