

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.

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