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New Podcast Episode: The Federal-funding Showdown, Inflation, and Drug Prices

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In this episode of the AAF Exchange, AAF President Douglas Holtz-Eakin discusses Congress returning to face a federal-funding showdown, the Federal Reserve cautioning against declaring a “soft landing” victory, and the Biden Administration announcing the first round of drugs subject to Medicare price negotiation.

AAF products mentioned in today's episode:

- In “[Federal Budget PSA](#),” Holtz-Eakin reviews highlights of the latest debt, spending, and taxation data.
- In “[Budget Chart Book – FY 2023](#),” Vice President for Economic Policy Gordon Gray compiled the latest fiscal data in an updated chart book.
- In “[Highlights of CBO's Long-Term Budget Outlook 2023](#),” Gray walks through the Congressional Budget Office's newly updated Long-Term Budget Outlook.
- In “[Is Fiscal Policy Driving the Economy \(and Fighting the Fed\)?](#)” Holtz-Eakin examines whether federal spending – or fiscal policy more generally – contributes to near-term growth.
- In “[Fitch Downgrades the U.S.](#),” Holtz-Eakin discusses Fitch's downgrade of U.S. Treasury debt from AAA to AA+.
- In “[Assessing the Economic Outlook](#),” Holtz-Eakin considers what the latest economic report tells us about the inflationary outlook.
- In “[About That Recession](#),” Holtz-Eakin discusses Fed Chairman Jerome Powell's speech at Jackson Hole, at which he delivered a firm “stay the course” message.
- In “[About Those Long and Variable Lags](#),” Holtz-Eakin explores the impact of a San Francisco Fed research paper on upcoming Fed decisions.
- In “[Setting the Record Straight](#),” Holtz-Eakin walks through four arguments against drug price negotiations.
- In “[Just Exactly What Are We Supposed to Celebrate?](#)” Holtz-Eakin explains why the IRA's health provisions are nothing to celebrate.
- In “[Video: Drug Pricing Provisions](#),” Holtz-Eakin reacts to President Biden's announcement of the first 10 drugs subject to Medicare price negotiation under the IRA.
- In “[Gross Price Controls and Net Effects](#),” Health Care Policy Analyst Jackson Hammond discusses President Biden's announcement of the first 10 drugs subject to Medicare price negotiation under the IRA.
- In “[The Special Pharmaceutical Relationship: A UK-U.S. Deep Dive on Setting the Best Price](#),” Director of Health Care Policy Laura Hobbs analyzes the potential consequences of the Inflation Reduction Act's

drug-price negotiations and the Medicaid Drug Rebate Program.

- In “[The IRA After One Year](#),” Holtz-Eakin notes the Inflation Reduction Act’s lack of accomplishments on its first anniversary.
- In “[The Inflation Reduction Act’s Drug Price Negotiations](#),” AAF experts provide a deep dive of the health provisions in the IRA since its passage.

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