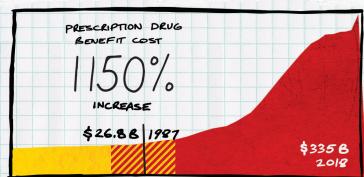
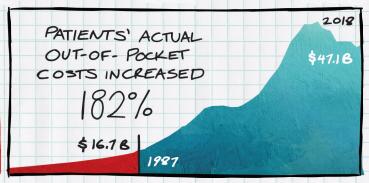
## Want to reduce prescription drug costs?

PAY ATTENTION TO THE MIDDLEMEN.





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Source: CMS National Health Expenditures by type of service 1960-2018. https://www.cms.gov/Research-Statistics-Data-and-Systems/Statistics-Trends-and-Reports/NationalHealthExpendData/NationalHealthAccountsHistorical.html

"According to one estimate, PBMs fail to pass \$120 billion back to consumers, and retain another \$30 billion in additional out-of-pocket costs."

~ "YOU CAN BLAME PHARMACY BENEFIT MANAGERS FOR HIGHER DRUG PRICES," REAL CLEAR HEALTH, MARCH 28, 2017

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## Just 3 PBMs

-Express Scripts, CVS Caremark, Optum-

CONTROL AS MUCH AS

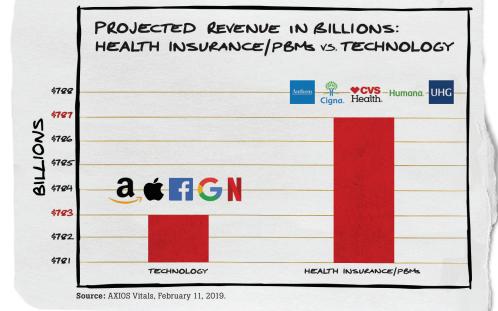
**76**%

of prescription drug benefit transactions in the U.S.<sup>1</sup>

https://www.drugchannels.net/2019/05/cvs-express-scripts-and-evolution-of.html



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## A few prescriptions for what's ailing health care costs:



Plan sponsors and policy makers must demand transparency from PBMs. It is in their interest to do so.



Help ensure PBM accountability by supporting the following legislation:

- S. 988 and H.R. 803, the "Improving Transparency and Accuracy in Medicare Part D Drug Spending Act."
- S. 640/H.R. 1034, the "Phair Pricing Act."
- H.R. 4946, the "Ensuring Seniors Access to Local Pharmacies Act."
- H.R. 5281, the "Drug Price Transparency in Medicaid Act."
- H.R. 1035, the "Prescription Drug Price Transparency Act."



**Change the model:** Plan sponsors should insist on a flat fee system that eliminates hidden asks.



**Leverage the expertise of community pharmacists.** We can help reduce prescription drug spend and improve patient health outcomes.

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