

# TAKING MEDICINE?

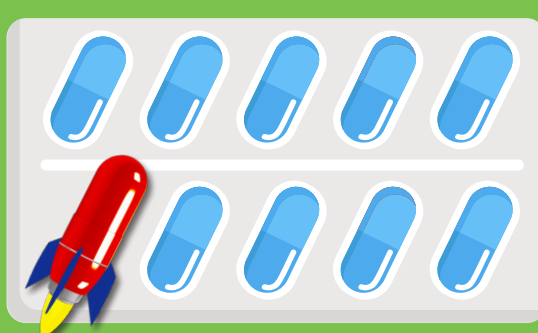
## Don't Take Your Generic Savings for Granted

### GENERICS IN JEOPARDY

The generic drug industry, which supplies almost 9 of 10 drugs prescribed in the U.S., is in crisis. They're the producers of bread-and-butter pills consumers often take for granted: antibiotics, arthritis treatments, medicines for diabetes and high blood pressure. With the profitability of these prosaic pills fading fast, companies are exiting important parts of the business.

**Bloomberg Businessweek**

What's driving skyrocketing drug costs?



10%

Brand-name drugs make up only a tenth of all prescriptions being filled in the U.S.

77%

However, these Big Pharma drugs account for over three-quarters of all prescription spending.

## GENERICS ARE MAKING A DIFFERENCE

For decades, generic prescription drug manufacturers have saved money for patients and taxpayers in every state and of all ages and conditions.



**\$1,952** PER ENROLLEE  
MEDICARE PATIENTS SAVED OVER \$82 BILLION



**\$6**  
AVERAGE COPAY FOR GENERIC PRESCRIPTION



**\$568** PER ENROLLEE  
MEDICAID PATIENTS SAVED OVER \$40 BILLION



**\$20** OR LESS  
THE VAST MAJORITY (93%) OF GENERIC PRESCRIPTIONS ARE FILLED FOR TWENTY DOLLARS OR LESS.

**\$265,000,000,000**

Safe, effective, affordable FDA-approved generic medicines saved U.S. patients and taxpayers billions in 2017.

## THE PROMISE OF BIOSIMILARS

Biologic medicines are often the only treatments available for serious illnesses, like cancer or genetic disorders, but they come at steep expense to patients, taxpayers and insurers. Learn more about safe, effective versions of existing biologic medicines at [biosimilarscouncil.org](http://biosimilarscouncil.org).

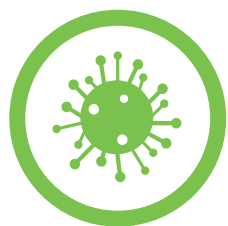


## GENERICS ARE THE DRUGS PEOPLE COUNT ON

The generic drug industry supplies the vast majority of drugs prescribed in the U.S. Patients can manage common conditions and lead more productive lives, thanks to generics.



**EPILEPSY**  
OVER \$17 BILLION SAVED IN 2017



**CANCER**  
OVER \$10 BILLION SAVED IN 2017



**HEART DISEASE**  
OVER \$47.5 BILLION SAVED IN 2017



**DIABETES**  
OVER \$7.5 BILLION SAVED IN 2017



**MENTAL ILLNESS**  
OVER \$48 BILLION SAVED IN 2017

### A MATTER OF LIFE AND DEATH.

Patients facing cost pressures are up to three times more likely to abandon brand medications at the counter; this undermines effective care, can trigger complications and may increase risks of hospitalization and death.

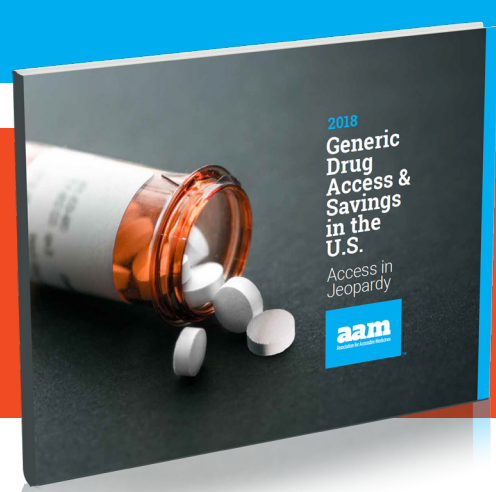
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### DON'T TAKE YOUR SAVINGS FOR GRANTED!

Educate yourself on all the ways that generic medicines save patients and taxpayers money, and tell your legislators that it's a priority for you to preserve and expand these savings.

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