

# Lawmakers demand info on EpiPen price increase

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In this July 8 file photo, a package of EpiPens, an epinephrine autoinjector for the treatment of allergic reactions is displayed in Sacramento, Calif.

WASHINGTON — Members of Congress are demanding more information on why the price for lifesaving EpiPens has skyrocketed.

EpiPens are injection devices used to ward off potentially fatal allergic reactions, and the price has surged in recent years. A two-dose package cost around \$94 nine years ago. The average cost was more than six times that in May, according to the Elsevier Clinical Solutions' Gold Standard Drug Database.

Sen. Charles Grassley, R-Iowa, wrote Mylan, the company that manufactures the devices, and asked for more information on why the prices have increased. He cited the cost to parents

whose children need them and also to schools that keep

the EpiPens on hand. He noted the costs can also be

Medicaid or other government programs.

Two other senators, Democrats Mark Warner of Virginia and Richard Blumenthal of Connecticut, also wrote the company about the high prices. Warner said in a letter Tuesday that the issue is personal for him.

"As the parent of a child with severe allergies, I am all too familiar with the life-or-death importance of these devices," Warner wrote.

Rep. Grace Meng, D-N.Y., on Tuesday asked the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee to hold a hearing on the issue. She is a co-chair of the Congressional Kids Safety Caucus.

"Thousands of Americans rely on EpiPens in a given year, and perhaps no time is more important in the purchasing of these devices than the beginning of a new school year," Meng wrote

in a letter to committee chairman Jason Chaffetz, R-Utah, and top Democrat Elijah Cummings of Maryland.

A two-dose package sold for an average \$608 in May, according to the Elsevier database, and has possibly risen since then.

In a statement issued Monday, Mylan said it has savings programs for patients and is also offering free EpiPens to schools. The company said around half of U.S. schools are participating in that program.

Recent changes in health insurance have resulted in higher deductible costs for many families, the company said. "This current and ongoing shift has presented new challenges for consumers, and now they are bearing more of the cost" of the devices, the statement said.

## COMING EVENTS



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The final show of the Wednesdays in the Park series features Alaskan songstress, Annalisa Tornfelt. The free event is Wednesday, 6-8 p.m. at Roy Raley Park in Pendleton.

### WEDNESDAY, AUG. 24

**ADULT OPEN GYM**, 6-7 a.m., Pendleton Recreation Center, 510 S.W. Dorion Ave. Half-court basketball. (541-276-8100).

**OREGON FARM BUREAU TRAP SHOOT**, 9 a.m. to noon, Hermiston Gun Club, 75772 Gun Club Road, Hermiston. Entry fee (\$65) includes trap shooting, refreshments, prizes and lunch. Benefits OFB Political Action Committee. Register at [www.oregonfb.org](http://www.oregonfb.org) (503-399-1701).

**BABY BOOGIE & TAPPIN' TODDLERS**, 10-10:45 a.m., Hermiston Public Library, 235 E. Gladys Ave. (541-567-2882).

**STORY TIME**, 11:15 a.m. to noon, Hermiston Public Library, 235 E. Gladys Ave. (541-567-2882).

**PENDLETON SENIOR MEAL SERVICE**, 12 noon, Pendleton Senior Center, 510 S.W. 10th St. Costs \$3.50 or \$6 for those under 60. Pool, puzzles, crafts, snacks, Second Time Around thrift store 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. For Meals On Wheels, call 541-276-1926. (541-276-7101).

**STANFIELD SENIOR MEAL SERVICE**, 12 noon, Stanfield Community Center, 225 W. Roosevelt. Costs \$3.50 for seniors, \$6 for others.

**ADULT BEGINNING COMPUTER COURSE**, 3 p.m., Pendleton Public Library meeting room, 502 S.W. Dorion Ave. Free, but registration required. (541-966-0380).

**LEGO CLUB**, 4 p.m., Pendleton Public Library, 502 S.W. Dorion Ave. For all ages. Legos provided. (541-966-0380).

**MILTON-FREEWATER FARMERS' MARKET**, 4-7 p.m., Orchard Park, South Main Street (bottom of Milton Hill), 1224 Oregon-Washington Highway, Milton-Freewater. Food and craft vendors. (541-938-5563). June 4 through September

**VEGAN/SUSTAINABLE LIVING POTLUCK SUPPER**, 7 p.m., call 541-969-3057 to RSVP and for driving directions. Bring a vegan dish and recipe. Gluten-free friendly group.

