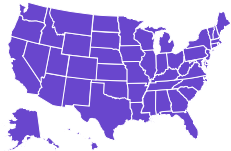


# Generics: A safe, effective and affordable option when filling your prescriptions.

At DiRx, we put people first. We're here to help make purchasing and taking your medications easier for you.



**18 million people**

in the United States (U.S.) can't afford the drugs they need.<sup>1</sup>

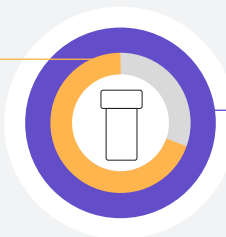


**90%** of all drug purchases in the U.S. are generic.<sup>2</sup>

## Are generic drugs safe?

**72%**

of FDA-approved medicines are made outside of the U.S.<sup>3</sup>



**100%**

All are manufactured in U.S. approved, FDA-inspected facilities.<sup>3</sup>



Look for the seal that ensures FDA-approval.

## How similar do generic drugs need to be?



To receive FDA-approval, a generic alternative must have the same:

- ✓ active ingredient
- ✓ strength
- ✓ dosage form
- ✓ route of administration
- ✓ and be just as safe and effective.<sup>4</sup>

What can be different is the shape and color.



## Are the side effects of generic and name brand drugs the same?



**Not always.** Generics and brand-name medications contain active ingredients that are chemically the same, but the inactive ingredients may be unique.



New combinations of medicines you take may also influence how your body responds to medications. It is important to always ask your pharmacist about any possible side effects when filling a new prescription.

## Is a generic version of a drug always available?



**Not always.** Each state has specific laws that define which drugs they allow to be imported or a generic is not yet available. National pharmacies need a state license to comply with your state's rules.



Your DiRx pharmacist will be able to answer any questions you may have about the drug you've been prescribed. They understand the ingredients, the regulations and the potential side effects a medication may have.

**Call 1-877-FOR-DiRx (877-367-3479) for questions on your next prescription.**

**Sources:**

<sup>1</sup> In the United States, about 18 million people can't pay for the drugs they need. <https://news.gallup.com/poll/354833/estimated-million-pay-needed-drugs.aspx>

<sup>2</sup> 90% of the prescriptions dispensed in the U.S. are FDA-approved generics. <https://www.fda.gov/drugs/generic-drugs/office-generic-drugs-2021-annual-report#>

<sup>3</sup> 72% of FDA-approved medicine — both brand name and generics — are made outside of the U.S. <https://www.fda.gov/news-events/congressional-testimony/safeguarding-pharmaceutical-supply-chains-global-economy-10302019>

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