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REPORT AND SURVEY OF PRESCRIPTION DRUG PRICES

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The steadily increasing cost of prescription drugs is creating a true health care crisis, particularly affecting our millions of uninsured and our elderly. Between 1997 and 2001, consumer spending on prescription drugs rose nearly 20 percent each year, and from 2000 to 2001 alone, spending rose 17.1 percent. By most estimates, two-thirds of our nation's adult population use prescription drugs. As our population continues to age, the number of adult Americans who use one or more prescription drugs continues to increase. Today, approximately 75 percent of adults between age 50 to 64 use one or more prescription drugs, with the percentage increasing to 91 percent for those age 80 and older. Given the prevalence of prescription drug use among older Americans, it is not surprising that consumer expenditures for prescription drugs parallel their use, with expenditures highest for people age 65 and older.

Although much of our population is covered by some form of health care insurance, many citizens -- particularly those covered by Medicare, which does not have a prescription drug benefit -- must pay out-of-pocket what is commonly referred to as the "cash price" for their prescription drug purchases. Typically, the cash price is the highest price charged by retail pharmacies.

While the Congress and state lawmakers continue to struggle to devise strategies to address the cost of prescription drugs, and formulate programs to provide prescription drug coverage to the uninsured, consumers need to use smart, cost conscious strategies. Our finding is that the prices for the prescription drugs vary tremendously by retailer, such that a consumer paying the cash price can save upwards of several hundred dollars a year by undertaking some form of personal prescription drug comparison shopping.

The Office of the Connecticut Attorney General conducted a statewide survey of prescription drug prices in the fourth quarter of 2002 demonstrating huge price variations for medicines of equal dosage, quality and effectiveness. The information was obtained by means of a survey sent to pharmacies and other retailers, throughout the state, requesting that they voluntarily provide price information on 30 of the most commonly prescribed prescription drugs for senior citizens, as reported in Families USA, "Bitter Pill: The Rising Prices of Prescription Drugs for Older Americans," (<http://www.familiesusa.org/BitterPillreport.pdf>), issued in the summer of 2002. Additionally, for those branded drugs on Families USA's list where a generic equivalent was available, we have included pricing information on the generic as well. The findings reported in the survey, and the tables of prices presented, are based on the "cash price" information received from pharmacies that responded to our survey. Price survey information also was obtained from the web sites of six internet pharmacies, using the same list of drugs.

The survey established that prices for each of the prescription drugs surveyed varied significantly within all eight Connecticut counties. In many cases, there could also be a considerable difference between the highest price charged for a particular drug by an in-state pharmacy and the lowest price charged for that same drug by an internet pharmacy. Thus, the uninsured consumer, by simply investing a little time in shopping around, can garner large savings on prescription drug purchases. The survey also pointed out some additional findings:

- ? Wide Pricing Disparities Exist within Counties – The survey found a wide disparity of prices available among stores in close proximity within the same county for the drugs included in the survey. For example:
- ✍ In Windham County, Prilosec could be purchased at one independent pharmacy for \$176.88, while another independent pharmacy offered the same drug at \$132.52, a difference of \$44.36 or an annualized savings of \$532.32 (see Schedule 3-8);
 - ✍ In New Haven County, Xalatan was offered for sale by an independent pharmacy for \$70.81, while another independent pharmacy sold the same drug for \$21.45, a difference of \$49.36 or an annualized savings of \$592.32 (see Schedule 3-4); and
 - ✍ In Hartford County, Zocor was available for sale by a chain pharmacy for \$157.99, while an independent pharmacy offered the same drug for \$131.60, a difference of \$26.39 or an annualized savings of \$316.68 (see Schedule 3-1).
- ? Internet Pharmacies Can Offer Large Savings – The lowest actual price for 18 of the 30 prescription drugs included in the survey were offered by internet pharmacies. Further, the average price for each prescription drug sold by the surveyed internet sites – all properly licensed -- was consistently lower than the average prices offered in-state by both the chain pharmacies and independent pharmacies. The internet pharmacies did not always have the lowest price available for each drug surveyed, however. Therefore, while internet pharmacies should be considered as a potential alternative for those uninsured consumers who have access to the Internet, their prices should be compared along with the prices of traditional “brick and mortar” pharmacies before making a decision. If purchasing prescription drugs through the Internet, Consumers should ensure that the internet pharmacy is properly licensed to avoid unscrupulous practices by unlicensed pharmacies.
- ? Comparisons Between Chain Pharmacies and Independent Pharmacies Yielded Mixed Results - The average prices for the selected prescription drugs sold at in-state retail chain pharmacies that responded to the survey were slightly lower than those offered for sale by in-state independent pharmacies. Specifically, the average prices of 22 out of the 30 drugs surveyed were slightly lower at chain pharmacies than at independent pharmacies. However, that is only on average; looking further into these numbers reveals that generalizations do not always yield savings. For example, while the highest prices on 27 of the 30 drugs surveyed were found at independent pharmacies, the survey also found the **lowest** in-state prices on 28 of the 30 drugs surveyed were also found at independent pharmacies. So while on average independents might have slightly higher prices, for particular drugs an independent might offer the lowest price. This finding should reemphasize to the consumer the importance of comparing prescription

drug prices at various types of retail pharmacies and should dispel the misperception that a retail chain pharmacy will always beat a smaller independent pharmacy's prices.

- ? Generic Drugs are Not Always Cheaper than Branded Drugs - Although as a rule generic pharmaceuticals are usually cheaper than the branded equivalent, such is not always the case. The survey found many instances within counties where the price for a brand-name drug was cheaper than the price available for its generic equivalent. The uninsured consumer should not assume that the generic is always less expensive, and should be sure to ask their pharmacist, the cost of each before the pharmacist automatically substitutes the generic for the brand-name drug.

Consumers considering the Internet should ensure that the pharmacy has received the Verified Internet Pharmacy Practice site or "VIPPs" seal of approval from the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy®. The VIPPs program identifies online pharmacies that are appropriately licensed and legitimately operating on the Internet. A list of VIPPs approved pharmacies is available at www.nabp.net/vipps. The six internet pharmacies chosen for our price survey are all certified by VIPPs and licensed in the State of Connecticut.

Consumers should be aware of laws prohibiting purchases of prescription drugs from foreign pharmacies, including Canadian pharmacies, for use in this country. The ban applies even if the drugs are available for sale in the United States. This is so even if the drugs are intended for personal use and regardless of whether they are brought back into the United States after a trip abroad or purchased online from a foreign pharmacy. According to the FDA, medications purchased abroad - - even foreign-made versions of brand drugs available in the United States - - present various health risks, such as potential for counterfeit versions of the drug, labeling issues, and the presence of untested substances. Additional information regarding the FDA's current thinking on the importation of prescription drugs into the United States can be found at www.fda.gov/ora/import/traveler_alert.htm or by calling the FDA at 1-888-INFO-FDA.

This report, and ongoing investigations are conducted by the Attorney General's Prescription Drug Pricing Task Force.

REPORT AND SURVEY OF PRESCRIPTION DRUG PRICES

I. BACKGROUND

Prescription drugs represent the fastest growing component of health care spending. From 1997 through 2001, consumer spending on prescription drugs rose nearly 20 percent each year, and from 2000 to 2001 alone, spending rose 17.1 percent.¹

Today, it is estimated that more than 131 million people, and two-thirds of the adult population in the United States, use prescription drugs. While prescription drugs

¹ The Drug Industry: Facts and Figures, Families USA (April 2002).

play an important role in health care treatment for everyone, their function in the treatment of chronic conditions, those often associated with an older population, is almost universal. As a result, prescription drug use increases with age, with approximately 75 percent of adults between age 50 to 64 using one or more prescription drugs.² The percentage increases to 91 percent for those age 80 and older.³ Given the prevalence of prescription drug use among older Americans, it is not surprising that expenditures for prescription drugs parallel their use, with expenditures highest for people age 65 and older.

Available statistics indicate that the average annual out-of-pocket prescription drug expenditure for all adults is \$177.⁴ This number increases, for those over 65 years old, climbing to an estimated \$456 for those adults between age 65 to 79, and \$510 for those over age 80.⁵ The out-of-pocket costs only increase further for those afflicted with a chronic condition, necessitating life-long drug prescriptions to control their disease. For those individuals with one or more chronic conditions, for example diabetes, heart disease, hypertension and arthritis, out-of-pocket prescription drug costs represent a substantial expenditure and therefore, for many, a potentially substantial financial burden.

All consumers, whether insured or uninsured, must bear the burden of increasing costs of prescription drugs. For insureds, escalating costs are often felt through increased premiums for health care insurance coverage for both them and their families. Employers often pass on these costs, or at least a percentage of the increase, to their employees.

