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 ‘Strengthening Health Care and Lowering Prescription Drug Costs Act’ is a recent health policy proposed to the government. The bill responds to the need for rising costs of prescription drugs by increasing the production of generic drugs. The bill invokes the Department of Health and Human Services to extend the awareness and health education activities to all populations regarding federally facilitated services such as medical care, health insurances and affordable payment systems regulated by the HHS. The bill will introduce initiatives to inform the beneficiaries and enrollees regarding the coverage and financial assistance available to them. This information must be available and delivered in appropriate forms of cultural linguistics (H.R. 987 — 116th Congress: Strengthening Health Care and Lowering Prescription Drug Costs Act., 2019).

 The patients in the United States of America pay some of the highest prices for prescribed drugs globally. In the year 2018, $450 billion which stands above six times higher than the world average. The reduction in the cost of prescription drugs has been noted the first time in the history of the United States. While the evidence shows that although the prices of some prescription drugs may have declined, the manufactures increased prices to 96 price hikes for every price cut. For some patients, the increase in the price of prescribed drugs is a matter of life and death hence an expensive medical prescription would be least achievable (Scott, 2019). This would consequently decrease the level of health, the efficacy of healthcare policies and patient satisfaction.

 The program will aid in reducing out of pocket costs for the patients and encourage cost transparency for patients. The bill has brought together the politics and the Healthcare Department together over the issue of lowering the prescription drugs costs and their access. This bill will help restore the insurance amount for the people within different states. The people would be able to buy coverage plans directly from their respective states. Moreover, drug manufacturers would be restricted from forming monopolies and encourage more generic drugs. This bill will not only increase the reach of healthcare policies in all states but also improve the overall health status of populations (Goodnough, 2019).

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