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Senate interest in price cap for insulin grows

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The Big Story

Senate interested in \$35 insulin price cap

Bipartisan support is growing in the Senate for legislation that would limit how much people with private health insurance pay for insulin.



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sponsors of a bill that caps out-of-pocket costs for insulin **at \$35 for people with commercial insurance**. It would also create a pilot program in 10 states to cap costs for uninsured people.

The push to cap the monthly cost of insulin comes as the **cost of health care** continues to top Americans' affordability concerns.

Lawmakers have discussed the idea of an insulin cap for years but haven't been able to get legislation over the finish line, due to GOP **resistance to government setting prices**.

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There are now 28 members who support the bill, **equally divided** between the two parties.

The bill got a major boost last week when Sen. [Bernie Sanders](#) (I-Vt.) added it as an amendment to another bill in the Senate HELP Committee markup. The committee **voted 15-8 to approve it**, with every Democratic member of the Committee voting in favor as well as some Republicans.



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Some drugmakers have **voluntarily capped insulin costs**, and a \$35 limit for Medicare beneficiaries passed as part of the Inflation Reduction Act in 2022 **with no Republican votes**.

A new poll from the American Diabetes Association shows why lawmakers want to act: 40 percent of respondents who rely on insulin report paying **more than \$150 per month** for insulin, and 76 percent of respondents **across political parties** supported a \$35 limit.

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Ten Democratic senators, along with one independent, on Wednesday flagged “profound concerns” with the Trump administration’s website for new and expecting mothers, with the lawmakers saying the site drives families toward crisis pregnancy centers (CPC) for treatment. Moms.gov, launched on Mother’s Day, features resources from 2,750 pregnancy centers, which Planned Parenthood calls “crisis pregnancy centers” that ...



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- Judge issues restraining order in doctors' challenge to TN plan to report disabled immigrant kids ([Tennessee Lookout](#))

What We're Reading

Health news we've flagged from other outlets:

- Why are crisis pregnancy centers saying they can 'rule out' ectopic pregnancy? ([NPR](#))
- Even in blue states, hospitals have continued to drop gender-affirming care for youths ([KFF Health News/New England Public Media](#))
- The FDA's industry-friendly about-face ([Axios](#))

What People Think

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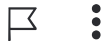


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