

States' Projected Spending on Brand Name Prescription Drugs and Savings if the U.S. Paid Canadian Prices in 2001

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Americans would save an estimated **\$38.4 billion** in 2001 if we paid Canadian drug prices—if international pharmaceutical makers accepted the same prices for brand name prescription drugs in the United States that they charge in Canada.

Apportioning those savings among the states, we find projected savings for 2001 alone ranging from \$3.2 billion in California to \$56 million in Alaska and Wyoming.

Brand Name Drug Spending in 2001 at Factory Prices (\$millions)		Savings if Paid Canadian Prices (\$millions)	Brand Name Drug Spending in 2001 at Factory Prices (\$millions)		Savings if Paid Canadian Prices (\$millions)
Alabama	\$1,751	\$657	Montana	\$264	\$99
Alaska	\$150	\$56	Nebraska	\$706	\$265
Arizona	\$1,577	\$592	Nevada	\$539	\$202
Arkansas	\$1,019	\$383	New Hampshire	\$441	\$166
California	\$8,506	\$3,193	New Jersey	\$4,001	\$1,502
Colorado	\$1,095	\$411	New Mexico	\$454	\$170
Connecticut	\$1,528	\$574	New York	\$8,037	\$3,017
Delaware	\$339	\$127	North Carolina	\$2,896	\$1,087
D. C.	\$203	\$76	North Dakota	\$217	\$81
Florida	\$7,001	\$2,628	Ohio	\$4,399	\$1,651
Georgia	\$2,776	\$1,042	Oklahoma	\$1,192	\$447
Hawaii	\$351	\$132	Oregon	\$1,036	\$389
Idaho	\$377	\$141	Pennsylvania	\$5,682	\$2,133
Illinois	\$4,474	\$1,679	Rhode Island	\$451	\$169
Indiana	\$2,323	\$872	South Carolina	\$1,484	\$557
Iowa	\$1,066	\$400	South Dakota	\$227	\$85
Kansas	\$964	\$362	Tennessee	\$2,403	\$902
Kentucky	\$1,765	\$663	Texas	\$6,797	\$2,551
Louisiana	\$1,701	\$638	Utah	\$636	\$239
Maine	\$515	\$193	Vermont	\$207	\$78
Maryland	\$1,894	\$711	Virginia	\$2,404	\$902
Massachusetts	\$2,451	\$920	Washington	\$1,809	\$679
Michigan	\$4,384	\$1,646	West Virginia	\$876	\$329
Minnesota	\$1,683	\$632	Wisconsin	\$1,969	\$739
Mississippi	\$1,086	\$408	Wyoming	\$150	\$56
Missouri	\$2,047	\$768	USA	\$102,300	\$38,400

Source: A. Sager, *Americans Would Save \$38 Billion in 2001 If We Paid Canadian Prices*, testimony to Subcomm. on Consumer Affairs, Committee on Commerce, U.S. Senate, 5 Sept. 2001, <http://dcc2.bumc.bu.edu/hs/ushealthreform.htm>. (See full testimony for methods and assumptions.)