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# An Overview of the National Academy's Recommendation on Drug Access

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## There Is Currently No Spending Cap On Part D

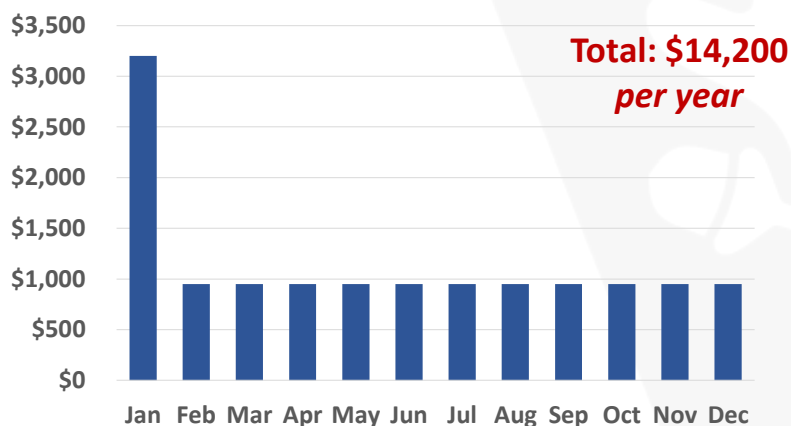


“For the first time since being diagnosed 10 years ago, Krahn, 65, decided to delay filling his prescription, hoping that his cancer wouldn’t take advantage of the lapse and wreak further havoc on his body.”

— *Kaiser Health News*, 2017

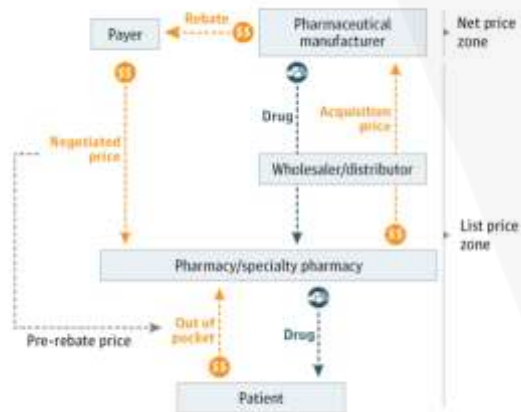


## Even After Catastrophic Coverage, 5% Can Be A Burden For Patients Using Expensive Drugs



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## Current System Disproportionately Burdens Patients Needing Expensive Drugs



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# Addressing Patient Out-of-Pocket Spending

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2. Establish limits on total annual out-of-pocket costs on Part D
3. Use net prices to set patient out-of-pocket spending when paying deductibles and coinsurance
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