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## Prescription Importation Update

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### FDA Action on Prescription Importation - CPPI July 2023 E-News

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#### FDA Policy Shift a Positive Step for Prescription Importation

A major Food and Drug Administration (FDA) policy shift spells hope for timely American access to safe and affordable medicines.



The Campaign for Personal Prescription Importation applauds a major Food and Drug Administration (FDA) policy advancement for timely American access to safe and affordable medicines. [The FDA announced](#) it is working with Chinese drugmaker Qilu Pharmaceutical and Canada-based drugmaker Apotex to import and distribute the chemotherapy drug cisplatin. The FDA told reporters that it is also exploring importing carboplatin, another chemotherapy drug. Under the right conditions, prescription importation can provide safe and affordable access to critical medications for millions of Americans.

"We at CPPI applaud the FDA for taking regulatory steps to make needed drugs available on a timely and affordable basis, and we urge them to continue to advance this cause by expanding regulatory access to all Americans seeking to personally import prescription medications from licensed Canadian pharmacies," says CPPI executive director Jack Pfeiffer.

Millions of Americans are in need of affordable access to critical prescription medicines. High drug prices have caused many Americans to forgo necessary medications or ration their doses, leading to serious health consequences. This is especially true for those who suffer from chronic conditions that require costly medications to manage.



**Senator Dick Durbin**   
@SenatorDurbin

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In light of ongoing drug shortages nationwide, I commend [@US\\_FDA](#) for taking this step to allow importation of cancer drugs into the U.S.

As I wrote FDA, we must ensure cancer patients can access the medications that offer them the best hope of survival.



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FDA to allow imports of cancer drug from China amid ongoing shortage | CNN

All the while, prescription drug importation from Canada is safe and affordable. As [Senator Durbin](#) stated in a tweet this week, "Americans pay the highest prices in the world for prescription drugs, and it's time we take action to reduce that burden."

The share of Americans who skipped medical treatment last year because of costs rose substantially to nearly 30%, according to a recent [Federal Reserve](#) survey. [Kaiser Family Foundation](#) found that three in ten adults report not taking their medicines as prescribed at some point in the past year because of the cost. Further emphasizing the point, more than 70% of U.S. adults feel the health care system is failing to meet their needs in at least one way, according to new data from a [Harris Poll](#).

## Share of U.S. adults who say they skipped medical treatment because of cost

Annual survey conducted 2014–2022



As reported regularly in [CPPI price comparisons](#) and noted in a recent [NBC News report](#), many prescription drugs can be up to 90% cheaper in Canada than in the United States.

It is also important to note that the majority of prescription medicines that Americans take are imported safely. In fact, [according to the FDA](#), around 80% of active pharmaceutical ingredients used in American drugs are imported from foreign countries. This highlights the need for regulatory access to personal prescription importation as a viable option for Americans seeking affordable medications.

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### **5 Quick Ways You Can Take Action:**

1. Let Congress know how this issue impacts you [HERE](#)
2. Sign up to receive CPPI communications [HERE](#)



3. Share your story to help inform decision makers on the real impact of high drug prices [HERE](#)
4. Join our Action Committee and get more involved by emailing us at [info@personalimportation.org](mailto:info@personalimportation.org)
5. Follow us on [Twitter](#) & [Facebook](#) so you can see the latest news on this important issue

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#### **[About the Campaign for Personal Prescription Importation](#)**

CPPI is a national nonprofit patient advocacy organization that fights for Americans' access to safe, affordable prescription medications from Canada for personal use. Tens of millions of Americans – especially the elderly and others on fixed incomes – struggle to pay the extremely high price of prescription medications in the U.S. We are here to be their voice.

Millions of Americans use licensed Canadian pharmacies annually, to purchase their daily prescription medications at an affordable price. We believe that all Americans have a right to affordable medications. It is time to change the current U.S. policy on this issue to provide immediate access to life-saving medications, taken daily for chronic health conditions, at affordable prices.

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