For the uninsured, the increasing costs of prescription drugs can have a larger and more direct impact. The uninsured pay out-of-pocket what is known as the “cash price” for their prescription drugs. Typically, the cash price is the highest price charged by retail pharmacies, including internet pharmacies, and, so those who are uninsured would therefore absorb the full increase of a pharmacy’s increased cash price. In addition to the uninsured, a large portion of Connecticut’s elderly population – often living on fixed incomes and least able to bear consistently and dramatically higher drug prices -- are paying the cash price. Thus, the elderly and uninsured suffer doubly as drug prices rise, because not only do they not have access to health insurance coverage, but owing to their lack of market power as a group, they are often paying the highest price for these drugs compared to what is being paid by health care insurers, who have greater market power for their subscribers. Even for those covered by some form of health care insurance, the coverage for the cost of prescription drugs varies widely, depending on the type of plan.

Attorney General Richard Blumenthal, along with lawmakers, regulators, citizen action groups, and the pharmaceutical industry itself, continues to explore options and strategies for reining in escalating drug prices, and making prescription drug purchases more affordable. Consumers should also realize, however, that prescription drug purchases are similar to other purchases in at least one important respect: just like with

² Center on an Aging Society, Institute for Health Care Research and Policy, Georgetown Univ., (Sept. 2002).

³ Id.

⁴ Id.

⁵ Id.

other personal expenditures, prices for specific prescription drugs, including brand-name drugs, will vary by retailer, such that consumers paying the cash price can save hundreds of dollars a year if they implement some form of personal prescription drug comparison shopping regimen. The prescription drug pricing survey conducted by the Office of the Attorney General over the last few months, the results and findings of which are presented below, reinforces this concept and is one tool that can be used to assist consumers in this regard.

II. SURVEY OF PHARMACY PRESCRIPTION DRUG PRICING

To provide a snapshot of the cash price that Connecticut consumers are currently paying for prescription drugs, the Office of the Attorney General conducted a statewide survey of prescription drug prices in the fourth quarter of 2002. The office sent letters to pharmacies throughout the state requesting that they voluntarily provide price information. These pharmacies included chain pharmacies, independent pharmacies, and the pharmacy departments of large “big box” retailers and supermarkets. The pharmacies were randomly selected, and we ensured that we received responses from both small independent and larger chain or big box pharmacies located in each county within the state. In addition, we obtained pricing information from six internet pharmacies doing business in Connecticut. The survey sought pricing information on 30 of the prescription drugs most commonly prescribed for senior citizens as reported in Families USA’s, “Bitter Pill: The Rising Prices of Prescription Drugs for Older Americans,” (<http://www.familiesusa.org/BitterPillreport.pdf>) which was issued in the summer of 2002. Further, with respect to those branded drugs on Families USA’s list where there was a generic equivalent available, we also included pricing information on the generic. All pharmacies were asked about the same dosages and quantities of the 30 drugs selected so that prices could be directly compared. Each pharmacy was also asked to include information on any Senior Citizen discount offered. The findings reported below are based on the cash price information received from those pharmacies that responded to our survey. The cash prices, which are those prices that uninsured consumers pay for prescriptions, are presented in Schedule 1, which is attached to this report and survey. Additional information, including the highest and lowest price for each prescription drug by county, is presented in Schedules 2 and 3, which are also attached to this report and survey.

A. Results of the Survey

The survey found that the prices for each of the surveyed prescription drugs varied significantly within all eight Connecticut counties. Moreover, in many cases, there was also a considerable difference between the highest price charged for a particular drug by an in-state pharmacy and the lowest price charged for that same drug by an internet pharmacy. An excerpt from Schedule 2-16, (the complete schedule is attached to the report and survey) illustrates this finding. Plavix, a prescription drug used to reduce the incidence of heart attacks and strokes, was on sale at a chain pharmacy in Tolland and Middlesex counties for \$163.29. The lowest price available for the same drug at one of the internet pharmacies surveyed was \$99.87, a difference of \$45.92 and an annualized savings for the uninsured consumer of \$551.04.

2. Retail Chain Pharmacies vs. Independent Pharmacies.

When comparing retail chain pharmacies to independent pharmacies, the results are best described as mixed. Although independent pharmacies had the highest prices on 27 of the 30 drugs surveyed, and higher average prices on 22 out of the 30 drugs, the survey also indicates that independent pharmacies had the lowest in-state prices on 28 of the 30 drugs surveyed. Again, this finding should reemphasize to the consumer the importance of comparing prescription drug prices at various types of retail pharmacies, and should dispel any misperceptions that a retail chain pharmacy will always beat a smaller independent pharmacy's prices.

As can be seen in Schedules 2-1 through 2-30, the average prices for the selected prescription drugs sold by the retail chain pharmacies were slightly less expensive than those offered for sale by independent pharmacies. Specifically, the average prices of 22 out of the 30 drugs surveyed were higher at independent pharmacies. It should be noted, however, that the difference in average prices between the retail chains and independents was comparatively small, with most drugs falling within \$1.50 of each other. The largest gaps in average prices were found in Prilosec, see Schedule 1 (an average of \$8.60 more expensive at responding independent pharmacies) and Levothyroxine, see Schedule 1 (an average of \$7.57 more expensive at responding independent pharmacies).

Also of interest is the wide disparity of prices available within a county for the drugs included in the survey. For example:

- ? In Windham County, Prilosec could be purchased at one independent pharmacy for \$176.88, while another independent pharmacy offered the same drug at \$132.52, a difference of \$44.36 or an annualized savings of \$532.32 (see Schedule 3-8);
- ? In New London County, Prevacid was available for purchase at one independent pharmacy for \$144.69, while a chain pharmacy sold the same drug for 125.99, a difference of \$18.70 or an annualized savings of \$224.40 (see Schedule 3-6);
- ? In New Haven County, Xalatan was offered for sale by an independent pharmacy for \$70.81, while another independent pharmacy sold the same drug for \$21.45, a difference of \$49.36 or an annualized savings of \$592.32 (see Schedule 3-4); and
- ? In Hartford County, Zocor was available for sale by a chain pharmacy for \$157.99, while an independent pharmacy offered the same drug for \$131.60, a difference of \$26.39 or an annualized saving of \$316.68 (see Schedule 3-1).

3. Brand Prescription Drugs vs. Generic Prescription Drugs

Although as a rule generic pharmaceuticals are usually cheaper than the branded equivalent, that is not always the case. We found instances within counties where the price available for a brand-name drug was cheaper than the price available for its generic equivalent. Therefore, uninsured consumers should not assume that the generic is always less expensive, and should ask their pharmacist about the cost of each drug before he or she automatically substitutes the generic for the brand-name drug.

Finally, even though generic pharmaceuticals are essentially commodities, in that they have basically the same chemical ingredients despite being manufactured by different companies, they do not necessarily cost the same at different retail pharmacies. In other words, the survey found differences in prices among the same generic pharmaceuticals, and consumers should understand that the price could differ among the different retail pharmacies.

III. WHAT THE CONSUMER SHOULD KNOW ABOUT PURCHASING PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

As the survey demonstrates, an uninsured consumer can realize significant savings by comparing prices for prescription drugs among the many outlets available and by inquiring whether the pharmacy offers any discount programs. Further, if a physician has prescribed a brand name drug, consumers should ask the physician or pharmacist if there is a generic alternative and, if so, whether the generic is suitable for them. As the survey demonstrates, a generic substitute can often be priced between 9.5 percent to 89 percent below the comparable brand-name drug. Of course, the uninsured consumer should still inquire about the price of the branded drug, in order to be sure it is not less expensive than the generic drug.

Although the survey plainly illustrates that the consumer can save money by shopping at different pharmacies -- as no single pharmacy had the lowest price for all the drugs selected for our study -- it is also important to understand that there are non-price advantages to dealing with a single pharmacy. The uppermost advantage to purchasing prescriptions from one, rather than multiple, pharmacies is the ability of the pharmacist to know **all** of the medications a consumer is currently taking. This is key to ensuring that when taking multiple medications, there won't be an adverse reaction from mixing drugs that are not intended to be taken together. If consumers comparison shop and purchase from more than one pharmacy, it is essential to tell the pharmacist about all the prescriptions the consumer is currently using. In addition, the availability of a pharmacist for in-person consultations or to address questions or problems about prescribed medication may also be an important consideration in choosing the pharmacy or the type of pharmacy with which to do business.

The survey further demonstrates that internet pharmacies may offer the consumer a less expensive option when shopping for prescription drugs. In addition to potentially more affordable prices, a reputable domestic internet pharmacy offers the consumer convenience and privacy in ordering. Today, the number of websites selling prescription medications is estimated at over 200, many of which are offered by the large chain drug

stores. Of course, the Internet also makes it easy for an unscrupulous individual to take advantage of unwary consumers. Therefore, as with any transaction undertaken via the Internet, consumers should be cautious, and if unfamiliar with computer transactions, should ask for assistance from family or others. The National Association of Boards of Pharmacy® has established the Verified Internet Pharmacy Practice sites “VIPPs” program specifically to combat the dilemmas posed by on-line pharmacy usage. The VIPPs program identifies online pharmacies that are appropriately licensed and legitimately operating on the Internet. Furthermore, if the online pharmacy passes the program’s criteria for review and inspection, it will receive the VIPPs seal of approval. A list of VIPPs approved pharmacies is available at www.nabp.net/vipps. The FDA also publishes additional information related to online pharmacies, including consumer safety guides and alerts at www.fda.gov/oc/buyonline. The six internet pharmacies chosen for our price survey are all certified by VIPPs and licensed in the State of Connecticut.

