

Great Britain, when the co-payment requirement was abolished and program costs promptly rose substantially.

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From its consideration of ongoing prescription drug programs, the Task Force finds that a permanent mechanism is needed at the Federal level to collect, analyze and exchange information, and to provide effective coordination of drug-related activities among the agencies involved.

We therefore recommend that the Federal Interdepartmental Health Policy Council should concern itself with the coordination of all ongoing Federal prescription drug purchase and reimbursement programs.

We recommend that a special subcommittee of the Council should be appointed for this purpose.