



1 (6) In 2014, prescription drug spending under  
2 the Medicaid program increased by 24 percent.

3 (7) During the presidential campaign of 2016,  
4 the President said “When it comes time to negotiate  
5 the cost of drugs, we’re going to negotiate like crazy,  
6 folks” and his campaign website said that “allowing  
7 consumers access to imported, safe and dependable  
8 drugs from overseas will bring more options to con-  
9 sumers”.

10 (8) After being elected, the President said, “I’m  
11 going to bring down drug prices. I don’t like what’s  
12 happened with drug prices.”.

13 (9) On January 11, 2017, the President said  
14 “We have to create new bidding procedures for the  
15 drug industry, because they are getting away with  
16 murder.”.

17 (b) CERTIFICATION.—None of the provisions in this  
18 title or the amendments made by such provisions shall be  
19 effective unless and until the date on which the Secretary  
20 of Health and Human Services submits to Congress a cer-  
21 tification that such provisions (or such amendments)  
22 would, as promised by the President and as estimated by  
23 the Congressional Budget Office, lower the cost of pre-  
24 scription drug prices for consumers.