Finally, there has been much interest in the media recently concerning purchases of cheaper prescription drugs from foreign countries, primarily Canada. Consumers should know that purchases of prescription drugs that are available for sale in the United States and are intended for personal use, regardless of whether they are brought back into the United States after a trip abroad or purchased online from a foreign pharmacy, are illegal. According to the FDA, medications purchased abroad - - even foreign-made versions of brand drugs available in the United States - - present various health risks, including those associated with quality assurance, potential for counterfeit versions of the drug, labeling issues, and the presence of untested substances. Additional information regarding the FDA’s current thinking regarding the importation of prescription drugs into the United States can be found at www.fda.gov/ora/import/traveler_alert.htm or by calling the FDA at 1-888-INFO-FDA.

These findings support a number of legislative initiatives that the Attorney General’s office has proposed. First and foremost, a Prescription Drug Information Board would help consumers do the comparison shopping that is vital to savings.

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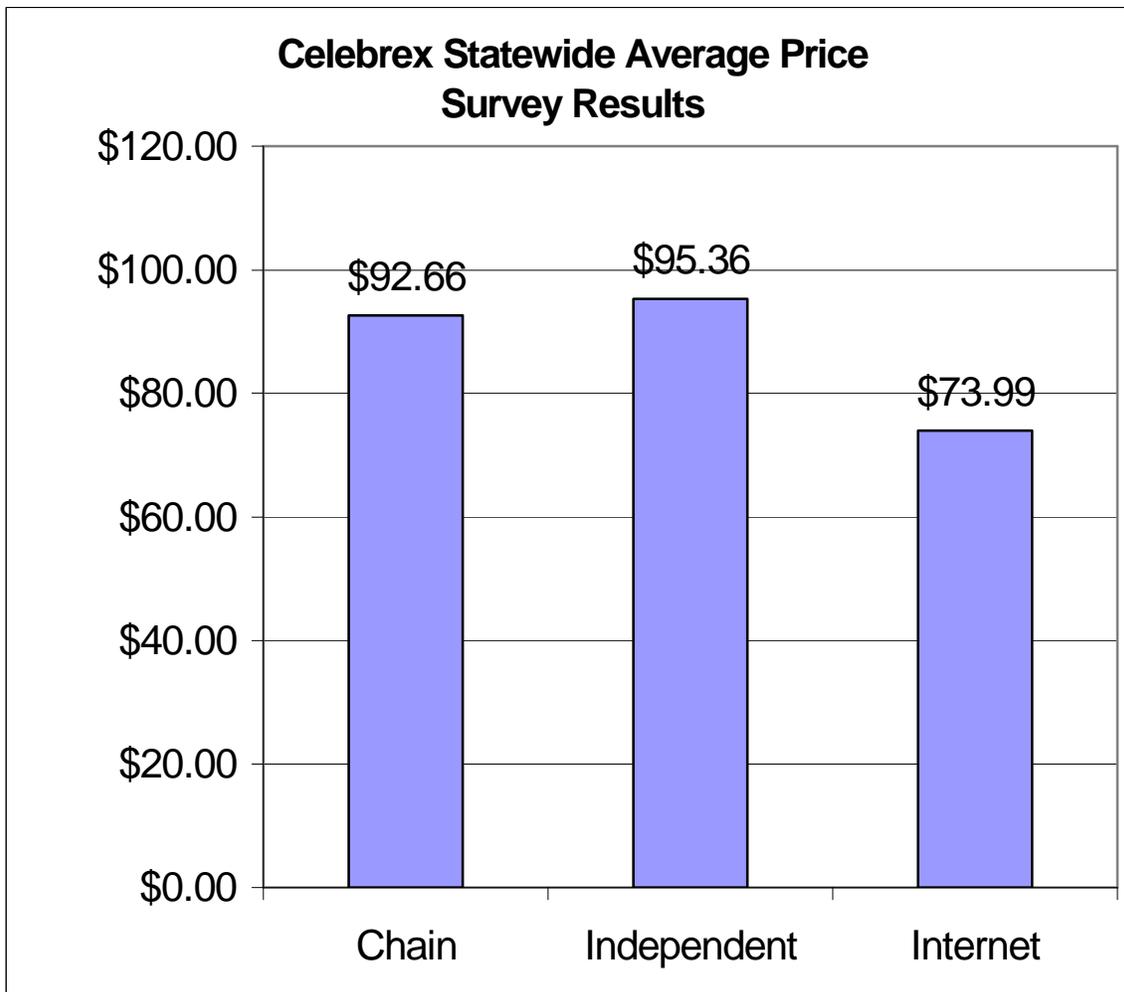
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Schedule #1

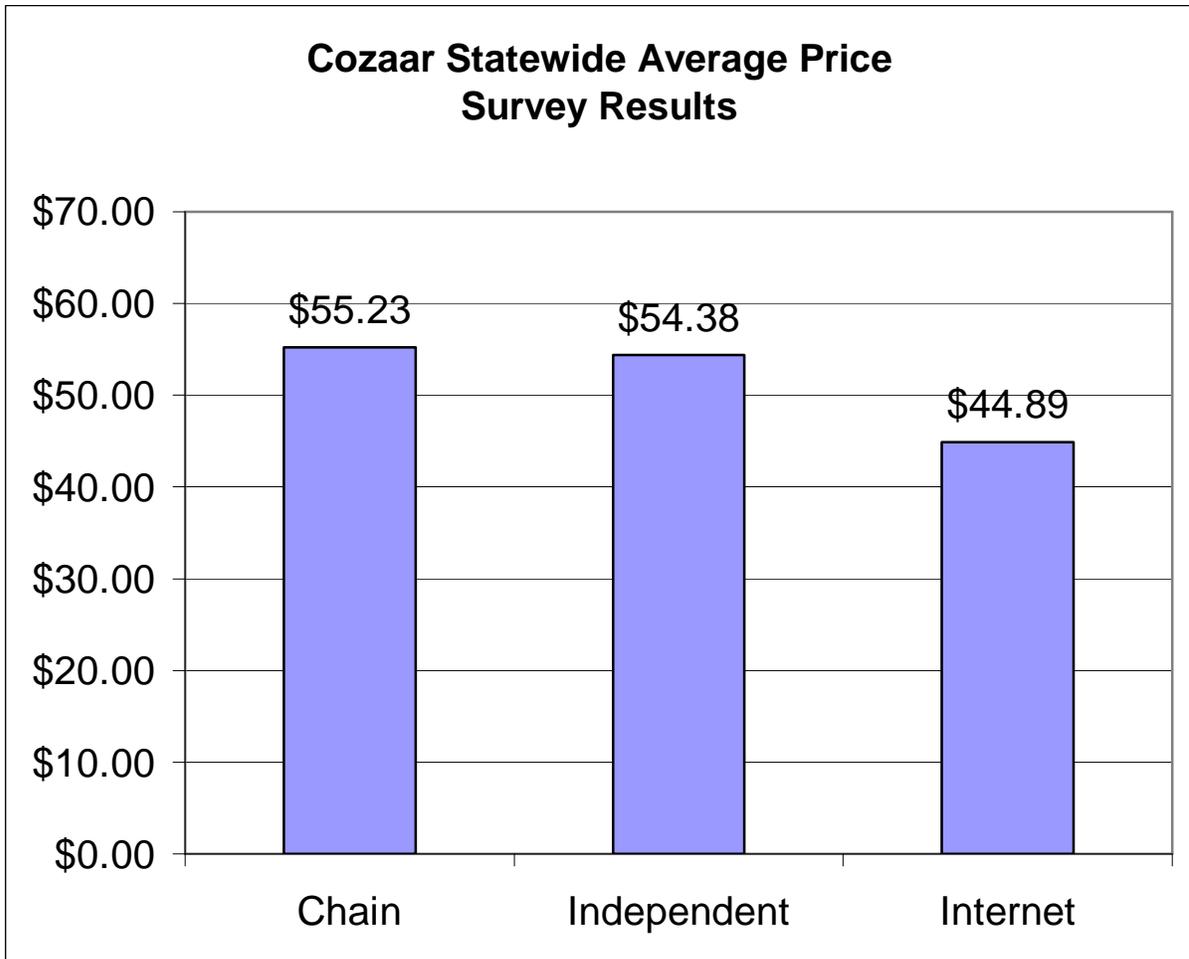
Schedule # 2-1 (CELEBREX)

