

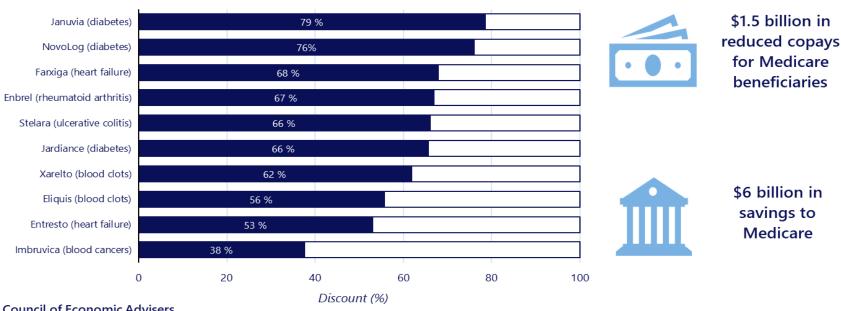
# Historic Improvements to Health Care in America

January 2025

### The Medicare drug price negotiation program will deliver dramatically lower prices for seniors.

Figure 1.1. The Medicare drug price negotiation program will deliver dramatically lower prices for seniors.

*Drug name (example indication)* 



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Source: Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services.

Note: Examples of conditions indicated for each drug are included in parentheses and are nonexhaustive. For example, Farxiga is also used to treat chronic kidney disease and diabetes. Fiasp, Fiasp FlexTouch, Fiasp PenFill, NovoLog FlexPen, and NovoLog PenFill are included in the NovoLog category. Discount refers to the percent difference in the negotiated price relative to the 2023 list price. Negotiated prices will go into effect on January 1, 2026. Estimated reduced copay amount is \$1.5 billion under the projected defined standard benefit design when the negotiated prices go into effect in 2026. Estimated savings in Medicare spending net of all rebates and certain fees and payments is \$6 billion in 2023 if negotiated prices had been in effect. As of January 8, 2025 at 8:00am.

### The provisions of the Inflation Reduction Act work together to make prescription drugs more affordable.

### Free vaccines

• In 2023, 10.3 million received free vaccines, saving a total of \$400 million

### \$35 Insulin

• 1.5 million Medicare beneficiaries who use insulin are protected from high costs

### \$2000 cap in 2025

- 19 million people will save \$400 per year
- \$1 billion saved in the

### **Inflation Rebates**

- Beneficiaries save as much as \$4,000 per dose
- 750,000 people take drugs with reduced coinsurance

- first 6 months of 2024

### Marketplace enrollment grew dramatically in the Biden-Harris Administration.

Figure 2.1. Enrollment in the ACA Marketplace grew dramatically under the Biden-Harris Administration.

Number of individuals who selected a marketplace plan (millions) Enrollment for plan year beginning Jan. Open enrollment under Biden-Harris Administration Plan year

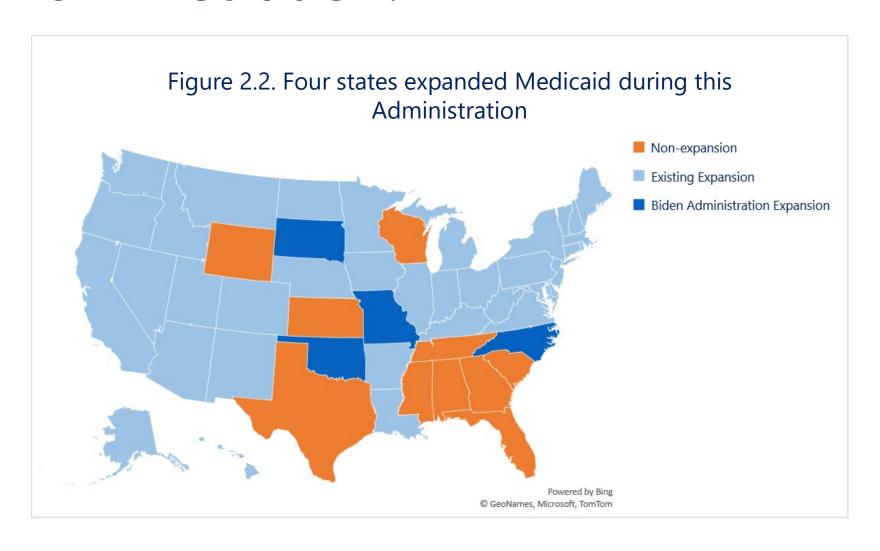
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Sources: Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services; Department of Health and Human Services.

Note: Data for each year denote plan selections during the open enrollment period for that plan year, which starts during the prior calendar year. The open enrollment period for plan year 2025 is still in progress and the number here represents enrollments made through December 23, 2024. Blue lines indicate plan years during which the open enrollment period started during a Democratic administration, and the red line indicates those during which the open enrollment period started during a Republican administration.

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## Four states expanded Medicaid during this Administration.



## Today the ACA serves more than 45 million Americans.

Figure 2.3. Today the ACA serves more than 45 million Americans.

