



## Prescription shortages

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### What causes drug shortages?

Below are some common issues that can affect drug supplies:

- Shortage of ingredients used to make a drug
- Supply chain distribution, such as closed airports or workers' strikes
- Drugs being recalled due to harmful defects or potential risks
- Drugs being removed from the market by either the FDA or the drug manufacturer

### How does CVS Caremark respond to drug shortages?

- We work closely with clinical experts to suggest covered medication options to help ensure continuity of therapy
- We recommend you also talk with your doctor to explore alternatives until the shortage resolves



### Additional resources

[FDA Frequently Asked Questions about Drug Shortages](#)

[ASHP Frequently Asked Questions about Drug Shortages](#)