

# HEALTHY FUTURE TASK FORCE TREATMENT SUBCOMMITTEE

## House Republicans Plan To

### Lower Drug Costs for Americans

**American patients deserve, and will thrive with, lower out-of-pocket spending, access to new medicines and cures. To further this, we will:**

- Pass H.R. 19, the Lower Costs, More Cures Act, which includes 36 bipartisan provisions to lower drug costs. This includes the first modernization of the Medicare prescription drug program in nearly 20 years. Among other policies the bill would:
  - Create an out-of-pocket cap on drug spending for seniors and the disabled.
  - Allow seniors and the disabled to spread the cost of drugs over the year so they don't have to pay it all at once.
  - Ensure patients pay the same lower rate for medicines administered by doctors (like drugs for cancer care and Rheumatoid Arthritis), whether they're at their doctor's office or a hospital outpatient department.
  - Promote more low cost options for all patients by prohibiting "pay for delay" agreements where brand-name drug manufacturers pay to keep generic drugs off the market.
- Build off bipartisan proposals that allow for innovations in how we pay for curative therapies.
- Offer incentives for health plans to share drug discounts with patients directly at the pharmacy counter.

### Unleash New Innovative Medicines, Devices, Diagnostics for Patients

**Patients can benefit most when they quickly access innovations without government interference. House Republicans want to get government bureaucrats out of the way of your health care. To further this, we will:**

- Speed up the FDA approval process to bring more treatments to patients quickly. This would provide patients with life threatening and debilitating diseases more treatment options by broadening the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Accelerated Approval Program to give more patients living with currently untreatable diseases hope for a treatment or cure.
- Expand and speed up Medicare coverage for breakthrough drugs and devices.
  - The Biden Administration has recently rejected the FDA's gold standard approval by significantly restricting patients' access to the first new Alzheimer's drug in almost two decades. Republicans would prevent bureaucrats from overruling doctors' decisions and remove barriers patients face to medical innovations.
- Diagnose cancers earlier, saving lives and lowering health care costs, by giving seniors access to new, innovative blood tests that can detect more cancers at earlier stages, significantly improving patient outcomes and extending survivability.
- Stop government from putting a number on the value of a patient's life. This calculation is called quality-adjusted life years (QALYs) and it is used by socialist governments to determine the cost effectiveness of a health intervention. Republicans want to make sure the government can never determine how much your life is worth. QALYs should be banned from all coverage and payment decisions.
- Build off of the flexibilities of the COVID-19 public health emergency to make clinical trials more widely available and speed up development of new treatments and cures.

### Promote American Made Medicines

**American patients should no longer be held hostage to receiving treatments and cures due to supply chain disruptions or foreign government restrictions. We need to promote American made medicines. House Republicans plan to:**

- Incentivize domestic medical manufacturing of therapies and therapeutics to prepare for the next pandemic.
- Promote sufficient supply of testing and personal protective equipment.
- Ensure secure access to critical ingredients for medicine.