**WEDNESDAY IN THE PARK CONCERT**, 6-8 p.m., Roy Raley Park, 1205 S.W. Court Ave., Pendleton. Live music with Annalisa Tornfelt, food vendors and beer/wine garden. (541-276-8100).

**CANDLELIGHT VIGIL**, 8:30 p.m., McKenzie Park, Hermiston. For those affected by the recent tragedies in Hermiston. Share memories and stories and show support. Bring candles, glow sticks or flashlights to light up the park. Free.

**THURSDAY, AUG. 25**  
**ADULT OPEN GYM**, 6-7 a.m., Pendleton Recreation Center, 510 S.W. Dorion Ave. Half-court basketball. (541-276-8100).

**PRESCHOOL STORY AND CRAFT TIME**, 10:30 a.m., Milton-Freewater Public Library, 8 S.W. Eighth Ave. (Lili Schmidt 541-938-8247).

**BOARDMAN SENIOR MEAL SERVICE**, 12 noon, Boardman Senior Center, 100 Tatone St. Costs \$4 for seniors or \$5 for adults. (541-481-3257).

**HERMISTON SENIOR MEAL SERVICE**, 12 noon, Hermiston Senior Center, 435 W. Orchard Ave. Costs \$4 or free for children under 10. Extra 50 cents for utensils/dishes. Meals on Wheels available. Transportation arranged by

donation. (541-567-3582).

**PENDLETON SENIOR MEAL SERVICE**, 12 noon, Pendleton Senior Center, 510 S.W. 10th St. Costs \$3.50 or \$6 for those under 60. Pool, puzzles, crafts, snacks, Second Time Around thrift store 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. For Meals On Wheels, call 541-276-1926. (541-276-7101).

**SENSORY STORY TIME**, 12:30 p.m., Boardman Public Library, 200 S. Main St. Special story time for children from birth to age 4. Free. (541-481-2665).

**SKILLS FOR LIFE**, 3-5 p.m., Pendleton Recreation Center, 510 S.W. Dorion Ave. Includes gym activities and life skills for middle and high school students. Free, but registration requested. (Danny Bane 541-379-4250).

**MAKERSPACE**, 4-5 p.m., Pendleton Public Library, 502 S.W. Dorion Ave. Children ages 3 and up create and experiment with tools, STEM challenges and educational games.

**PICKLEBALL OPEN GYM**, 5:15-7 p.m., Pendleton Recreation Center, 510 S.W. Dorion Ave. Combination of tennis, ping pong and badminton. Ages 18 and up only. (541-276-8100).

**THE ARC UMATILLA COUNTY BINGO**, 6 p.m. doors open, bingo starts at 7 p.m. 215 W. Orchard Ave., Hermiston. (541-567-7615).

**FIDDLER'S NIGHT**, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Brookdale Assisted Living, 980 W. Highland Ave. Join jam session or just listen. (541-567-3141).

**OPEN MIC NIGHT**, 7-8:45 p.m., Great Pacific Wine & Coffee Co., 403 S. Main St., Pendleton. Call 541-276-8100 to get on performers list.

### FRIDAY, AUG. 26

**ADULT OPEN GYM**, 6-7 a.m., Pendleton Recreation Center, 510 S.W. Dorion Ave. Half-court basketball. (541-276-8100).

**HEPPNER FARMER'S MARKET**, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Heppner City Park. Food, craft and garden vendors. (541-676-8957).

**STORY TIME**, 10:15-11 a.m., Hermiston Public Library, 235 E. Gladys Ave. (541-567-2882).

**SUMMER STORY TIME**, 10:15-10:45 a.m., Pendleton Public Library, 502 S.W. Dorion Ave. (541-966-0380).

**CARNEGIE LIBRARY/ARTS CENTER 100TH ANNIVERSARY OPEN HOUSE**, 12 noon, Pendleton Center for the Arts, 214 N. Main St. Celebrate 100 years of books, art, music, community and a new permanent exhibit about the building. Cake served. (541-278-9201).

