



NEW ANALYSIS: Social Security’s Shrinking Buying Power, Rising Medicare Premiums & Drug Pricing Relief



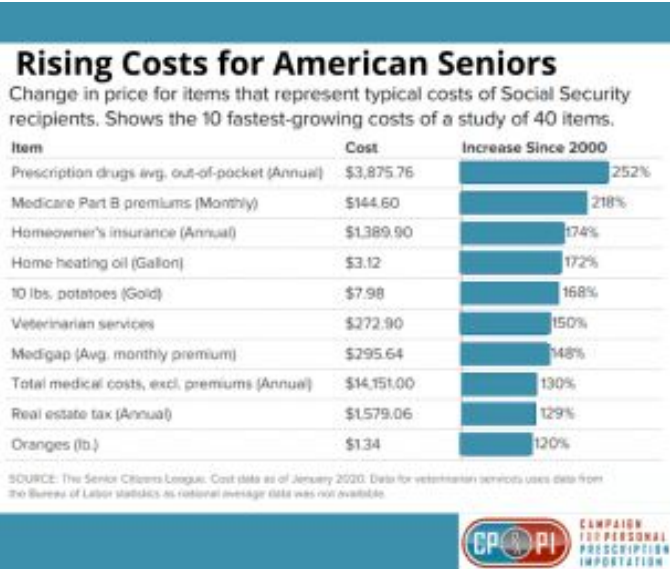
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Social Security, Medicare & Drug Prices - Seniors’ Impending Challenges

A New Report Details Seniors Shrinking Buying Power & Rising Costs

- Social Security benefits have lost 30% of their buying power since 2000
- Weak 2020 & 2021 Social Security Cost-of-Living Adjustments worsen longest stretch of lowest adjustments
- Since 2000 average annual out-of-pocket prescription drug costs have risen 252%. Medicare Premiums are seniors’ 2nd fastest rising cost.



Social Security checks in 2020 are almost 20 percent lower than they otherwise would be, due to the long term impact of extremely low annual inflation adjustments, according to a new analysis from [The Senior Citizens League](#) (TSCL). The new report follows a Social Security Administration announcement that the 2021 cost – of – living adjustment COLA will be just 1.3%, making it one of the lowest ever paid. [Read More...](#)



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Seniors & Medicare Beneficiaries Find Big Price Relief in RxImportation

CPPI has published a fresh analysis from the [Annual Prescription Importation Survey](#) examining Medicare beneficiaries who import prescription drugs. Nearly three quarters of Americans surveyed who import prescription drugs are Medicare beneficiaries. The new analysis comes as Medicare benefits play center stage in the 2020 election and America enters open enrollment season for Medicare (October 15 through December 7).



“After my husband passed I relied on Part D, additional discount cards and low income programs. It still was more expensive than ordering by mail. Our government just doesn’t get it.”
Tulsa, Oklahoma

- More than 60% of Medicare beneficiaries who import prescription drugs save over \$100 a month.
- Medicare beneficiaries who import prescription drugs reported an average annual savings of \$3,336 (\$278/month).
- Medicare beneficiaries who spend over \$300 a month (18%) report an average \$870 monthly savings from prescription drug importation.

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Go Vote! November 3, is Election Day

Find your polling location

Mail-In voting deadlines have passed. If you haven't submitted your mail-in ballot yet, DO NOT put it in the mail, instead bring it to a polling location.



You can play an important role in advancing personal prescription importation in this year's election.

The Question You Should Ask

There is one question you should ask of any candidate seeking your vote:

What will you do to lower America's high prescription drug costs, and will you fight for Americans' right to personally purchase affordable prescriptions from other countries like Canada?

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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