

## WHAT DOES THE U.S. REALLY SPEND ON PRESCRIPTION DRUGS?

## OUT OF EVERY HEALTHCARE DOLLAR,

- 13 cents goes to prescription drugs
- 31 cents goes to hospitals
- 23 cents goes to doctors and other healthcare professionals



**U.S. SPENDS** 2% OF GDP ON **PRESCRIPTION** DRUGS VS 15% OF GDP IN OECD COUNTRIES.

**U.S. SPENDS SMALLER** PERCENTAGE OF **HEALTH SPENDING** ON PRESCRIPTION **DRUGS** THAN OTHER OFCD COUNTRIES.



SPENDING ON PRESCRIPTION DRUGS MEANS LESS SPENDING IN OTHER AREAS OF THE **HEALTHCARE SYSTEM** (HOSPITALS, NURSING HOMES, **AND DOCTORS) BY IMPROVING** HEALTH AND DECREASING THOSE EXPENDITURES.





DRUG COSTS SEEM HIGH BECAUSE 15% OF ITS COST IS PAID OUT OF POCKET (\$45 BILLION) VS. 3% OF HOSPITALIZATION COST (\$31 BILLION).