CELEBREX	
200 milligram capsule	
Instate High Price - New Haven County - Independent Pharmacy	\$105.35
Instate Low Price - Litchfield County - Independent Pharmacy	\$82.12
Price Difference between Instate High and Instate Low	\$23.23
Lowest Internet Price	\$70.87



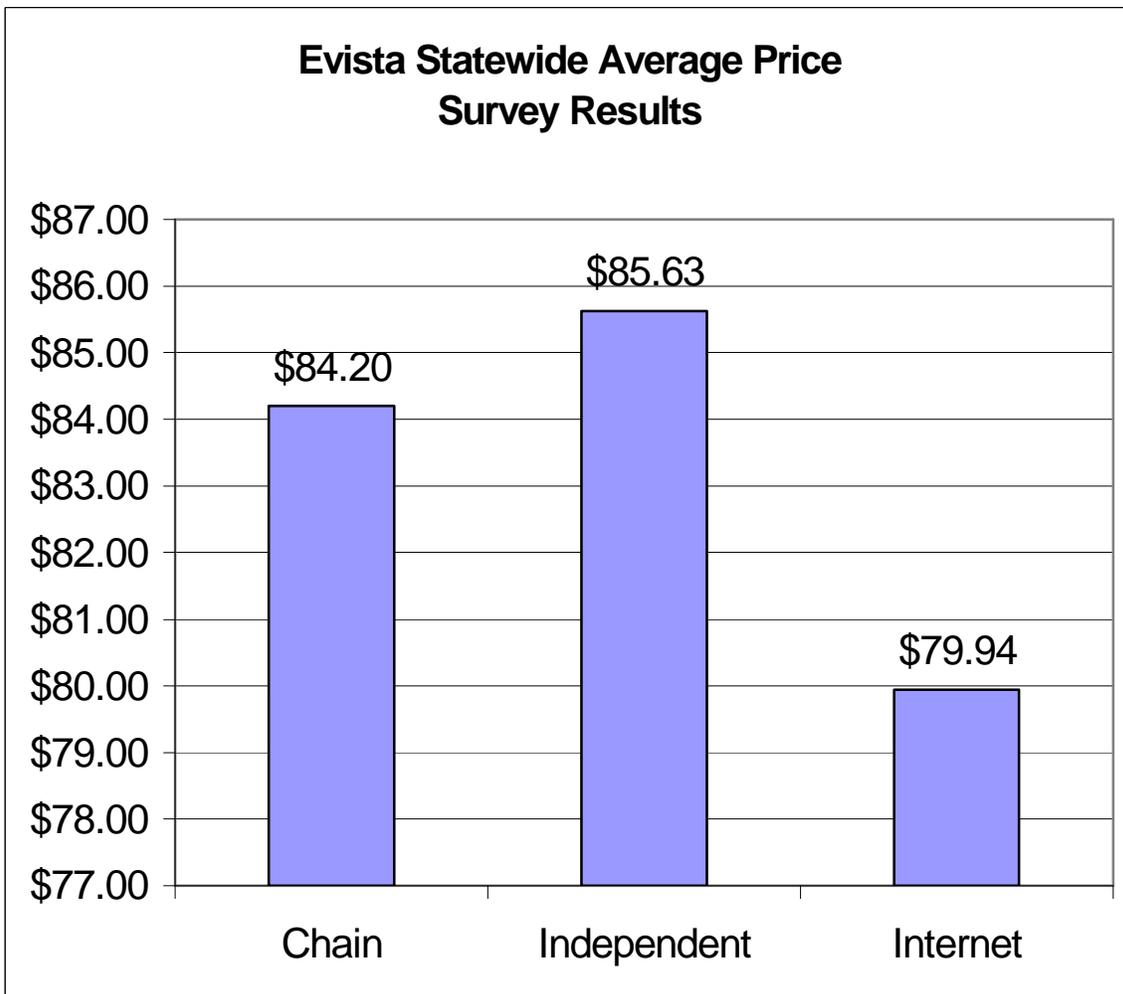
Schedule # 2-2 (COZAAR)

COZAAR	
50 milligram tablet	
Instate High Price - Windham County - Independent Pharmacy	\$63.16
Instate Low Price - Tolland County - Independent Pharmacy	\$45.99
Price Difference between Instate High and Instate Low	\$17.17
Lowest Internet Price	\$38.85



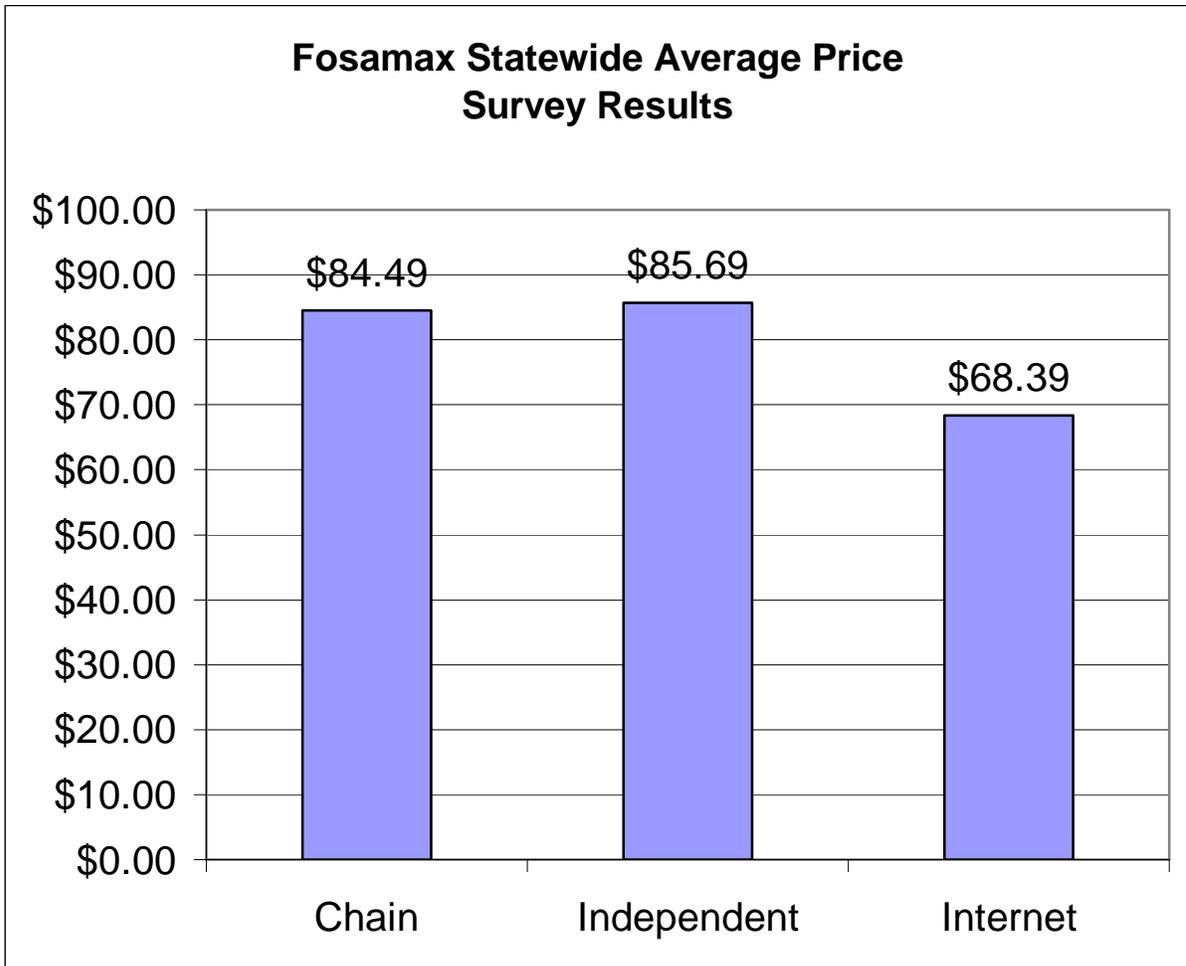
Schedule # 2-3 (EVISTA)

EVISTA	
60 milligram tablet	
Instate High Price - Middlesex County - Independent Pharmacy	\$94.90
Instate Low Price - New London County - Chain Pharmacy	\$75.59
Price Difference between Instate High and Instate Low	\$19.31
Lowest Internet Price	\$65.87



