

# SKYROCKETING DRUG PRICES ARE A THREAT TO EVERYONE

HIGH BRAND LAUNCH PRICES, ANNUAL PRICE INCREASES ARE UNSUSTAINABLE

**TD** % OF ALL PRESCRIPTION DRUGS ARE BRAND DRUGS AND ACCOUNT FOR

OF ALL Rx SPENDING SOURCE: IQVIA, 2018 AVERAGE ANNUAL PRICE OF SPECIALTY DRUGS HAS TRIPLED OVER THE LAST TEN YEARS

TO

**S52**,

SOURCE: AARP, 2017



517,838

SOURCE: USC SCHAEFFER CENTER FOR HEALTH POLICY AND ECONOMICS, 2017

## THE CAUSE?

WHAT'S

Brand drugs with no generic alternatives are the main culprit.

High launch prices, year-over-year price increases of brand drugs are driving up spending for patients and taxpayers.





# IMPACT

PATIENT

Patients without any choice experience higher pharmacy costs, higher premiums and higher deductibles as a result of high brand drug prices.

Taxpayers foot the bill as prescription drug spending drives up overall Medicare and Medicaid spending, and squeezes state budgets.

#### THE REMEDY? GENERIC AND BIOSIMILAR MEDICINES

GENERIC COMPETITION OFTEN RESULTS IN PRICES

## **80-85% LESS THAN THE BRAND DRUG** SOURCE: FDA, FACTS ABOUT GENERIC DRUGS

#### \$54 BILLION IN POTENTIAL SAVINGS



Biosimilars are critical for providing patients with affordable alternatives to expensive brand biologics like HUMIRA® and REMICADE®.

SOURCE: RAND, 2017

**ONE GIANT LEAP FOR PATIENTS** 90% OF GENERIC PRESCRIPTIONS ARE \$20 OR LESS FOR INSURED PATIENTS.



Patients are three times less likely to abandon their prescriptions at the pharmacy counter when prescribed an affordable generic alternative. Outcomes are better when patients take their medications as prescribed. SOURCE: IQVIA, 2018

It's time to do something about sky-high health care costs.



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