



## Generic medication

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# Generics save you up to 80%.<sup>1</sup>

We offer many generic options to help keep your medication as affordable as possible.

### Generic medications work just like brand-name equals.

A generic has the same active ingredients, strength and dosage as its brand name equal. It provides the same quality and performance. Generics don't have high development costs.<sup>2</sup> That's why they cost you less.

### Generics are safe.

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) requires generics to be as safe and effective as brand name equals. Both types of medication must meet the same FDA standards.<sup>2</sup>

### Here's how to save with generics.

**Current prescriptions:** Ask your provider or pharmacist if you can replace your brand name medication with a generic.

**New prescriptions:** Ask your provider if there's a generic option.

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### Look for lower cost options.

It's easy with the Check Drug Cost tool at [Caremark.com](https://www.caremark.com).

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Nearly 9 out of 10  
CVS Caremark™  
prescriptions are  
for generics<sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup> 2019 Generic Drug and Biosimilars Access and Savings in the U.S. Source: <https://accessiblemeds.org/resources/blog/2019-generic-drug-and-biosimilars-access-savings-us-report>.

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.fda.gov/drugs/buying-using-medicine-safely/generic-drugs>.

<sup>3</sup> CVS Health Book of Business, Funded Clients, January – June 2019. Provided by Enterprise Analytics, November 2019.

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