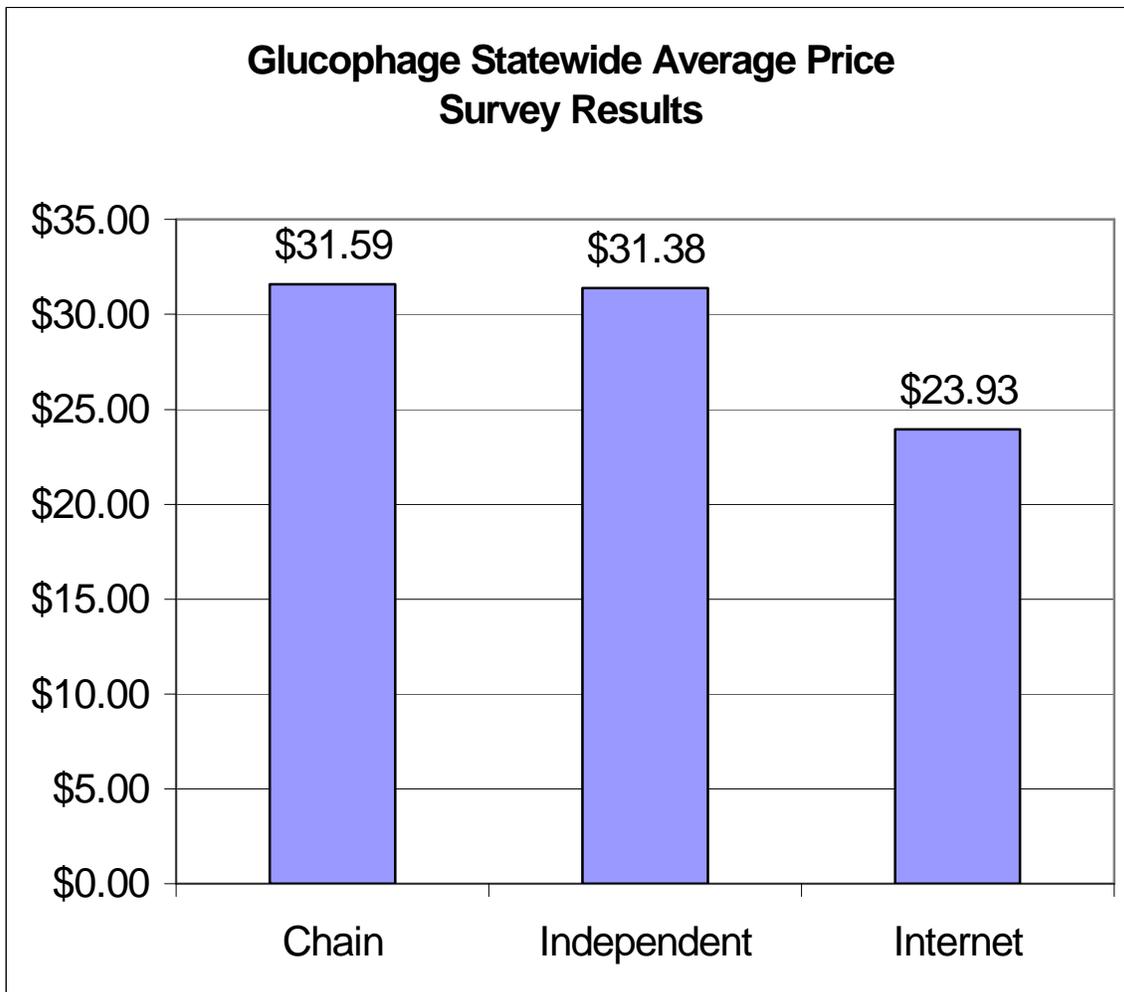
Schedule # 2-4 (FOSAMAX)

FOSAMAX	
10 milligram tablet	
Instate High Price - Fairfield County - Independent Pharmacy	\$101.90
Instate Low Price - Middlesex County - Independent Pharmacy	\$64.75
Price Difference between Instate High and Instate Low	\$37.15
Lowest Internet Price	\$64.87



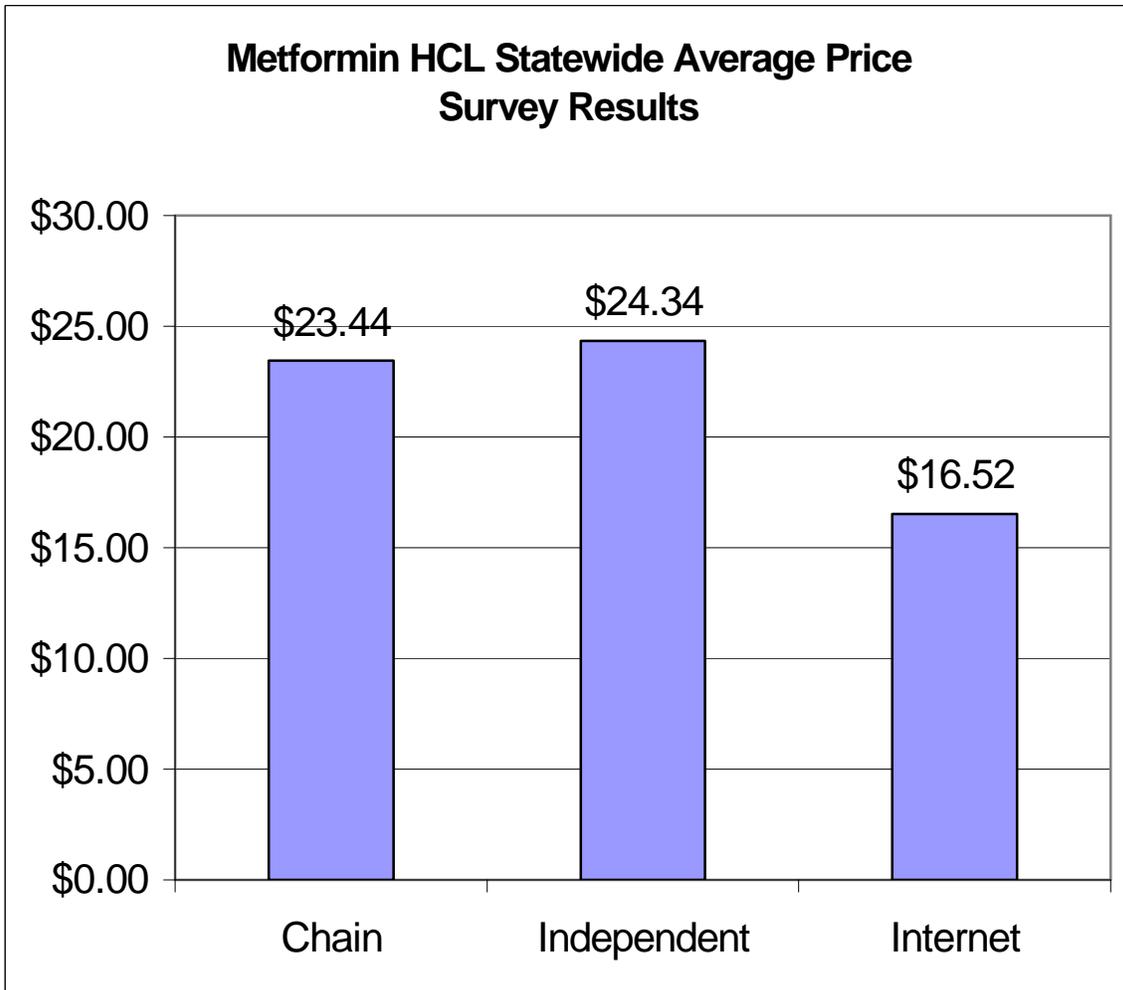
Schedule # 2-5 (GLUCOPHAGE)

GLUCOPHAGE	
500 milligram tablet	
Instate High Price - New Haven County - Independent Pharmacy	\$40.16
Instate Low Price - New Haven County - Independent Pharmacy	\$24.35
Price Difference between Instate High and Instate Low	\$15.81
Lowest Internet Price	\$22.87