**PENDLETON FARMERS MARKET**, 4 p.m. to dusk, 300 block South Main Street, Pendleton. Browse fresh produce, meats, baked goods and plants, locally crafted jewelry and items for the home. The annual Art @ the Market will feature handspunners and other fiber artists displaying their skills from 5-7 p.m. in front of Sisters Cafe. EBT, debit and credit cards welcome. ([pendletonfarmersmarket.net](http://pendletonfarmersmarket.net)).

**VFW BINGO**, doors open at 6 p.m., games start at 7 p.m., Hermiston VFW, 45 W. Cherry St.

**MOLLY'S REVENGE**, 7 p.m., Pendleton Center for the Arts, 214 N. Main St., Pendleton. Acoustic Celtic band features bagpipes, whistle, fiddle, guitar, mandola and bodhran. Tickets are \$15. Reservations advised. (541-278-9201).

## Wednesday Morning

STATION	6 AM	6:30	7 AM	7:30	8 AM	8:30	9 AM	9:30	10 AM	10:30	11 AM	11:30	
FOX	11 KFFX	11 AgDay	Friends	Eco Co.	Paid	Hot/ Cleve.	Paid	Mother	Paid	Steve Harvey	Crime Watch Daily		
KPTV	3	Good Day Oregon at 6	Good Day Oregon					Good Day		The 700 Club	Paid	Paid	
CBS	19 KEPR	2 News	News	CBS This Morning (N)				Meredith Vieira		The Price Is Right	Young & Restless		
KOIN	19	KOIN 6 News at 6 a.m.	CBS This Morning (N)					Let's Make a Deal		The Price Is Right	Young & Restless		
NBC	25 KNDU	6	Wake Up Northwest	Today Show Dolly Parton (N)				Today Show II (N)		Today Show III (N)	Wendy Williams		
KGW	8	KGW News at Sunrise	Today Show Dolly Parton (N)					Today Show II (N)		Today Show III (N)	The Dr. Oz Show		
ABC	42 KVEW	4	Northwest	Northwest	Good Morning America (N)			Live! With Kelly (N)		The View	Paid	Middle	
KATU	5	KATU News Morning	Good Morning America (N)					AM Northwest		The View	Live! With Kelly (N)		
PBS	31 KTNW		Stretch	W.L. Yoga	Wild Kratts	Jet Go!	Nature Cat	C. George	D. Tiger	D. Tiger	Sesame St.	Peg + Cat	
59 OPB	13	Power	Jet Go!	Nature Cat	C. George	D. Tiger	D. Tiger	Sesame St.	Peg + Cat	DinoTrain	DinoTrain	SuperWI	Thomas

## AFTERNOON

STATION	12 PM	12:30	1 PM	1:30	2 PM	2:30	3 PM	3:30	4 PM	4:30	5 PM	5:30	
FOX	11 KFFX	11	Paid	Pat. Court	Divorce	Divorce	Judge Mathis	The People's Court	The People's Court	Mike & M.	Mike & M.		
KPTV	3	The Rachael Ray Show	Wendy Williams					TMZ Live!	Judge Judy	Judge Judy	5 O'Clock News		
CBS	19 KEPR	2	NameG.	Bold & B.	The Talk (N)			Let's Make a Deal	Dr. Phil	Judge Judy	News	News	
KOIN	19	News	Bold & B.	The Talk (N)				The Doctors	Dr. Phil	KATU 6 News at 4 p.m.	News	News	
NBC	25 KNDU	6	TMZ	Nina's	Days of Our Lives	Hot Bench	Hot Bench	Million?	Million?	Ellen DeGeneres	News	NBC News	
KGW	8	KGW New	Paid	Days of Our Lives	FABLife			Ellen DeGeneres		KGW News	KGW News	NBC News	
ABC	42 KVEW	4	The Chew		General Hospital	The Doctors		The Rachael Ray Show	Minute	Minute	News	News	
KATU	5	The Chew		General Hospital	Meredith Vieira	Steve Harvey		Steve Harvey	KATU News @ 4		News	News	
PBS	31 KTNW		Charlie Rose	Project	F&Porter	C. George	Thomas	Arthur	Nature Cat	Jet Go!	Odd Squad	Wild Kratts	Business
59 OPB	13	Paint	C. Chiang	Charlie Rose		Nature Cat	Bob Build	Cat/ Hat	Jet Go!	Speaks	WordGirl	Odd Squad	Wild Kratts

