

# How Could the 2024 NHI Drug Pricing Reform Reduce Drug Lag and Loss?

A first step taken – further solutions needed

April 3, 2024 Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America The Biopharmaceutical Industry's Contribution to Japan

Improving health, reducing overall medical costs and driving economic growth



8,000+

Medicines in Development Worldwide (1500+ in Japan)

74% Potential First-In-Class Treatments



81%

Cancer Patients Returning To Work Within a Year of Diagnosis

# 436 Million

COVID-19 Vaccine Doses Administered in Japan



# 140,000+

Direct Biopharmaceutical Sector Jobs in Japan

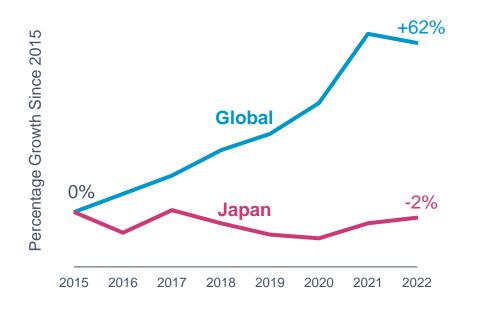
¥250 Trillion

Global R&D Investment in the Last Decade (¥14 Trillion in Japan)



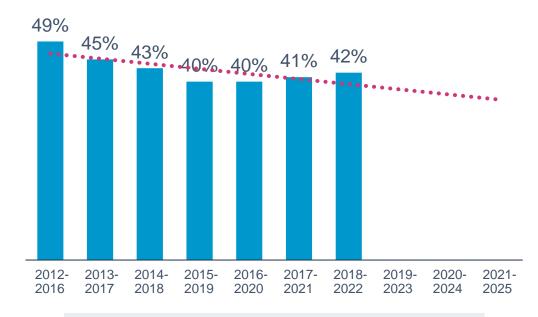
### Repeated Price Cuts Widened the Japan's Biopharmaceutical Industry R&D Investment Gap, Causing Drug Lag and Loss

Percentage Growth in Biopharmaceutical Industry R&D Investment in Japan vs. Global



Japan is at a competitive disadvantage regarding global R&D investment

#### Percentage of Prior Five Years of Global New Medicines Available in Japan



Japan's drug lag and loss worsened after repeated price cuts since 2016



## 2024 Pricing Reform: Important First Step To Reverse Trend

Japan can return to pro-innovation policies by building on these first steps



2018 Fundamental Pricing Reform

2019 Cost Effectiveness Evaluation

2021 Off-Year Price Revision

**2022** New Pricing Process for Large Budget Impact Drugs

2023 Off-Year

Price Revision

2024 Pricing Reform

- PMP company criteria abolished and product criteria expanded
- Expanded criteria for initial price premiums (early launch and pediatric)
- Exclusion of certain therapy areas from MER spillover



**2010** Price Maintenance

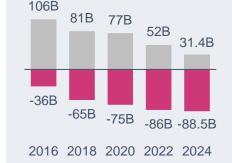
Premium (PMP) Pilot

# Important First Step, But Impact Expected To Be Limited

**Overall, 50% of patented medicines will still receive annual price cuts** 



Number of PMP eligible products declined to 506 in 2024 from high of 823 in 2016



Total PMP premium fell to record low ¥31.4 billion while deductions increased to record high ¥88.5 billion



Only 6% of newly listed products are expected to be eligible for the Early Launch Premium 2 N

Only two of many product classes excluded from Market Expansion Repricing spillover



### All Parts of the Biopharmaceutical Innovation Ecosystem Must Function Successfully to Reduce Drug Lag and Loss



# Japan Needs a Bold New National Biopharmaceutical Strategy

Strategy should identify all needed actions, goals and KPIs to promote a fully functional biopharmaceutical innovation ecosystem in Japan

#### **Identify All Needed Actions**

Set Goals and KPIs for All Needed Actions





Ensure NHI drug pricing system appropriately evaluates and rewards innovation



Eliminate Japan-specific regulatory requirements and utilize RWD/RWE for approval process



PhRMA

Accelerate industry-academia collaboration in biopharmaceutical R&D



X% of global new medicines are available



X% increase in market growth, in line with levels of major international markets



X% of patented products maintain price during the patent period



X% in biopharmaceutical industry R&D investment



# of increase in global clinical trials



# of new molecular entities with proof of concept from industry-academia collaborations

# **Proposal for Control Tower Function**

A permanent conference body for routine, substantive engagement with industry should be established under a cross-ministerial control tower function

**Permanent Cross-Ministerial Structure** 



#### Permanent Meeting Body for Input from Multinational Biopharmaceutical Companies



Promoting a transparent and pro-innovation drug pricing system Strengthening the environment for R&D and biotech start-ups

Improving Japan's regulatory environment

### **Proposed Roles of Control Tower Function**



Direct relevant ministries to formulate national strategy with goals and KPIs



Actively monitor KPIs and take measures to ensure progress on goals



Establish meeting body for regular input from multinational biopharmaceutical companies

### The Biopharmaceutical Industry Is Ready To Do Our Part



Working as partners for patients to develop a national strategy to reduce drug lag and loss





