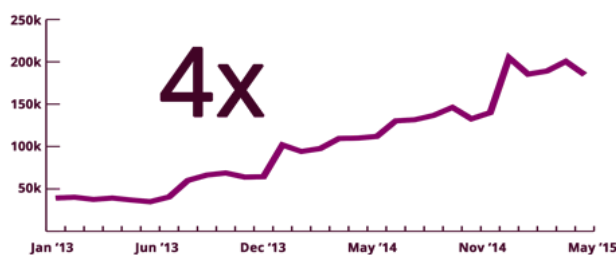


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In the US prescription drug costs are rising faster than any other component of health care expenditures, and show no signs of slowing¹. Spending on prescription drugs has been estimated by the Health Care Finance Administration (HCFA) to be rising by approximately 12% per year, more than twice the rate for national health care expenditures (5.1%)²



Specialty medications have limited or NO substitutions. From 2013 to 2015, the amount of medication that required prior authorization quadrupled.



70% of patients who encounter prior authorization, do not receive the originally prescribed medication, but rather a substitution.

"Dermatologists say price rises, and an increasing tendency of pharmacy benefit managers to refuse to pay for certain drugs they view as unnecessarily expensive, are making it difficult for patients to obtain the drugs they prescribe. The American Academy of Dermatology established a task force on pharmaceutical prices and price transparency this year to try to come up with solutions."

<http://www.nytimes.com/2015/11/26/business/2-valeant-dermatology-drugs-lead-steep-price-increases-study-finds.html>