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“Did you know that you can save up to 80% of your pharmacy program’s cost by selecting a generic prescription plan?”

“Did you know that in 2007, 63% of all prescriptions filled were for generic medications?”

“Did you know that many major drug patents are expiring and many brand name medications are now available in generic form?”

For example:

- a) Prozac is available in generic form as Fluoxetine and the savings is \$149.48*
- b) Zocor is available in generic form as Simvastatin and the savings is \$127.62*
- c) Nexium is available in generic form as Omeprazole and the savings is \$138.47 or Prilosec OTC*

** Based on average retail price for a 30 day supply.*

***Can I still purchase a brand name medication?
The good news is you can and you will receive it at the plans discounted price!***

To obtain additional details for significant savings on your drug plan...

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GENERIC DRUGS QUALITY AT A BETTER PRICE

When National Medical Health Card fills your prescriptions with the generic version of the drug your doctor prescribed, you can be assured that it is of the highest quality available.

Q. Are there any important differences between generic drugs and brand name drugs?

A. No, there are not. Generic drugs are made from the same chemical compound as their brand name counterparts. They are manufactured according to the same standards as name brand drugs and have the Food and Drug Administration's (FDA) approval for safety and effectiveness.

Q. Why do generic drugs cost less?

A. When a company develops a new drug it has a 17-year patent period, during which no other company is able to recover its cost for research and development.

Q. What happens after the 17-year period?

A. Many physicians continue to prescribe the drug by its brand name because of their familiarity, thereby keeping the brand price high. Likewise, the competition between companies offering the generic version keeps the generic price low. Unlike brand name drugs, generic drugs are not advertised which keep the price down.

Q. What does this mean to you and your employer or origination?

A. By asking your physician to prescribe a generic drug, you can get a quality medication at a fraction of the brand name price.

Q. Do companies test generic drugs?

A. Yes, the FDA requires testing by generic manufacturers to prove their drugs will give the same results as the brand name drug.

Q. Does the FDA monitor the quality of generic drugs as closely as brand name drugs?

A. Yes. Whether they are brand name products or generic versions, all approved drugs must meet the same FDA standards of quality. All manufacturers are subject to periodic inspection. All must follow the FDA's Good Manufacturing Practice Regulations. The FDA periodically collects samples of all drug products, both generic and brand name, from manufacturers and from the marketplace to be tested in the agency's laboratories for purity and strength.

Q. Do shape size and color affect generic drug performance?

A. No. You can be assured the difference in shape and color has no effect on the way the drug works. Medications have unique coding for ease in identification.

Q. Is there a generic version available to fill me prescription?

A. Ask your pharmacist for more information. Chances are a lower-priced, generic version of the drug your doctor prescribed is readily available. The FDA has now approved over 8,000 generic versions of a wide variety of drugs.

Q. What are some common brand names, which are available as generics?

Brand

Ativan
Calan
Cardizem
Darvocet N-100
Desyrel
Diabeta
Estrace
Inderal
Lasix
Lexapro
Lipitor
Lopid
Lopressor
Lozol
Maxzide
Micronase

Generic

Lorazepam
Verapamil
Diltiazem
Propoxyphene NAPS/APAP
Trazadone
Glyburide
Estradiol
Propranolol
Furosemide
Escitalopram
Atorvastatin
Gemfibrozil
Metoprolol
Indapamide
Triamterene/HCTZ
Glyburide

Brand

Motrin
Naprosyn
Nexium
Plaquenil
Proventil
Provera
Prozac
Ritalin
Tagament
Tenormin
Theo-Dur
Trental
Ventolin
Xanax
Zantac
Zyloprim

Generic

Ibuprofen
Naproxen
Meprozole
Hydrochloroquine
Albuterol
Medroxyprogesterone
Fluoxetine
Methiphenidate
Cimetidine
Atenolol
Theophylline-TD
Pentoxifylline
Albuterol
Alprazolam
Ranitidine
Allopurinol