Number of individuals enrolled in ACA-related coverage

48
44
40
36
32
28
24
20
16
Biden-Harris Administration
12
8
4
0
2019
2020
2021
2022
2023
2024

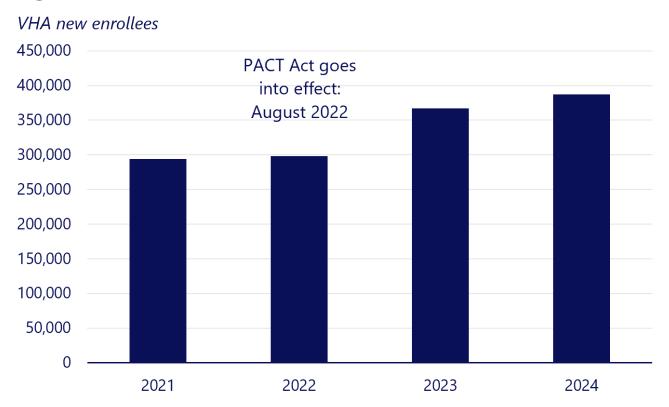
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Sources: Department of Health and Human Services.

Note: Data for each year denote enrollment in the Marketplace, Medicaid expansion eligibility group, and Basic Health Program.

### Enrollment in VA Health Care grew, ensuring more veterans have access to world class care

Figure 2.4. VA health care serves more veterans.



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Sources: U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs; CEA calculations. *As of January 8, 2025 at 8:00am.* 

## Under the Biden-Harris Administration, the uninsured rate reached historic lows.

Figure 2.5. Under the Biden-Harris Administration, the uninsured rate reached historic lows. B. Quarterly Uninsured Rate, 2019:Q1-2024:Q2 A. Uninsured Rate, 1963-2024:Q2 Biden-Harris Percent Percent Administration Creation of ACA Marketplade Medicaid unwinding Medicare and Medicaid 20 15 10 Biden-Harris administration 5 2020:O1 2021:O1 2023:O1 1968 1973 1978 1983 1988 1993 1998 2003 2008 2013 2018 2023 2019:Q1 2022:Q1 2024:Q1

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Sources: National Health Interview Survey (NHIS); Baicker, Chandra, and Shepard (2023).

Note: Survey respondents are defined as uninsured if they did not have health insurance coverage, or only had Indian Health Service coverage, at the time of interview. Data from 1963 to 2016 come from Baicker, Chandra, and Shepard (2023), and 2017 onward come from the NHIS. Data for 2024 are quarterly. Data for earlier years are generally either annual or biannual.

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### Premiums will increase sharply if Congress takes away savings.

Figure 2.6. Premiums will increase sharply if Congress takes away savings. Annual premium for Silver plan (dollars) 30,000 ■ Premium without ePTC ■ Premium with ePTC 25,000 20,000 \$18,975 \$7,999 saved 15,000 saved 10,000 \$1,690 5.000 子 saved Couple in their 60s earning \$85k Family of four earning \$130k Single parent of one earning \$50k

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Sources: KFF: CEA calculations.

Note: Estimates are based on KFF's calculator that estimates Marketplace premiums with and without enhanced Premium Tax Credits (ePTCs). The 61-year-old couple is at 416% of the federal poverty level (FPL), the family of four (two 40-year-olds, an 8-year-old, and a 10-year-old) are at 417% FPL, and the 35-year-old single parent of a 6-year-old is at 245% FPL. Based on their income, the children in the family of four would be ineligible for coverage under Medicaid/CHIP in all states, and the child of the single parent would be ineligibile in 21 states. The individuals in these scenarios are assumed to be non-tobacco users. As of January 8, 2025 at 8:00am.

### The Administration has taken critical action to reduce the burden of medical debt.

Preventing medical debt from damaging credit scores or appearing on consumer credit reports

States and localities have leveraged ARP funding to eliminate more than \$1 billion in debt

Approving first-ever state

Medicaid proposal
encouraging hospitals to
relieve medical debt and
change their billing practices
to prevent debt accumulation

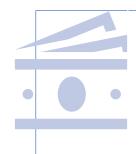
Eliminating 1 million surprise medical bills every month, helping to protect patients from unanticipated costs

## The White House Strategy to Address Our National Mental Health Crisis.



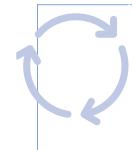
### **CARE**

We must grow and diversify the mental health workforce at all levels.



### **COVERAGE**

It is critical to eliminate and reduce financial and other barriers for people seeking help.



### **CAUSES**

We must address upstream causes and promote recovery and resilience.

# The 988 Lifeline has responded to over 13 million contacts from people in crisis.

Figure 3.2. The 988 Lifeline has responded to over 13 million contacts from people in crisis.

Number of answered contacts, July 2021 to November 2024



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Sources: Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration and Veterans Affairs; CEA calculations.

Note: Counts include all answered contacts to the 988 Lifeline Routed Network starting on July 16, 2022 and to the 10-digit National Suicide Prevention Line (NSPL) prior to this date. For all phone calls answered by the Veterans Crisis Line through 988 or NSPL, press 1 are also included.

