

THE VALUE OF **GENERIC DRUGS**

You can save up to 90% by using generics over brand drugs.

What are generic drugs?

Generic drugs are copies of brand-name drugs. The FDA carefully reviews generics to make sure they're just as safe and effective as the brand-name drugs that came first.

Generics must:¹

- Contain the same key ingredient as the brand-name
- Have the same strength as the brand-name
- Use the same dosage form (a tablet, capsule or liquid)
- Be given the same way (oral, topical or injectable)

Generics cost less.

Generics are made with the same drug formulas as brand-name drugs. And generics give you a safe option instead of more expensive brand-name drugs. Low costs make them popular in the U.S.

Generic drugs:

- Account for 89% of prescriptions in the U.S. but only 26% of total drug costs²
- Have saved the U.S. \$1.67 trillion over the last 10 years, and saved \$253 billion in 2016 alone²

Florida Blue helps keep costs down.

Florida Blue does its part to keep drug prices low. We ask you to use generics when they're available instead of higher-cost brand-name drugs. In fact, nearly 90% of our member prescriptions are filled with generics.

Florida Blue also asks you to use a generic drug first, especially when the generic drug is made with the same active ingredients as the original brand-name drug. We don't cover drugs that cost more than similar generics or have not been FDA approved. This helps keep your out-of-pockets costs lower and controls costs for everyone.

¹U.S. Food & Drug Administration. Generic drugs. Overview and basics. (September 13, 2017). Retrieved from <https://www.fda.gov/Drugs/ResourcesForYou/Consumers/BuyingUsingMedicineSafely/GenericDrugs/ucm567297.htm>

²2017 Generic Drug Access and Savings in the U.S. Report. Association for Accessible Medicines. (2017). Retrieved from <https://accessiblemeds.org/resources/blog/2017-generic-drug-access-and-savings-us-report>

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