

Out-of-Pocket Spending for Medicare Beneficiaries: Two Examples

Rx Costs Per Year	
Lipitor, 10mg	\$871
Vioxx, 25 mg	\$1,050
Synthroid, 0.1 mg	\$153
Fosamax, 70 mg	\$894
Total Costs = \$ 2,968 per year	



Medicare Beneficiary Income	Out-of-Pocket Senate Bill	Out-of-Pocket House Bill
\$ 8,980 (100% poverty)	\$74	\$1,084
\$12,123 (135% poverty)	\$148	\$1,084

Rx Costs Per Year	
Lipitor, 10mg	\$871
Vioxx, 25 mg	\$1,050
Synthroid, 0.1 mg	\$153
Fosamax, 70 mg	\$894
Norvasc, 5 mg	\$549
Prilosec, 20 mg	\$1,684
Total Costs = \$ 5,201 per year	



Medicare Beneficiary Income	Out-of-Pocket Senate Bill	Out-of-Pocket House Bill
\$ 8,980 (100% poverty)	\$148	\$3,299
\$12,123 (135% poverty)	\$295	\$3,299

Out-of-pocket calculations for the House bill assume a \$3.50 copayment for each prescription with each drug filled 12 times a year.