Engaging CMS on Medicare Drug Price Negotiations

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A provision of the Inflation Reduction Act empowered the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to negotiate and set maximum fair prices for a select number of drugs in the Medicare program each year. In 2025, CMS will select 15 drugs for review and negotiation for prices that will take effect in 2027.

CMS will provide opportunities for interested stakeholders (including patients, caregivers, and healthcare providers) to provide information on each of the drugs selected. Below is a broad outline of planned activities and timelines.

Timeline for Public Engagement on 2027 Drug Negotiations*	
February 1	Deadline for CMS to publish list of 15 drugs selected for negotiation for price applicability year 2027
Feb/Mar 2025	CMS will open registration for public engagement events (roundtable events and town hall meeting). • Roundtable events will not be streamed to the public. • Patients are allowed to participate in roundtables and town hall events. • Registrants will be required to disclose any conflicts of interest (more info forthcoming).
March 1	Deadline for public responses to Negotation Data Elements ICR regarding experiences with selected drugs, their medical conditions, and other meds
Mar/Apr 2025	CMS will host public engagement events. • All events will be moderated and allow for discussion among participants and follow-ups from CMS. • CMS will hold up to 15 patient-focused roundtables, aggregated by condition, and will focus on patients' lived experience with the selected drugs, the conditions the drug treats, and other medications used to manage that condition. Events will be virtual but not livestreamed. • The Clinically Oriented Townhall will cover all 15 drugs and focus on clinical considerations of the selected drug. Event will be virtual and open to the public for livestreaming. • Redacted transcripts of all events will be released after all events have concluded.

The Ensuring Access through Collaborative Health (EACH) and Patient Inclusion Council (PIC) is a two-part coalition that unites patient organizations and allied groups (EACH), as well as patients and caregivers (PIC), to advocate for drug affordability policies that benefit patients.

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