



Nurses for America applaud the historic passage of the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022 signed into law on August 16, 2022 by President Biden. As nurses we understand the positive impact this historic law will have for the individuals, families, and communities for whom we provide care every day. We have witnessed all too often how the struggle to afford prescription drugs, especially for Medicare beneficiaries, and the cost of health insurance for all Americans, cause negative and life-changing health outcomes, especially among those who experience health disparities. This law addresses many of these concerns and provides relief and peace of mind, for millions of Americans.

The Affordable Care Act is now extended through 2025, providing more affordable access to health care with additional enhancements, and building on an uninsured rate of 8%, a historic low. After over three decades, Medicare will be able to negotiate lower prices for prescription drugs and finally cap costs for Medicare Part D at \$2000 annually. Medicare beneficiaries will now have access to affordable insulin capped at \$35. Pharmaceutical companies who charge above the inflation rate will be penalized. All of these components will greatly benefit older adults.

Climate health is critical to overall health, and this law, built on decades of work to combat the climate emergency, will reduce harmful pollution from greenhouse gases and particle pollution from fossil fuel particles, reducing morbidity from asthma for both children and adults. Nurses for America will continue to actively inform, advocate and support Biden-Harris policies and legislative agenda to promote the health and quality of life of those we provide care for in every health care setting, and that are reflected in this broad and historic law to make affordable health care accessible to all Americans.

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