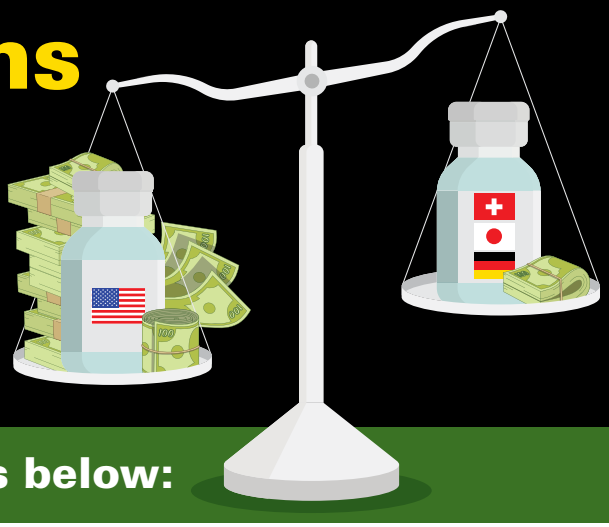
Big Pharma's Big Prices for Essential Medications

Big Pharma's pricing in the United States forces patients and health plans to pay far more for essential treatments than in other countries with similar health care systems.



See some of the dramatic price disparities below:

Brand Name GLP-1 Weight Loss Drugs priced upwards of **13 times more** in the U.S. than in Japan, Switzerland, and Germany.

$936-$1,349/month

$169/month

$144/month

$103-$328/month

(Source: HHS Report – Gross Price, Kaiser Family Foundation)

The price of Insulin is over **600% higher** in the U.S. than in nations with similar health care systems.

$22.68 (per 100 IUs)

$3.20 (per 100 IUs)

$3.11 (per 100 IUs)

(Source: HHS)

The price of Humira – used to treat Rheumatoid Arthritis – is approximately **228% higher** in the U.S. than in Switzerland.

$2,699 (per carton with two syringes)

$822 (per carton with two syringes)

(Source: New York Times)

Pharmaceutical companies charge Americans more than **30 times more** for life-saving inhalers than in Germany.

$286/inhaler

$9/inhaler

(Source: The Lancet)

The Cost of Inaction

Big Pharma continues to price gouge the American health care system, driving up health plan premiums and placing a significant burden on families.

It's time to demand accountability and fairness in drug pricing.

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