

SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS

Drug Users

1. The Social Security Administration should expedite the completion of its detailed studies on program financing, program administration, and reimbursement methods for several alternative approaches to the inclusion of prescription drugs under Medicare. (Page 19)

Drug Makers

2. The Department of Health, Education, and Welfare should conduct a continuing survey of drug costs, average prescription prices, and drug use. (P. 36)
3. The Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare should call one or more conferences with representatives of the drug industry, pharmacy, clinical medicine, and consumer groups to consider--
 - (a) Provision of incentives to the drug industry to invest more research effort in products representing significant improvements to therapy and less in duplicative, noncontributory drug products and combinations. (P. 48)