## EVENING

STATION	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
FOX	11 KFFX	11	Modern "A Fair to Remember"	Modern Family "ClosetCon '13"	2 Broke Girls	2 Broke Girls "And the Pearl Necklace"	MasterChef "Five Star Food/ Hot Potato" Guest judge Kevin Sbraga cooks alongside the top nine in the next Mystery Box Challenge.		FOX News First at Ten	:35 Law:Cl	Detectives Goren & Bishop search the courts for a missing high school basketball player.	:35 Two and a Half Men
KPTV	3	6 O'Clock News	Family Feud	Family Feud	Chef Guest judge Kevin Sbraga cooks alongside the top nine in the next Mystery Box Challenge.				10 O'Clock News		11 O'Clock News	Everybody Loves Ray
CBS	19 KEPR	2	Action News at 6 p.m.	Inside Edition	The Big Bang Theory	The Simpsons "Days of Future Future"	Big Brother A group of strangers lives together in a house outfitted with cameras & microphones.	C.Minds The BAU heads to Wichita in search of an UnSub searching kids while their parents sleep.	Gothic The City is in a panic after the 'Silver Bells' killer's accomplice strikes again. (N)		Action News at 11:00 p.m.	:35 Stephen Colbert
KOIN	19	KOIN 6 News at 6	Evening News	Extra	Ent. Tonight	Big Brother (N)	Criminal Minds "The Sandman"	Gothic "The Veteran in a New Field" (N)		KOIN 6 News/ 11	:35 S. Colbert	
NBC	25 KNDU	6	Local News	Family Feud	Jeopardy!	Wheel of Fortune	America-Talent Relive the drama, fun, and excitement from last night's performances.	Talent "Live Results 3" America finds out, which acts are going to the semifinals. (N)	Shift Scott & Jordan face grave danger during a rescue mission at a rapidly spreading fire.		Local News	:35 The Tonight Show
KGW	8	KGW News at 6:00 p.m.	Live at Seven	Inside Edition	America's Got Talent "Cutdown" (N)	America's Got Talent "Live Results 3" (N)		The Night Shift "Emergent" 1/2 (N)		KGW News	:35 Tonight at 11	
ABC	42 KVEW	4	Extra	Local News at 6:30	Entertainment Tonight	The Insider	Goldberg "The Dirty Dancing Dance"	Goldberg "Twelve Tapes for a Penny" "Big Orange"	Modern Family "Express Yourself"	Black-ish "Hope"	Local News at 11/Kimmel This distinctive late-night talk show features celebrity guests, bands & comedy.	:35 Jimmy Kimmel
KATU	5	KATU News at 6	Jeopardy!	Wheel of Fortune	The Goldbergs	The Goldbergs	The Goldbergs	The Goldbergs	Modern Family	Black-ish "Hope"	KATU News	:35 Jimmy Kimmel
PBS	31 KTNW		PBS NewsHour	This Land Is Your Land (My Music)	The Highwaymen Live at Nassau Coliseum			Uranium: Twisting Pt. 1 of 2 cont'd Aug 31		Oregon Lens (N)	The Draft	
59 OPB	13	Journeys in Japan	Business (N)	PBS NewsHour	Shelter Me "Paws"	"Hearts and Paws"	Nova "Venom: Nature's Killer"		Oregon Lens (N)		The Draft	