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# Biden-Harris Administration investments are training and hiring more mental health professionals.

17,449
behavioral health providers in rural and underserved areas received loan repayment

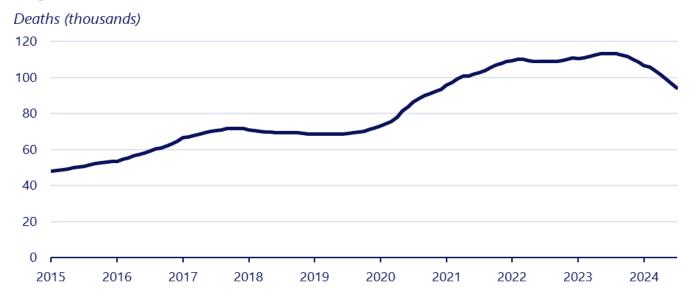
14,000
behavioral health providers trained through the Behavioral Health Workforce Development Program

6,350 mental health professionals added to VA system 1,673
minority mental
health
professionals were
awarded a
fellowship award

126
new GME slots for psychiatry were allocated

# Too many lives are lost, but deaths from overdose have finally begun to decline.

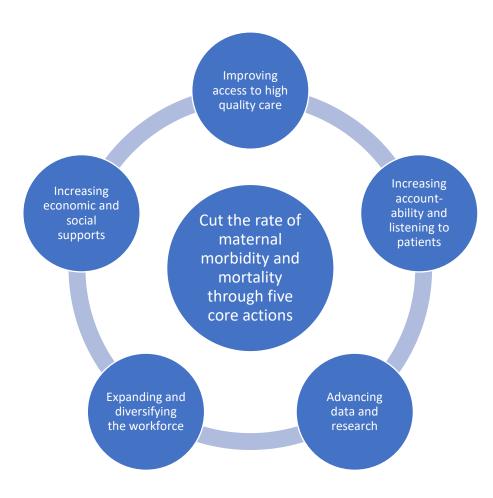
Figure 3.4. Too many lives are lost, but deaths from overdose have finally begun to decline.



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Sources: National Center for Health Statistics; CEA calculations. Note: Numbers are predicted provisional overdose deaths in the 12 preceding months. *As of January 8, 2025 at 8:00am.* 

## The White House Blueprint for Addressing the Maternal Health Crisis.



### New rules establish standards for hospitals to protect moms and babies.



Lifesaving hospital equipment must be available for emergencies.



Hospitals must have adequate and well-supervised staff.



Training must be specific to maternal health needs.



Standard protocols must be in place to adhere to best practices.



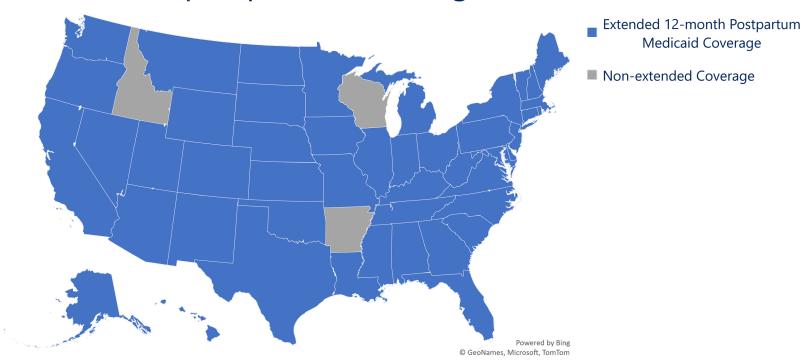
Hospitals must be prepared to safely transfer patients.



Quality must be measured and improvement plans are required.

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## The White House National Strategy on Hunger, Nutrition, and Health.



Improve food access and affordability



Integrate nutrition and health



Empower consumers to make healthy choices



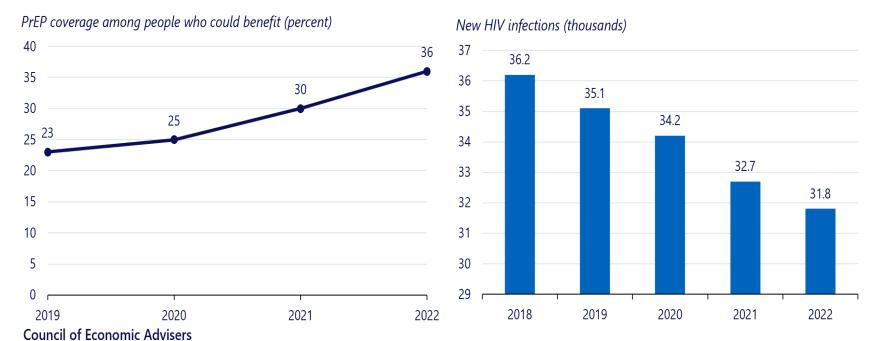
Support physical activity



Enhance research

## PrEP use is up and new HIV infections are down.

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Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. *As of January 8, 2025 at 8:00am.*