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Fiscal Year 2019 Alzheimer's Research Funding

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

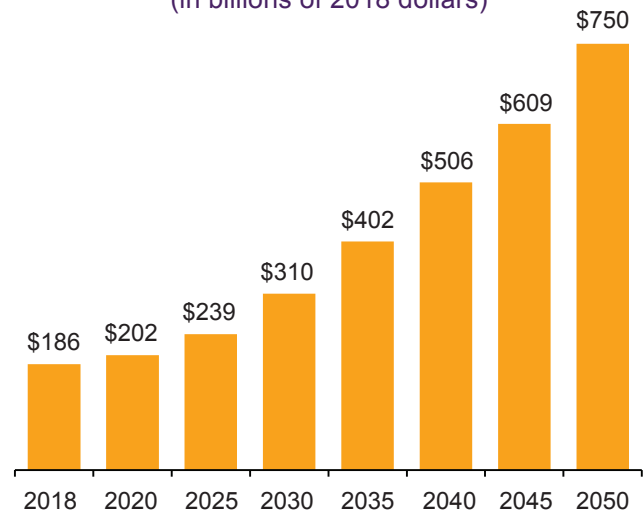
- Alzheimer's is the most expensive disease in America, costing more than heart disease and cancer.
- In 2018, caring for people with Alzheimer's and other dementias will cost the United States an estimated \$277 billion. Cumulatively between now and 2050, it will cost \$20.2 trillion—two-thirds of which 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 2018, Congress provided an additional \$414 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 \$1.8 billion on Alzheimer's research in 2018.
- However, this still means that for every \$10,200 Medicare and Medicaid spend caring for people with Alzheimer's, the NIH spends only \$100 on Alzheimer's research.

Alzheimer's Costs to Medicare and Medicaid

(in billions of 2018 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 Alzheimer's Accountability Act, NIH scientists have released a Bypass Budget that outlines what is needed to reach that goal.
- Based on the targets outlined in the Bypass Budget, Congress should provide an additional \$425 million in Alzheimer's research funding in fiscal year 2019.