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Generic Medications

The same quality at a lower cost

We're committed to making sure you have access to the medications you need at the lowest possible cost. One way is to consider a generic equivalent to your brand-name medication. Generics are just as safe and effective as brand-name medications, and offer savings of up to 80%. In fact, nearly nine in 10 prescriptions filled through CVS Caremark are for generic medications.*[1]

Generic facts you can trust from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA)

- The FDA requires generics to have the same active ingredients, strength and dosage form as their brand-name counterparts
- The FDA requires proof that a generic performs the same as its brand-name counterpart
- The FDA monitors adverse effects and conducts ongoing quality control
- Many generic drugs are made in the same manufacturing plants as brand-name drug products and must pass the same quality standards

Ready to save with generics?

Current prescriptions
If you are currently taking a brand-name medication, ask your doctor if a generic is available to replace it. Or you can ask the pharmacist when you are refilling it.

New prescriptions
Any time you are prescribed a new medication, be sure to ask if a generic is available when it is being written.

Use the *Check Drug Cost* tool on Caremark.com to do a side-by-side cost comparison.

*CVS Health Book of Business, Funded Clients, January – April 2017. Provided by Enterprise Analytics, May 2017.

1. Research shows that individuals on average can save 30 to 80 percent by using generics. Your savings will vary based on your plan and/or drug prescribed. Source: Generic Pharmaceutical Association website, 2015. http://www.gphaonline.org/about/generic-medicines.

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