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Fiscal Year 2020 Alzheimer's Research Funding

The escalating Alzheimer's epidemic has profound implications for government budgets.

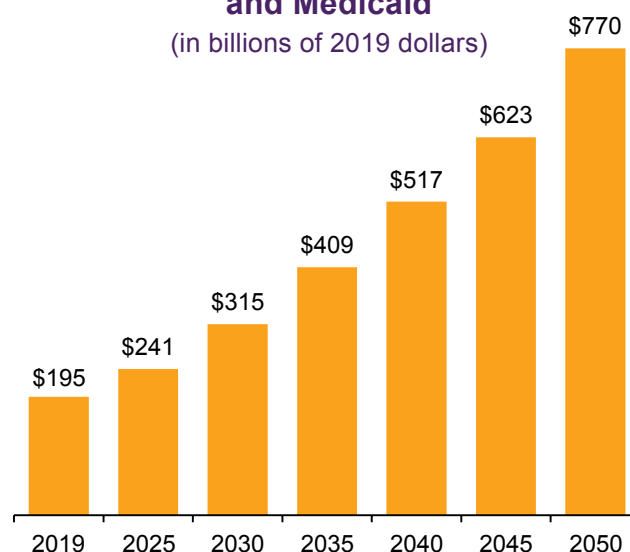
- Alzheimer's is the most expensive disease in America, costing more than heart disease and cancer.
- In 2019, caring for people with Alzheimer's and other dementias will cost the United States an estimated \$290 billion. Cumulatively between now and 2050, it will cost \$20.2 trillion (in 2019 dollars)—two-thirds of which will be borne by Medicare and Medicaid.
- One in every 5 dollars of Medicare spending is spent on people with Alzheimer's and other dementias.

Despite the recent increased investment in Alzheimer's research, funding still falls short of the need.

- For fiscal year 2019, Congress provided an additional \$425 million in Alzheimer's research funding at the National Institutes of Health (NIH).
- With this increase, along with previous research investments, the NIH is expected to spend more than \$2.4 billion on Alzheimer's research in 2019.
- However, this is still short of the total funding scientists and the federal Alzheimer's Advisory Council have indicated is necessary for continued progress.

Alzheimer's Costs to Medicare and Medicaid

(in billions of 2019 dollars)



Congressional action is needed to stay on the path to discovering scientific breakthroughs.

- The National Alzheimer's Plan has established a goal of developing preventions and effective treatments for Alzheimer's by 2025.
- Under the Plan, the NIH has established timelines and milestones for Alzheimer's research.
- To achieve the timeline and eventual goal, Congress must continue its commitment by increasing funding for Alzheimer's research by an additional \$350 million in fiscal year 2020.