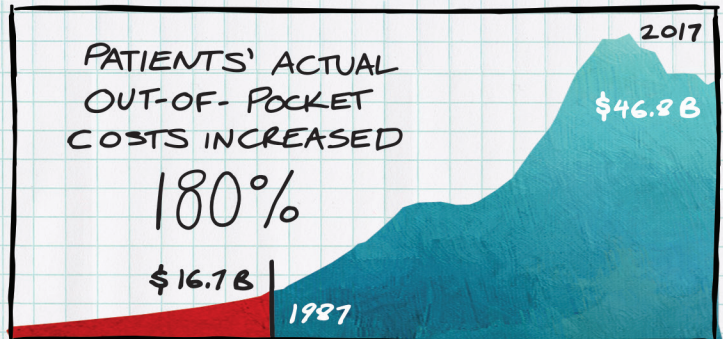
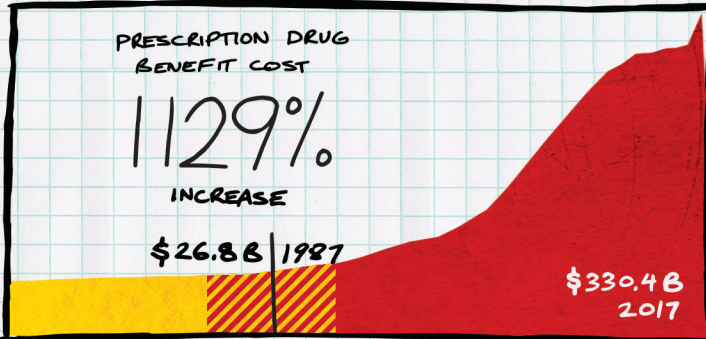


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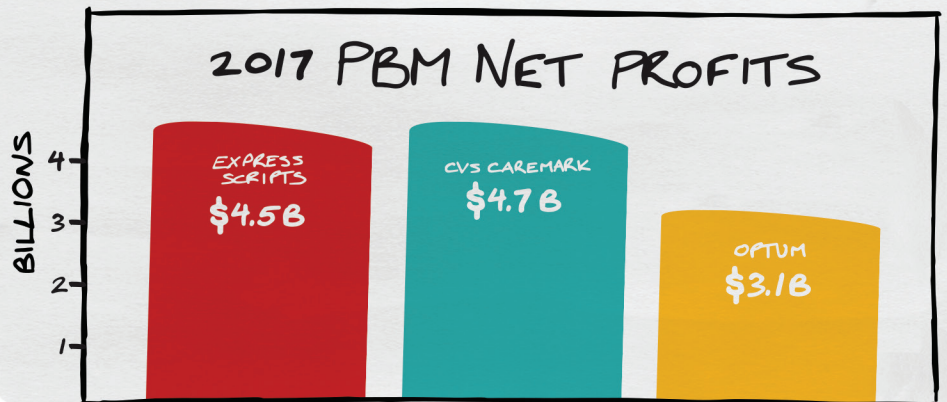


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Source: CMS National Health Expenditures by type of service 1960-2017. <https://www.cms.gov/Research-Statistics-Data-and-Systems/Statistics-Trends-and-Reports/NationalHealthExpendData/NationalHealthAccountsHistorical.html>

"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



Source: 2017 SEC 10K filings

As of 2017

PBMs control the pharmacy benefits of more than **266 MILLION Americans.**

Just 3 PBMs

—Express Scripts, CVS Caremark, Optum—
CONTROL AS MUCH AS 89%

of prescription drug benefit transactions in the U.S.¹

¹ Council of Economic Advisers, Reforming Biopharmaceutical Pricing at Home and Abroad, Feb. 2018, available at <https://www.whitehouse.gov/wp-content/uploads/2017/11/CEA-Rx-White-Paper-Final2.pdf>; see also testimony of PCMA CEO Mark Merritt before the U.S. House of Representatives Energy & Commerce Committee Subcommittee on Health, December 13, 2017.



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."
 - 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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