



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** /prɪ'skrɪpʃənz/ (noun): Directions written by a medical professional for the preparation and administration of a remedy.
2. **Difficulties** /'dɪfɪkəlti:z/ (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'sesəbl/ (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 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?
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?

- 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 health.
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 development.
16. It is important to ensure that meals are 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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