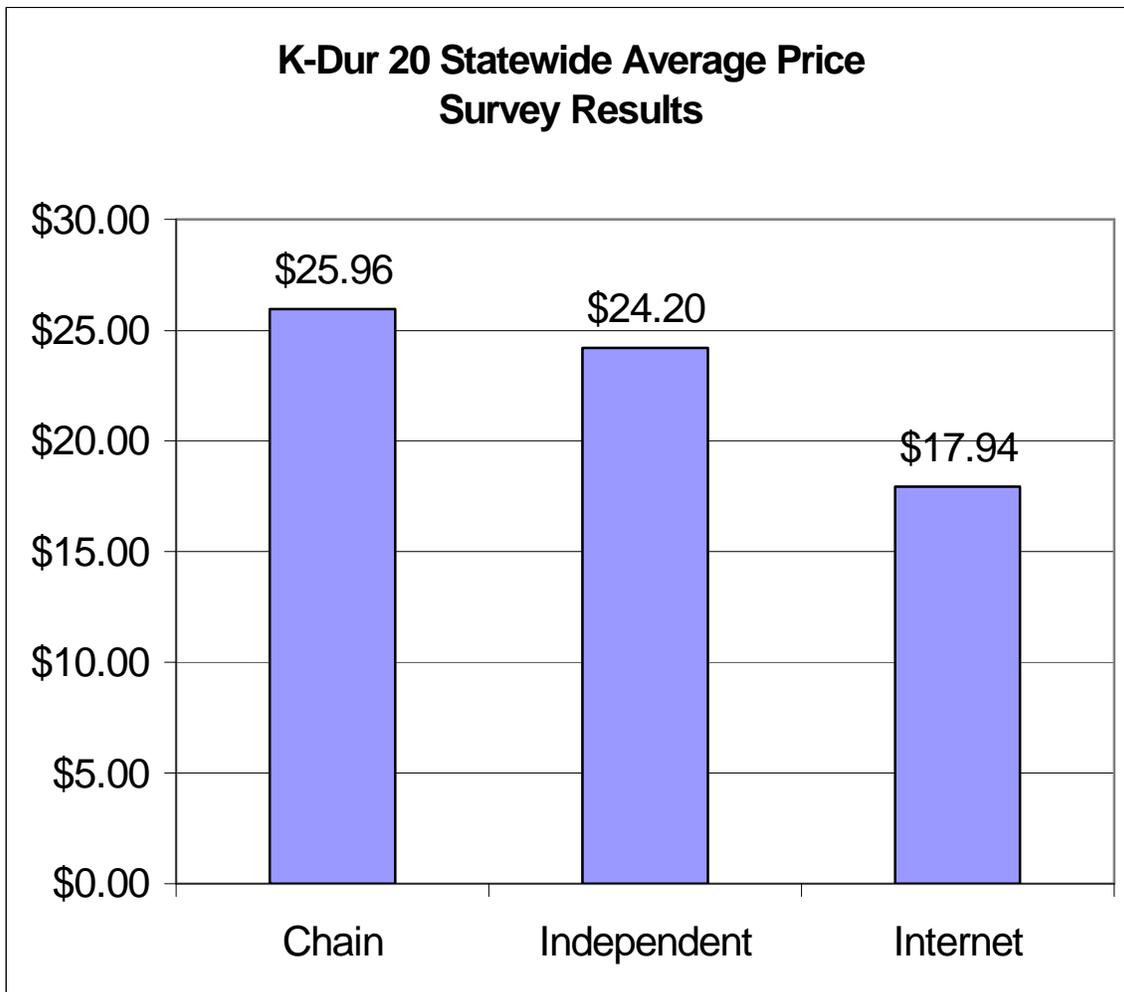
Schedule # 2-6 (METFORMIN HCL)

METFORMIN HCL (Generic equivalent of Glucophage) 500 milligram tablet	
Instate High Price - New Haven County - Independent Pharmacy	\$36.32
Instate Low Price - New Haven County - Independent Pharmacy	\$12.68
Price Difference between Instate High and Instate Low	\$23.64
Lowest Internet Price	\$12.87



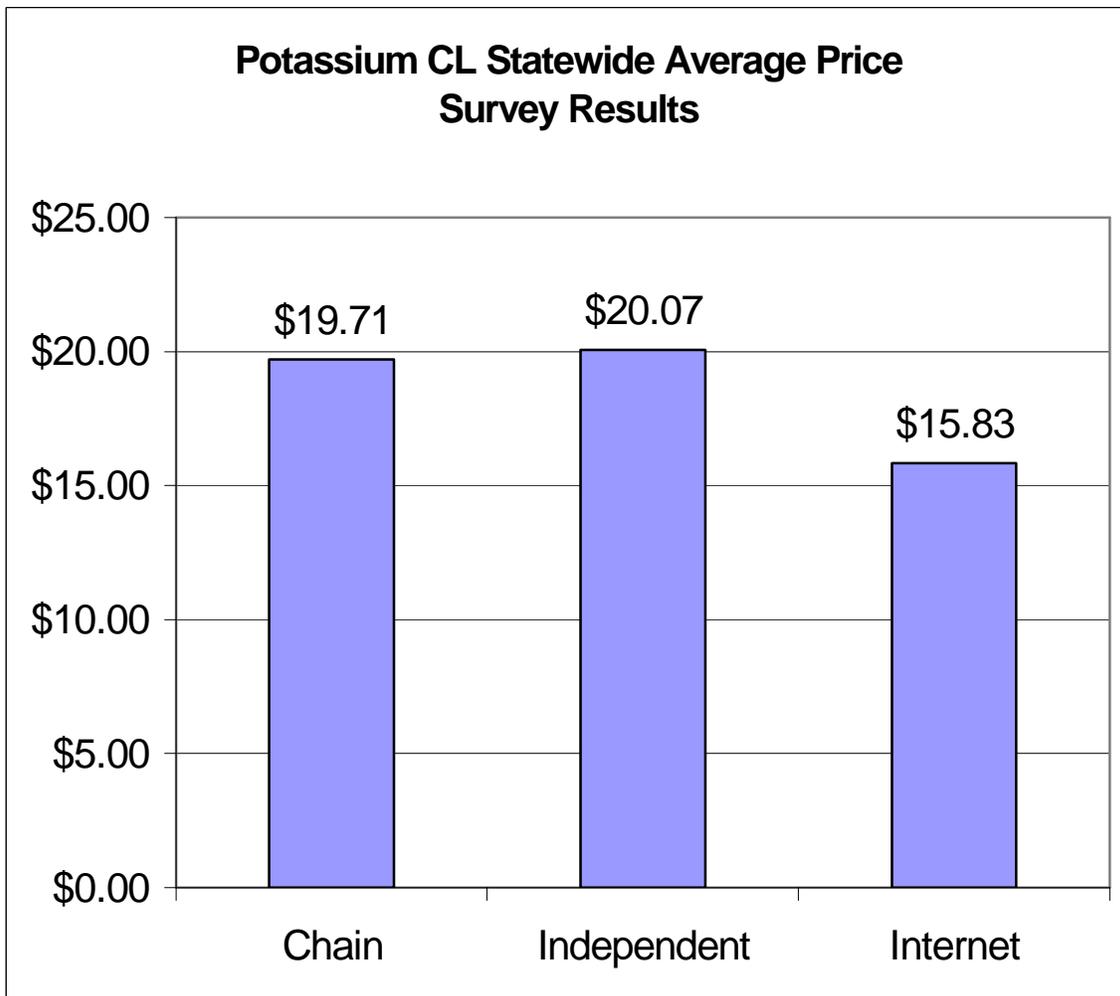
Schedule # 2-7 (K-DUR 20)

K-DUR 20	
20 meq. Tablet	
Instate High Price - Hartford County - Chain Pharmacy	\$35.69
Instate Low Price - Tolland County - Independent Pharmacy	\$17.95
Price Difference between Instate High and Instate Low	\$17.74
Lowest Internet Price	\$16.87



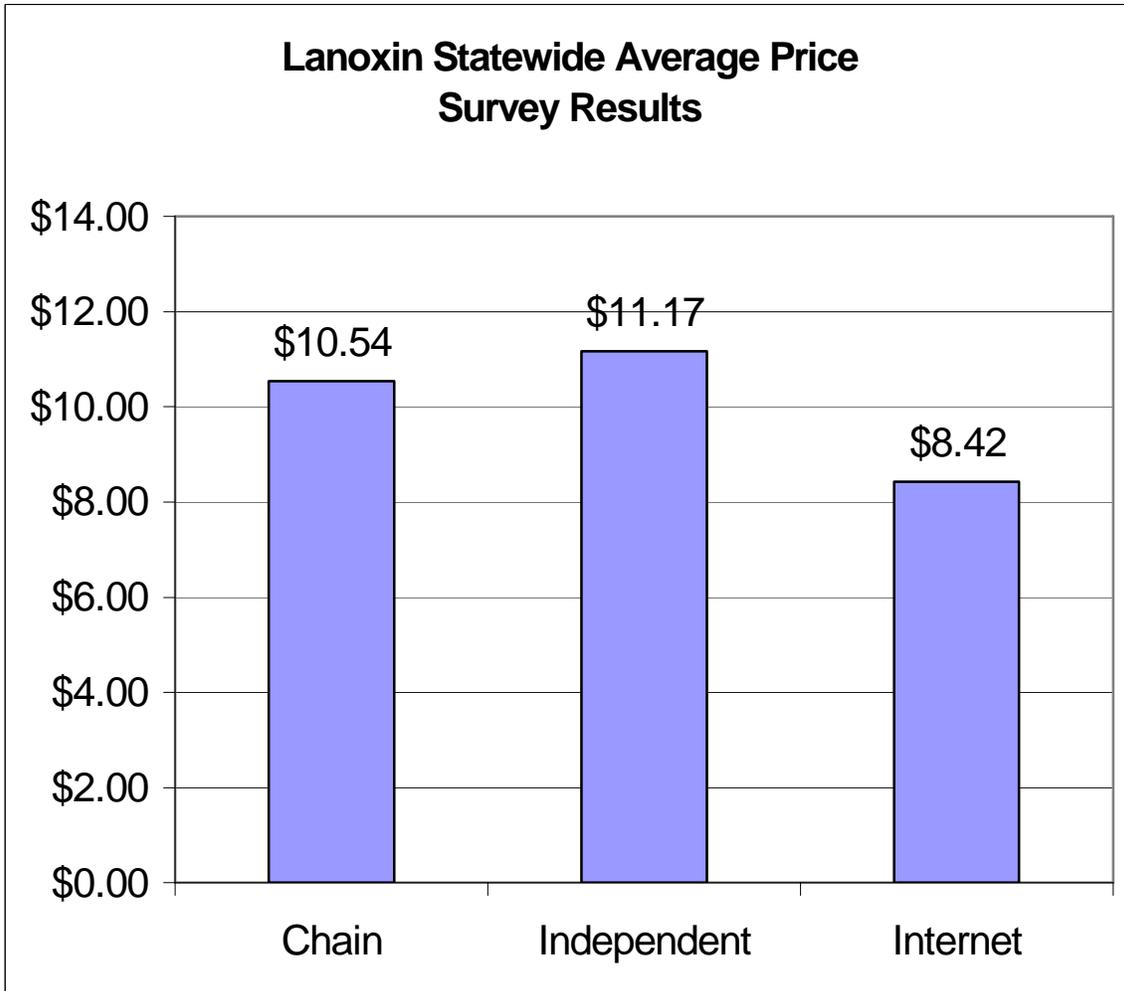
Schedule # 2-8 (POTASSIUM CL)

