

# Domains & Values: Medicare Part D



Domains	Values
<p><b>Promote a Fair OOP Limit</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Engage all stakeholders, including patients, manufacturers, Part D plan sponsors, and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, to design an out-of-pocket (OOP) cap for Part D beneficiaries</li> <li>2. Promote mechanisms that would spread high upfront drug costs throughout the benefit year</li> <li>3. Consider OOP cap alternatives with a sliding scale to allow for an additional layer of protection for beneficiaries just above the low-income subsidy threshold</li> </ol>
<p><b>Maintain and/or Improve Access to Needed Medications</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Preserve current patient access to needed medications</li> <li>2. Maintain and adequately enforce the current non-discrimination protections on Medicare Part D formulary designs</li> <li>3. Ensure changes to the benefit structure do not discriminate against vulnerable populations, such as people with chronic and complex conditions</li> </ol>
<p><b>Avoid Unintended Consequences</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Ensure that an OOP cap does not result in increased liability/decreased actuarial value in the other portions of the Medicare Part D benefit design</li> <li>2. Ensure an OOP cap does not result in increased drug prices</li> <li>3. Preserve incentives and consider removing existing barriers for manufacturers with high-cost and high-value drugs to contract with plans through value-based arrangements</li> <li>4. Improve oversight of plan design and tools to help beneficiaries select plans that best meet their needs</li> </ol>