



## Understanding Generics



### About Prime Therapeutics

We are trusted by your health plan to help you get the medicine you need to feel better and live well. Our pharmacy experts are working hard to make your medicine more affordable and your experience easier.

1 U.S. Food and Drug Administration: <http://www.fda.gov/Drugs/ResourcesForYou/Consumers/BuyingUsingMedicineSafely/UnderstandingGenericDrugs/ucm167991.htm>.

2 IQVIA: <https://accessiblemeds.org/resources/blog/2018-generic-drug-access-and-savings-report>.

Note: Always talk with your doctor or pharmacist about your medicine choices, and ask which generic drugs work for you.

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# Generics deliver

A generic drug is a lower-cost version of a brand-name drug, which becomes available when the patent expires on a brand-name drug. (For example: atorvastatin calcium is the generic name for the brand-name cholesterol drug Lipitor®). A generic drug is chemically equal to the brand-name drug, but doesn't use the brand name.

Generic drugs may differ in shape or color, but use the same active ingredients as the brand-name drugs, and are reviewed and approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA).

Depending on the drug you take, you can save 30–85% by replacing a brand-name drug with a generic version. There's a generic drug to treat most conditions—including high blood pressure, high cholesterol, diabetes and asthma.

On average, the cost of a generic drug is

up to  
**85%**  
less<sup>1</sup>

## What matters most?

### FDA-proven safety

All generics must be tested and approved by the FDA. Manufacturers of generic drugs must follow the same strict standards as the companies that make brand-name medicines. A generic drug must meet the exact specifications of any brand-name drug.

### Lower price, not lower quality

The FDA tests each generic drug to ensure it's the same as the brand-name drug. All generic manufacturing, packaging and testing sites must pass the same quality standards.

## See the savings at MyPrime.com

**\$82** Average copay for a 30-day supply of ACCUPRIL®, a high-blood pressure brand-name drug

**\$4** Average copay for a 30-day supply quinapril hcl, the safe, FDA-approved generic drug

## Are generics right for you?

  Talk with your **doctor or pharmacist.**

Ask your doctor or pharmacist which generic drugs can work for you. Then compare the costs of generics and brand-name drugs by logging in to **MyPrime.com**.

## In 2017, the use of FDA-approved generics saved \$265 billion<sup>2</sup>

When the patent on a new brand-name drug runs out, multiple companies are often approved to make a generic version. These companies don't have to repeat the expensive clinical trials, advertising or promotion of a new drug. This means lower prices and more savings for you.