POTASSIUM CL (Generic equivalent of K-Dur 20)	
20 meq. Tablet	
Instate High Price - New Haven County - Independent Pharmacy	\$28.77
Instate Low Price - Tolland County - Independent Pharmacy	\$15.15
Price Difference between Instate High and Instate Low	\$13.62
Lowest Internet Price	\$14.79



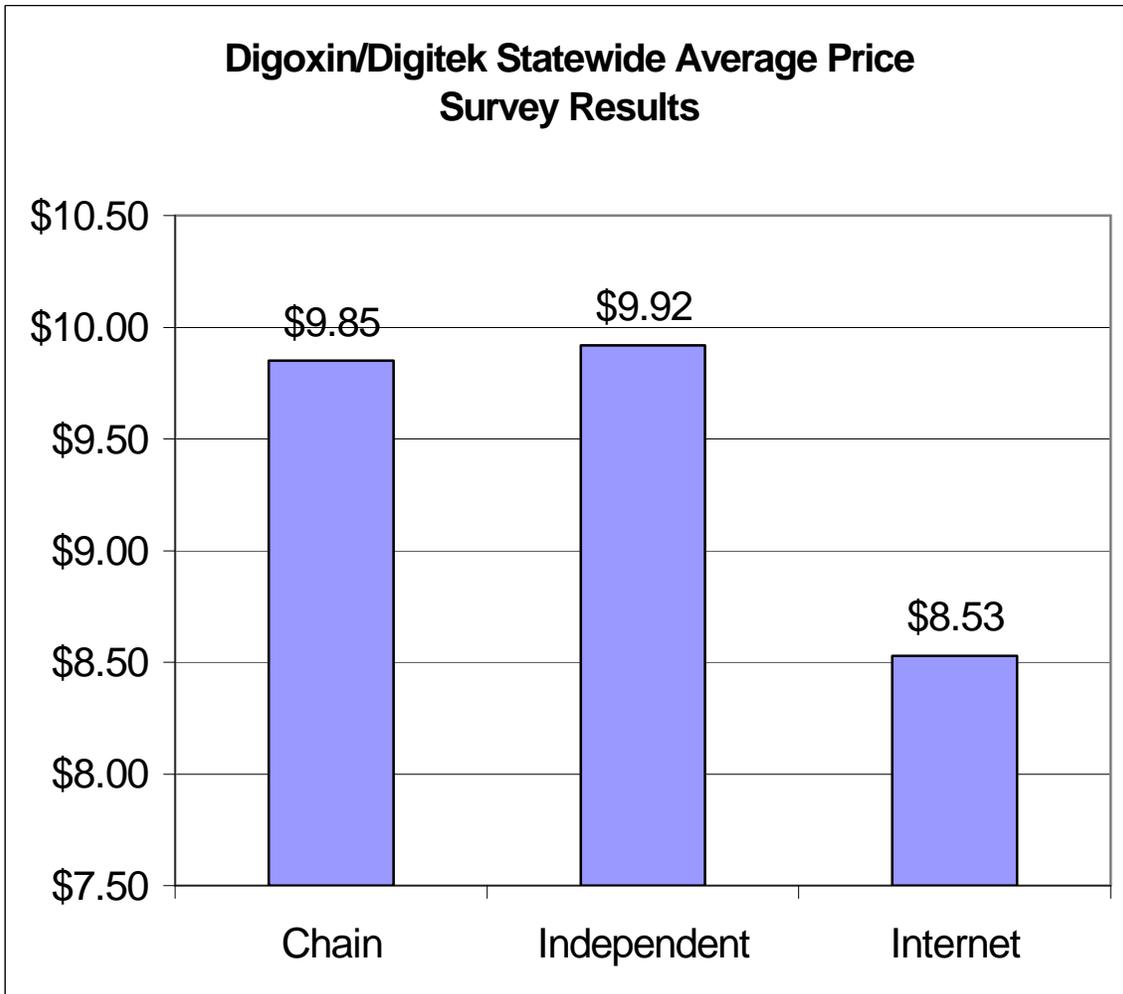
Schedule # 2-9 (LANOXIN)

LANOXIN	
0.125 mg Tablet	
Instate High Price - New Haven County - Independent Pharmacy	\$18.90
Instate Low Price - Middlesex County - Independent Pharmacy	\$6.54
Price Difference between Instate High and Instate Low	\$12.36
Lowest Internet Price	\$6.87



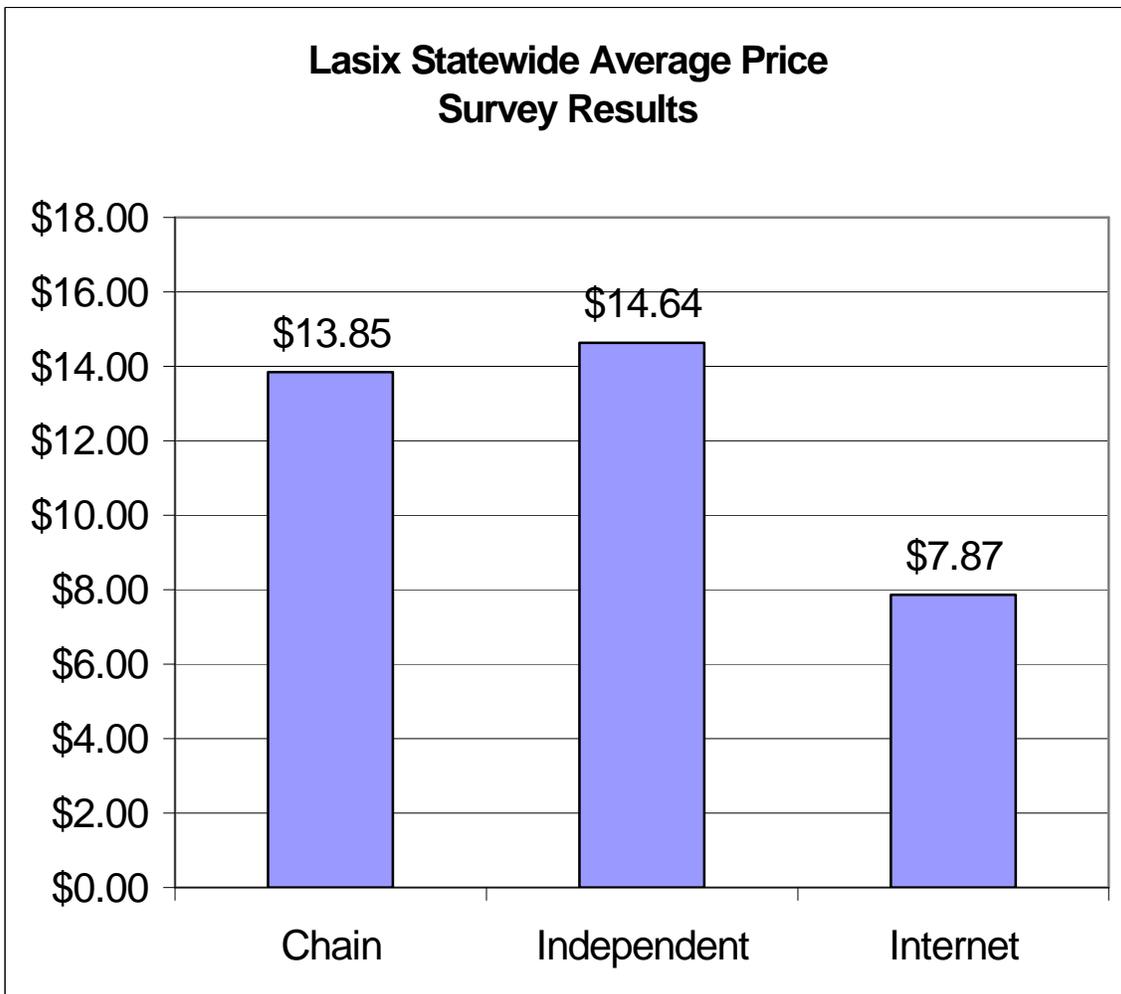
Schedule # 2-10 (DIGOXIN/DIGITEK)

