

## PRESCRIPTION DRUG COSTS: BY THE NUMBERS

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Growth in prescription spending has slowed again in 2016...

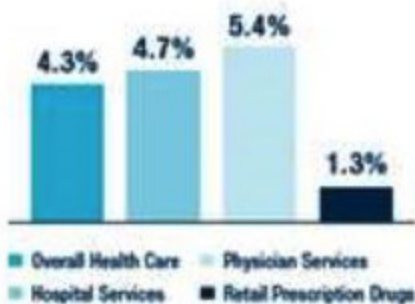
— Kaiser Family Foundation, January 2018

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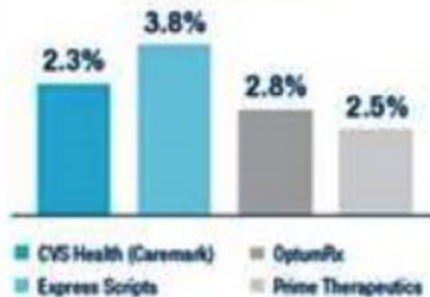
### Spending on Prescription Medicines Remains Stable

Drug spending growth slower than other health care services in 2016.



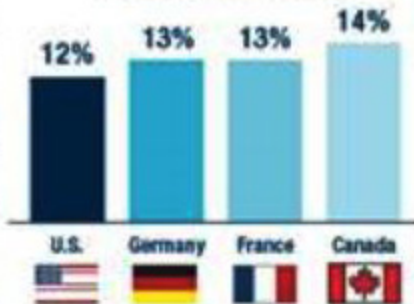
Source: Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, December 2017

Major pharmacy benefits managers all reported single-digit growth in prescription drug spending for 2016\*



\*Major PBMs are reporting an even slower trend for 2017  
Source: Drug Channels, April 2017; Based on 2016 data

U.S. spending on prescription drugs as a share of total health care dollars is similar to other developed countries.



Source: OECD estimates of retail prescription drug spending, 2015



Prescription Drugs Are Not the Primary Drivers of Health Care Spending