

TrumpRx Could Cost Families Thousands in Higher Drug Costs

President Trump recently launched TrumpRx, a website that purports to offer families significant cost savings on their prescription drugs. In reality, many of the brand-name drugs listed on TrumpRx have significantly cheaper generic alternatives, which are excluded from TrumpRx. This means that TrumpRx steers families to pay more to Big Pharma when they could be getting the same medication at a much lower price.

The Joint Economic Committee – Minority analyzed the prices of several common drugs on both the TrumpRx site and on the prescription drug comparison site GoodRx. This new Committee analysis finds that TrumpRx could result in families paying significantly more in higher prescription costs to Big Pharma compared to cheaper generic alternatives.

- For example, if in one family a parent gets treatment for high cholesterol and their child gets treated for seizures, over the course of 2026 **this family would pay \$2,142 more if they use TrumpRx** versus generic drug alternatives.
- For another family where one adult gets treatment for depression while the other receives treatment for menopause symptoms, over the course of **2026 this family would pay \$2,493 more if they use TrumpRx** versus generic drug alternatives.

Prescription Drug (Example Condition)	TrumpRx Price (One Prescription Fill)	TrumpRx Cost Over One Year	Generic Drug Price (One Prescription Fill)	Generic Drug Cost Over One Year	Cost Increase Over One Year
Tikosyn (Heart Rhythm)	\$1,008.00	\$4,032.00	\$48.17	\$192.68	\$3,839.32
Pristiq (Depression)	\$200.10	\$2,401.20	\$26.74	\$320.88	\$2,080.32
Colestid (High Cholesterol)	\$213.17	\$2,771.21	\$65.90	\$856.70	\$1,914.51
Azulfidine En-Tabs (Rheumatoid Arthritis)	\$130.80	\$784.80	\$15.85	\$95.10	\$689.70
Azulfidine (Rheumatoid Arthritis)	\$149.40	\$597.60	\$10.19	\$40.76	\$556.84

Premarin (Menopause Symptoms)	\$99.00	\$1,188.00	\$64.64	\$775.68	\$412.32
Protonix (Heartburn and Acid Reflux)	\$200.10	\$400.20	\$9.87	\$19.74	\$380.46
Lopid (High Cholesterol)	\$118.80	\$475.20	\$24.00	\$96.00	\$379.20
Vfend (Severe Fungal Infections)	\$306.98	\$306.98	\$51.51	\$51.51	\$255.47
Zarontin (Seizures)	\$81.60	\$489.60	\$43.72	\$262.32	\$227.28
Chantix (Smoking Cessation)	\$106.20	\$531.00	\$37.17	\$185.85	\$345.15
Levoxyl (Hypothyroidism)	\$63.90	\$127.80	\$10.00	\$20.00	\$107.80
Cortef (Allergies, Skin Conditions)	\$76.50	\$76.50	\$25.43	\$25.43	\$51.07
Xigduo Xr (Low Blood Sugar)	\$181.59	\$907.95	\$177.24	\$886.20	\$21.75
Toviaz (Overactive Bladder)	\$43.50	\$130.50	\$39.93	\$119.79	\$10.71

Source: Joint Economic Committee analyses of pricing data for common medications listed on TrumpRX and on GoodRX.com. For the GoodRx prices, the values reported are the cheapest available generic equivalent based on a search focused on Manchester, New Hampshire. Dosages are based on the drug label information, with each drug taken for the typical number of days per year that they are normally prescribed. That assumes daily use for one year for Azulfidine, Azulfidine En-Tabs, Lopid, Premarin, Zarontin, Levoxyl, Pristiq, Tikosyn, Premarin and Colestid. For Protonix this assumes 8 weeks of use, for Chantix this assumes 24 weeks of use, Vfend estimates assume 2 weeks of use, Toviaz assumes 12 weeks, Xigduo Xr assumes 22 weeks, and Cortef assumes 45 days. TrumpRx Price and Generic Alternative Price reflect the out-of-pocket price to the family after the respective TrumpRx or GoodRx coupon.