

Generic Drug Savings in the U.S.



\$293 Billion Saved

In 2018 alone, generic prescription medicines saved the U.S. health care system \$293 billion – and a whopping \$2 trillion in the past 10 years. The availability of safe, effective and affordable generics produces tremendous savings for America’s patients.

In 2018, 9 out of every 10 prescriptions in the U.S. were dispensed using generic medicines. However, generics account for only 22% of prescription drug spending.



The Promise of Biosimilars

Over the next 10 years, biosimilar medicines are projected to save the U.S. health care system \$54 billion. More than one million patients will benefit.

4 Billion
GENERIC PRESCRIPTIONS
FILLED IN 2018

95%
OF GENERIC
PRESCRIPTIONS ARE
FILLED AT **\$20 OR LESS**

AVERAGE GENERIC COPAY	AVERAGE BRAND- NAME COPAY
\$5.63	\$40.65

Source: IQVIA 2019
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90%
PRESCRIPTIONS
FILLED IN THE U.S.
ARE DISPENSED AS
GENERIC

YET GENERICS
ACCOUNT FOR ONLY
22%
OF ALL DRUG
SPENDING

\$90.3B
MEDICARE SAVINGS
\$2,254 PER ENROLLEE

\$46.8B
MEDICAID SAVINGS
\$817 PER ENROLLEE