STATION	PEN	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
A&E	52	The First 48 "Thicker Than Water"	Duck Dynasty "RV There Yet?"	Duck Dynasty	Duck Dynasty	Duck Dyn.	Jep and Jessica (N)	Wahlburgers (N)	Born This Way (N)	:05 Duck Dynasty	:35 Duck Dynasty		
AMC	60	The Fugitive A man convicted of murdering his wife escapes and searches for the real killer.	Mad Max A group of police officers engage in an apocalyptic death game with a gang of bikers.	Mad Max 2: The Road Warrior A former cop reluctantly helps an oil-producing community defend ...									
ANPL	24	Savage Alaska	Wild Appalachia	Wild Mexico	Wild Costa Rica								
CMT	43	★★★★ The Goonies '85, Adv) Sean Astin.	★★★★ The Goonies '85, Adv) Sean Astin.	★★★★ The Goonies '85, Adv) Sean Astin.	★★★★ The Goonies '85, Adv) Sean Astin.								
CNBC	72	Shark Tank	Cleveland Hustles (N)	Shark Tank	Shark Tank								
CNN	68	Anderson Cooper 360	CNN Tonight	CNN Tonight	Anderson Cooper 360								
DISC	51	Naked and Afraid XL	Naked and Afraid XL	Dual Survival	Dual Survival 2/2 (N)								
DISN	26	:10 Liv/Mad	:35 Underc.	StuckMid	Bizaard.	Bunk'd (N)	Camp Rock 2: The Final Jam	StuckMid	:45 Bizaard.	:10 Bunk'd	:35 Liv/Mad		
ESPN	33	Baseball	Baseball Tonight (L)	MLB Baseball San Francisco Giants at Los Angeles Dodgers Site: Dodger Stadium -- Los Angeles, Calif. (L)				SportsCenter		SportsCenter			
ESPN2	34	30 for 30 "No Mas"	Herbies Pre-season	SportsCenter	SportsCenter			Baseball Tonight (L)	J & J (N)	ESPN Films			
FNC	66	The Kelly File	Hannity	The O'Reilly Factor	The Kelly File			Hannity	On the Record				
FOOD	61	Cutthroat Kitchen	Cutthroat Kitchen	Cutthroat Kitchen	Cutthroat Kitchen			Cutthroat Kitchen (N)	Cutthroat Kitchen				
FREE	32	Middle	Middle	★★★★ Cast Away (2000, Drama) Helen Hunt, Nick Searcy, Tom Hanks.				Cheer Squad (N)	The 700 Club				
FX	65	The Amazing Sp...	★★★★ Man of Steel '13, Act) Amy Adams, Henry Cavill.					Tyrant (N)	:15 Tyrant				
GOLF	88	Rio 2016 Summer Olympics Golf (M) Final Round Site: Olympic Golf Course -- Rio de Janeiro, Brazil							Learn	PGA Tour			
GSN	76	Skin Wars "Favorites"	Fam. Feud	Fam. Feud	Fam. Feud	Fam. Feud	Fam. Feud	Fam. Feud	Fam. Feud	Fam. Feud	Baggage	Baggage	
HALL	87	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Middle	Middle	Middle	Middle	G. Girls	G. Girls		
HGTV	62	Buying and Selling	Buying and Selling	Property Brothers	Buying and Selling (N)			Buying and Selling (N)	H.Hunt (N)	House (N)	Property Brothers		
LIFE	50	Amer. Pickers "Legend of the Lost Indian"	American Pickers "The Mainiacs"	American Pickers "Tough Texas"	American Pickers "Scrappy Go Lucky"			Pawn Stars (N)	Pawn Stars (N)	:05 Pawn Stars	:35 Pawn Stars		
LIFE	29	Little Women: Atlanta	Little Women: LA	Little Women: LA (N)	Little Women: LA (N)			LW Atlanta (N)	LW Atlanta	"Sister Act"			
NICK	27	ALVINNN	H.Danger	H.Danger	Thunder	Nicky	Crashletes	Full House	Full House	Full House	Full House	Friends	Friends
ROOT	37	MLS Soccer Seattle Sounders FC at Houston Dynamo Site: BBVA Compass Stadium (L)	MLS Baseball New York Yankees at Seattle Mariners Site: Safeco Field -- Seattle, Wash.					Mariners Post-game	Seahawks All Access	MLS Soccer Seattle vs Houston			
SPIKE	42	X: X-Men United A diabolical government official launches a secret operation to annihilate all mutants.	RoboCop '14, Act) Joel Kinnaman. A cop is transformed into a crime-fighting cyborg, but memories of his past life remain.					Death Race Jason Statham.					
SYFY	67	★★ Lake Placid	★★ Lake Placid 2 '07	Hor) Cloris Leachman.	Ghost Hunters (N)	Para. Witness (N)		Ghost Hunters					
TBS	59												