

Study Reveals Inequality in Ozempic Weight Loss Drug Distribution.

Description

The need for popular drugs for diabetes, obesity, and heart disease has gone up in recent years. A study from the University of Southern California showed a 442% rise in prescriptions for semaglutide between January 2021 and December 2023. Semaglutide is in drugs like Ozempic, Rybelsus, and Wegovy. Patients are finding it hard to get insurance to cover these pricey prescriptions, which can cost over \$10,000 a year. People on Medicaid and Medicare have struggled to get their Ozempic and Wegovy prescriptions filled. According to a recent study in JAMA Health Forum by USC, Medicaid and Medicare patients face difficulties in accessing these important drugs for obesity and diabetes. The study showed that more privately insured patients are able to get their prescriptions filled compared to those on Medicare. Federal spending on weight-loss drugs has increased significantly. This trend is expected to continue, costing billions of dollars if more people start taking Wegovy to prevent heart attacks or strokes. It is important to make these drugs more accessible for those who need them.

Vocabulary List:

1. **Prescriptions** /prɪˈskrɪpʃənz/ (noun): Directions written by a medical professional for the preparation and administration of a remedy.

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- 2. **Difficulties** /'dɪfɪkəltiːz/ (noun): The state or condition of being hard to deal with or overcome.
- 3. Significantly /sɪg'nɪfɪkəntli/ (adverb): In a sufficiently great or important way as to be worthy of attention.
- 4. Accessible /ək'sεsəbl/ (adjective): Able to be reached or entered; easy to obtain or use.
- 5. **Trend** /trɛnd/ (noun): A general direction in which something is developing or changing.
- 6. Costs /kɔ:sts/ (noun): The amount that has to be paid or spent to buy or obtain something.

Comprehension Questions

Multiple Choice

1. Which drug showed a 442% rise in prescriptions according to a study from the University of Southern California?

Option: Ozempic Option: Rybelsus Option: Semaglutide



Option: Wegovy

2. What is a major challenge patients are facing in getting their prescriptions filled for drugs like Ozempic and Wegovy?

Option: Low prescription availability Option: High insurance coverage Option: Cost over \$10,000 a year Option: Unavailability of drugs

3. Which insurance programs have patients struggled to get their Ozempic and Wegovy prescriptions filled?

Option: Private insurance

Option: Medicaid and Medicare

Option: Uninsured

Option: Veterans Affairs

4. According to a study in JAMA Health Forum who face difficulties in accessing important drugs for obesity WS.COM and diabetes?

Option: Privately insured patients Option: Patients with high income

Option: People with employer-based insurance

Option: Medicaid and Medicare patients

5. What has significantly increased in federal spending?

Option: Healthcare facilities Option: Weight-loss drugs Option: Generic drugs

Option: Research programs

6. What is the potential reason for the significant increase in Federal spending on weight-loss drugs?

Option: Increase in drug prices Option: Higher demand for drugs

Option: Prevention of heart attacks and strokes Option: Growing interest in weight-loss programs

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. Semaglutide 2. Cost over \$10,000 a year 3. Medicaid and Medicare 4. Medicaid and Medicare patients 5. Weight-loss drugs 6. Prevention of heart attacks and strokes



Vocabulary quizzes

Multiple Choice (Select the Correct answer for each question.)

1. What documents are provided by physicians for medication?

Option: Identification Option: Prescriptions Option: Certificates Option: Receipts

2. What type of methods are used to prevent pregnancy?

Option: Contraceptive Option: Antibiotics Option: Painkillers Option: Vitamins

3. What condition is characterized by a decline in cognitive function? ESL-NEWS.

Option: Diabetes Option: Hypertension Option: Dementia Option: Arthritis

4. Which term refers to the standard or degree of excellence?

Option: Weight Option: Quantity Option: Quality Option: Speed

5. How is a disease passed from one person to another referred to as?

Option: Transition Option: Transgression Option: Transmission Option: Transcription

6. What are the expenses associated with goods or services called?

Option: Profits Option: Costs Option: Savings Option: Income

7. What is the ability to make decisions independently called?



Option: Leadership Option: Dependency Option: Autonomy Option: Guidance

8. What is the act of satisfying desires or impulses?

Option: Control Option: Restraint Option: Temperance Option: Indulgence

9. What term is used to describe a sudden large increase or rise?

Option: Decline Option: Stagnation Option: Plummet Option: Surge

10. What is the action or state of keeping careful watch for possible danger called? ESL-NEWS.CO

Option: Negligence Option: Vigilance Option: Carelessness Option: Indifference

Gap-Fill (Fill in the blanks with the correct word from the vocabulary list.)

11. Overcoming	is a part of personal growth.	
12. Consuming too much	food can be detrimental to heal	th.
13. Foods that are	tend to have high energy content.	
14. To apply for the scholarship students	must meet certain	criteria
15. Recognizing your	is essential for personal developme	nt.
16. It is important to ensure that meals a	re balanced and	adequate
17. Justice should be	and fair for all individuals.	
18. The doctor	that the patient follow a specific diet plan.	



19. Enjoying treats in is key to a balanced diet.		
20. The list of used in the recipe should be checked for allergens.		
Matching Sentences (Match each definition to the correct word from the vocabulary list.)		
21. The new regulations impacted the industry .		
22. The website is designed to be easily on various devices.		
23. The latest fashion is minimalist clothing.		
24. Individuals may seek to manage stress and anxiety.		
25. Preventing mosquito bites can help reduce the risk of contracting .		
26. Highly foods often contain added sugars and preservatives.		
27. Engaging in puzzles can help maintain abilities.		
28. With age there may be a in muscle mass if not actively maintained.		
29. is considered a significant global environmental concern.		
30. Regular handwashing can help prevent the spread of germs and .		

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. Prescriptions 2. Contraceptive 3. Dementia 4. Quality 5. Transmission 6. Costs 7. Autonomy 8. Indulgence 9. Surge 10. Vigilance

Gap-Fill: 11. Difficulties 12. Processed 13. Calorie-dense 14. Eligibility 15. Limitations 16. Nutritionally

17. Equitable 18. Recommended 19. Moderation 20. Ingredients

Matching sentence: 1. Significantly 2. Accessible 3. Trend 4. Counseling 5. Dengue 6. Processed 7. Cognitive 8. Decline 9. Climate Change 10. Infection

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