# Domains & Values: Medicare Part D

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| **Promote a Fair OOP Limit**                 | 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  
  2. Promote mechanisms that would spread high upfront drug costs throughout the benefit year  
  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 |
| **Maintain and/or Improve Access to Needed Medications** | 1. Preserve current patient access to needed medications  
  2. Maintain and adequately enforce the current non-discrimination protections on Medicare Part D formulary designs  
  3. Ensure changes to the benefit structure do not discriminate against vulnerable populations, such as people with chronic and complex conditions |
| **Avoid Unintended Consequences**            | 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  
  2. Ensure an OOP cap does not result in increased drug prices  
  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  
  4. Improve oversight of plan design and tools to help beneficiaries select plans that best meet their needs |