

District of Columbia Saves with Generic Drugs

Total: \$796 Million



SAVINGS

MEDICAID

\$151 Million

MEDICARE

\$203 Million

CASH (NON-INSURED)

\$23 Million

COMMERCIAL INSURED

\$418 Million

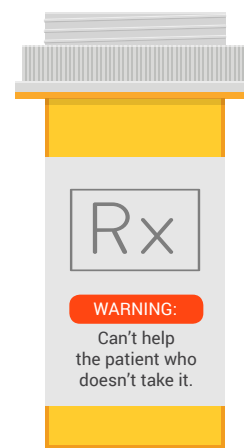
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In 2019 alone, generic prescription medicines saved the District of Columbia **\$796 million**, and **\$293 billion** for the **U.S. health care system overall**. The availability of safe, effective and affordable generics produces tremendous savings for the state's residents and taxpayers.

In 2019, 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.

Abandonment in the District of Columbia

"Abandonment" occurs when a prescription is called in or brought to the pharmacy but the patient does not collect the medicine. In the District of Columbia, patients abandoned their brand-name prescriptions **21.3%** of the time, compared to **only 8.7%** for generics.



Source: IQVIA 2019

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Source: IQVIA 2018

**Generic drug
savings in
the U.S.**

Generics are **90%** of prescriptions filled but account for only **22%** of total drug costs.

\$293
Billion
2018
U.S. Savings

\$2
Trillion
10-Year
U.S. Savings