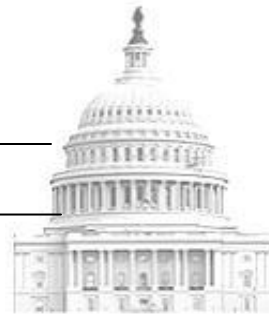




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**United Auto Workers Leadership Statement in Support of Medicare Part B Prescription Drug Project
Statement from UAW President Dennis Williams**

The International Union, United Automobile, Aerospace and Agricultural Implement Workers of America, UAW strongly supports the proposed Part B drug pilot programs and commends the Obama Administration for taking this important step to reign in out of control prescription drug costs. The value-based purchasing models reduce the cost of prescription drugs. In addition to reducing costs for Medicare, it could reduce out-of-pocket costs for many seniors and save taxpayers' money. This includes some of the most vulnerable seniors, such as cancer patients.

At the same time, the pilots could improve the quality of care received by patients. This is because the pilot programs will enable providers to focus on what medication are most effective and provide the greatest value to their patients, not the ones that pay the most. Quality of care may also be enhanced through policies that include evidence based clinical decision support tools that help providers determine the best course of treatment. Similarly, discounting or eliminating patient cost sharing can result in patients getting the treatment they need.

For the foregoing reasons, the UAW supports the proposed Part B drug pilot programs. We urge Congress to back the implementation of these pilot programs and oppose efforts to prevent them from moving forward.