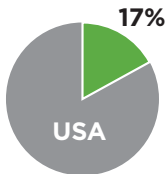


## ARE PRESCRIPTION DRUGS TO BLAME FOR THE RISE IN HEALTH CARE SPENDING?

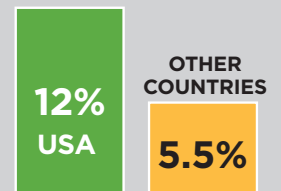


**THE US SPENDS 17% OF OUR GDP ON HEALTH CARE SPENDING VS. 9% ON AVERAGE SPENT IN OTHER DEVELOPED COUNTRIES.**



BUT WHEN IT COMES TO DRUGS THE US SPENDS 2% OF GDP WHILE OTHER COUNTRIES SPEND AN AVERAGE OF 1.5% OF GDP. **ALMOST THE SAME.**

**THE BIG DIFFERENCE IS IN HOSPITAL CARE-WHICH ACCOUNTS FOR 12% OF US GDP** COMPARED WITH 5.5% IN OTHER DEVELOPED COUNTRIES. THE US SPENDS 7% MORE OF GDP ON INPATIENT/OUTPATIENT CARE



### WHY DOES THE US SPEND SO MUCH MORE ON INPATIENT AND OUTPATIENT CARE?

- If Wellness through Drugs = Cost Savings; Then Greater Wellness = Less time and \$ in hospitals and doctors' offices
- The system should ENCOURAGE the use of more medicines by offering lower co-pays and higher reimbursements

