

MyRxConsultant Wasteful Drug Report



Eliminating wasteful drug spend
represents a significant savings opportunity

\$6B

of US retail drug spending
considered wasteful¹

6%

of total retail pharmacy claims²
processed

3-24%

potential savings in pharmacy
spend² exists

Despite options,
wasteful spending
persists

In the US there are **>20,000 prescription drugs** approved for marketing³ and more than **10,000 FDA-approved generics** available⁴. Despite the large number of generics, instances of high-cost branded drugs being used, where low-cost generic substitutes are available, persist.

Examples of
wasteful drugs in
today's market

Product

Why it's wasteful⁵

Chlorzoxazone 250mg

- Chlorzoxazone 500mg is approximately 25 times cheaper and can be split into two doses

**Auvi-Q
(epinephrine injection)**

- Auvi-Q can cost approximately 10 times more than EpiPen and its generics

**Duexis
(ibuprofen/famotidine)**

- Duexis is a combination of two products that can be purchased over the counter
- Duexis can cost over \$30 per tablet

Leverage your
data and save

Milliman's proprietary Wasteful Drug Report leverages your pharmacy data to monitor your plan's utilization and captures wasteful drug spending. The near-real time report allows employers to mitigate unnecessary spending and save.

(1) U.S. Employers Eye Cutting Wasteful Drugs Worth \$6 Billion, Bloomberg, Sept. 2020, <https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2020-09-14/wasteful-drugs-crusade-eyes-6-billion-in-costs-drawing-pbm-ire>, accessed July 8th, 2021

(2) Reducing Wasteful Spending in Employer's Pharmacy Benefit Plans, The Commonwealth Fund, August 2019

(3) FDA Fact Sheet 2020 <https://www.fda.gov/about-fda/fda-basics/fact-sheet-fda-glance>.

(4) FDA DA's Generic Drug Program in 2020 Helped Ensure Availability of High-Quality Affordable Drugs <https://www.fda.gov/news-events/fda-voices/fdas-generic-drug-program-2020-helped-ensure-availability-high-quality-affordable-drugs-amid-covid>

(5) Wasteful Drug Spending Contributes to High Prescription Costs <https://www.ajmc.com/view/wasteful-drug-spending-contributes-to-high-prescription-costs>.

