



MANA Condemns Executive Order for International Pricing Index Model to Change Part B and Part D Reimbursements

Washington, DC, September 14, 2020 – MANA strongly condemns the [Executive Order](#) issued by President Trump yesterday, aimed at lowering amounts paid for Medicare and Medicaid prescription medications. The Executive Order on Lowering Drug Prices by Putting America First institutes a Most Favored Nations price control policy, building off the Administration’s 2018 “International Pricing Index Model” (IPI model) for Medicare Part B drugs. Research shows that the foreign reference pricing proposals, if finalized, would hamper access to needed treatments,¹ diminish the capacity of rural and community physicians to deliver care and drive up costs for patients,² and harm research and development of new medicines.³

“This election year stunt to impose foreign government price controls for Part B and Part D medications by Executive Order only serves to give false hope to the elderly and poor covered by Medicare and Medicaid,” said Amy Hinojosa, President and CEO of MANA, A National Latina Organization. She continues, “This plan is simply unable to provide real value or any savings to out-of-pocket costs for patients. While misguided in normal times, this type of policy change is simply dangerous in the face of the global COVID-19 pandemic.”

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¹ U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation (ASPE). Comparison of U.S. and International Prices for Top Medicare Part B Drugs by Total Expenditures. October 25, 2018.

² Milliman. Cost Drivers of Cancer Care. April 2016. Available at: <http://www.milliman.com/insight/2016/Cost-drivers-of-cancer-care-A-retrospective-analysis-of-Medicare-and-commercially-insured-population-claim-data-2004-2014/>

³ Vital Transformations. “International Pricing Index: What will be the Impact on Patients, Outcomes, and Innovation? http://vitaltransformation.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/IPI_June_5.pdf. June 5, 2019.