How generics increase access to treatment and lower costs

**Increased access**
9 out of 10

Today, nearly 9 out of 10 U.S. prescriptions are generic.

**Lower costs**

- Generics cost less than their brand counterparts because they don’t require the same research and development, clinical trial or marketing costs.1

**Average copay**

$6.06

Generic drugs cost patients 80-85% less than brand name medications.

*The amount set by the insurance plans.

**Savings**

$1.5 trillion saved in the last 10 years

**Quality**

- Generics must show that they are the same as brand drugs with regard to intended use, active ingredients, dosage form, quality, performance and route of administration.1

U.S. law requires that brand and generic drugs meet the same USP quality standard for identity, strength, purity and dissolution.

**Improved patient outcomes**

A study showed that patients taking generic statins to lower cholesterol were more likely to stick to treatment. Those patients had 8% lower rates of death and cardiovascular events.1

Learn more about the role of USP quality standards for generic medicines at: http://www.usp.org/generics.

Information is from the Association for Accessible Medicines, unless otherwise noted

1 United States Food and Drug Administration

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