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## **Reducing the Cost of Prescription Drugs**

Democratic Weekly Radio Address

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Hello, I'm State Representative Gordon Hintz with this week's Democratic Radio Address.

Over the past two decades, the cost of prescription drugs has skyrocketed – putting a financial strain on too many Wisconsin families.

In 1999, the vial of insulin was \$16. Now it costs \$340.

Prescription drugs account for 10% of overall health spending in the United States, and are an estimated cost to Wisconsin residents of over \$1.3 billion in 2019.

That's why, Governor Evers created a Prescription Drug Task Force to find ways to reduce the cost of prescription drugs and help people afford the medications they need.

Democrats are working to create a transparent process that would remove a gag rule on pharmacists, who aren't currently allowed to tell customers if paying cash for a drug would be cheaper than their co-pay.

Democrats are also working to cap the price of insulin at \$100 for a 30 day supply.

Rising out of pocket health care costs for Wisconsin families must be addressed.

Everyone should have access to quality, affordable healthcare, and reducing the cost of prescription drugs will help improve the health and wellness of Wisconsinites across the state.

The bottom line is that no one should have to choose between paying their bills and paying for life-saving medication.

Thank you.

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