DIGOXIN/DIGITEK (Generic equivalent of Lanoxin)	
0.125 mg Tablet	
Instate High Price - Fairfield County - Independent Pharmacy	\$13.90
Instate Low Price - Litchfield County - Independent Pharmacy	\$4.75
Price Difference between Instate High and Instate Low	\$9.15
Lowest Internet Price	\$7.60



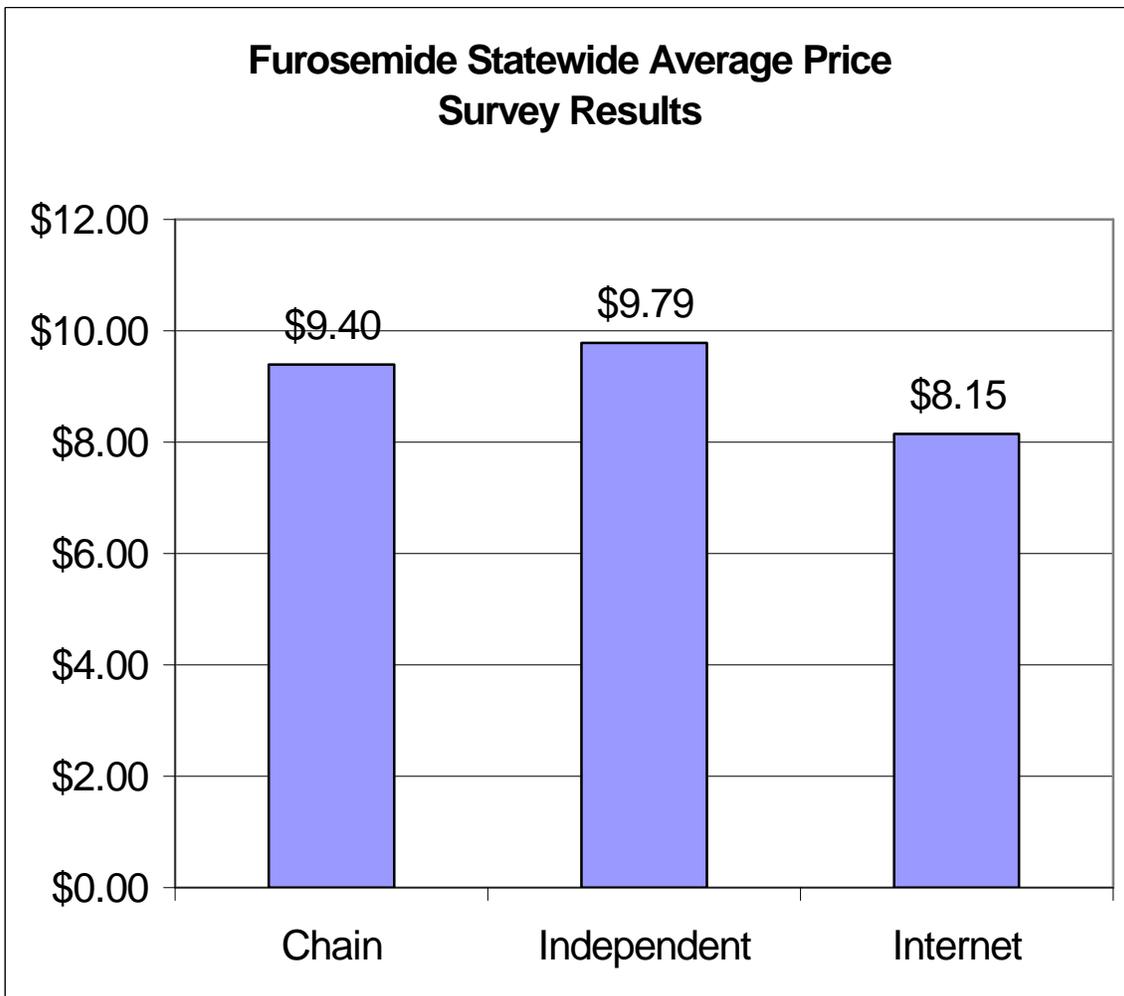
Schedule # 2-11 (LASIX)

LASIX	
40 milligram tablet	
Instate High Price - New Haven County - Independent Pharmacy	\$22.26
Instate Low Price - Hartford County - Independent Pharmacy	\$10.30
Price Difference between Instate High and Instate Low	\$11.96
Lowest Internet Price	\$7.87



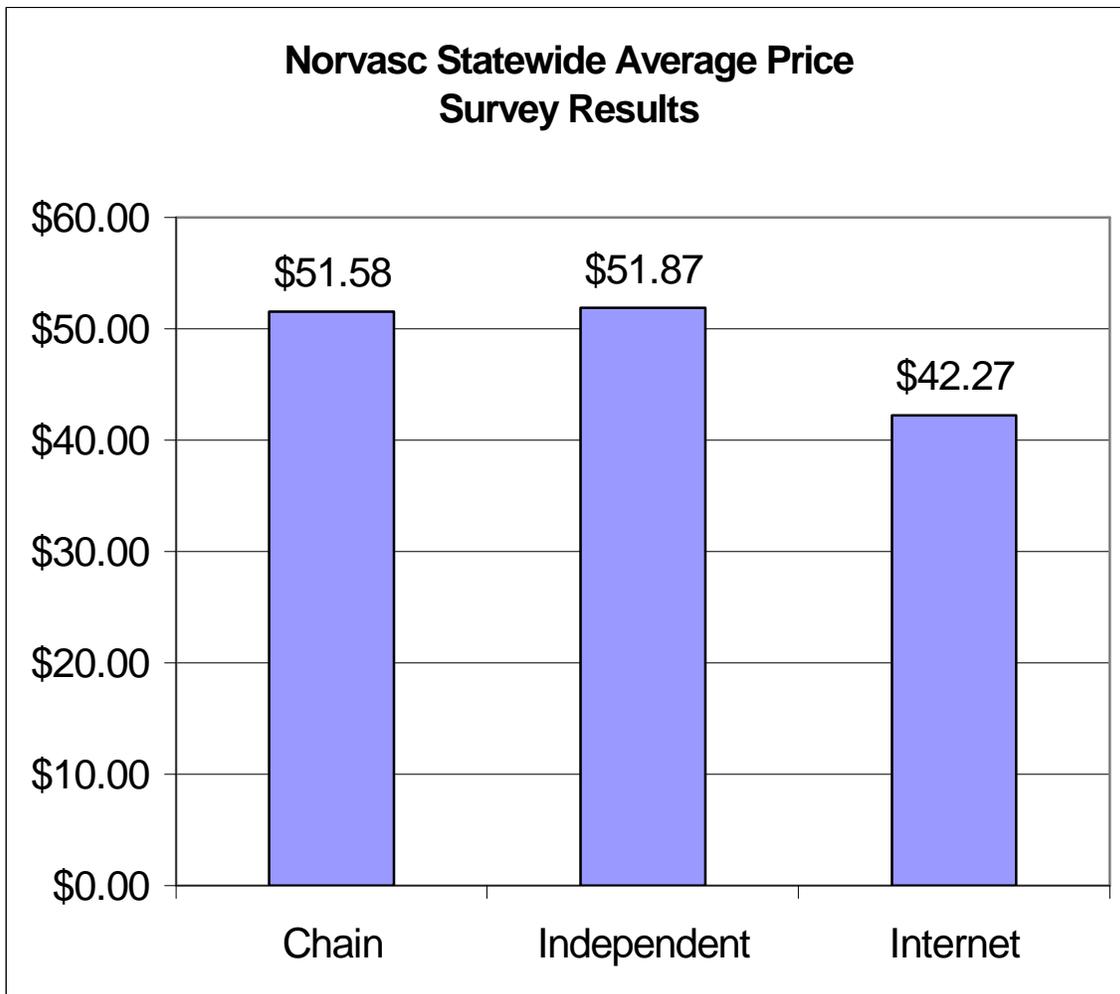
Schedule # 2-12 (FUROSEMIDE)

FUROSEMIDE (Generic equivalent of Lasix)	
40 milligram tablet	
Instate High Price - New Haven County - Independent Pharmacy	\$17.55
Instate Low Price - Middlesex County - Independent Pharmacy	\$5.55
Price Difference between Instate High and Instate Low	\$12.00
Lowest Internet Price	\$6.87



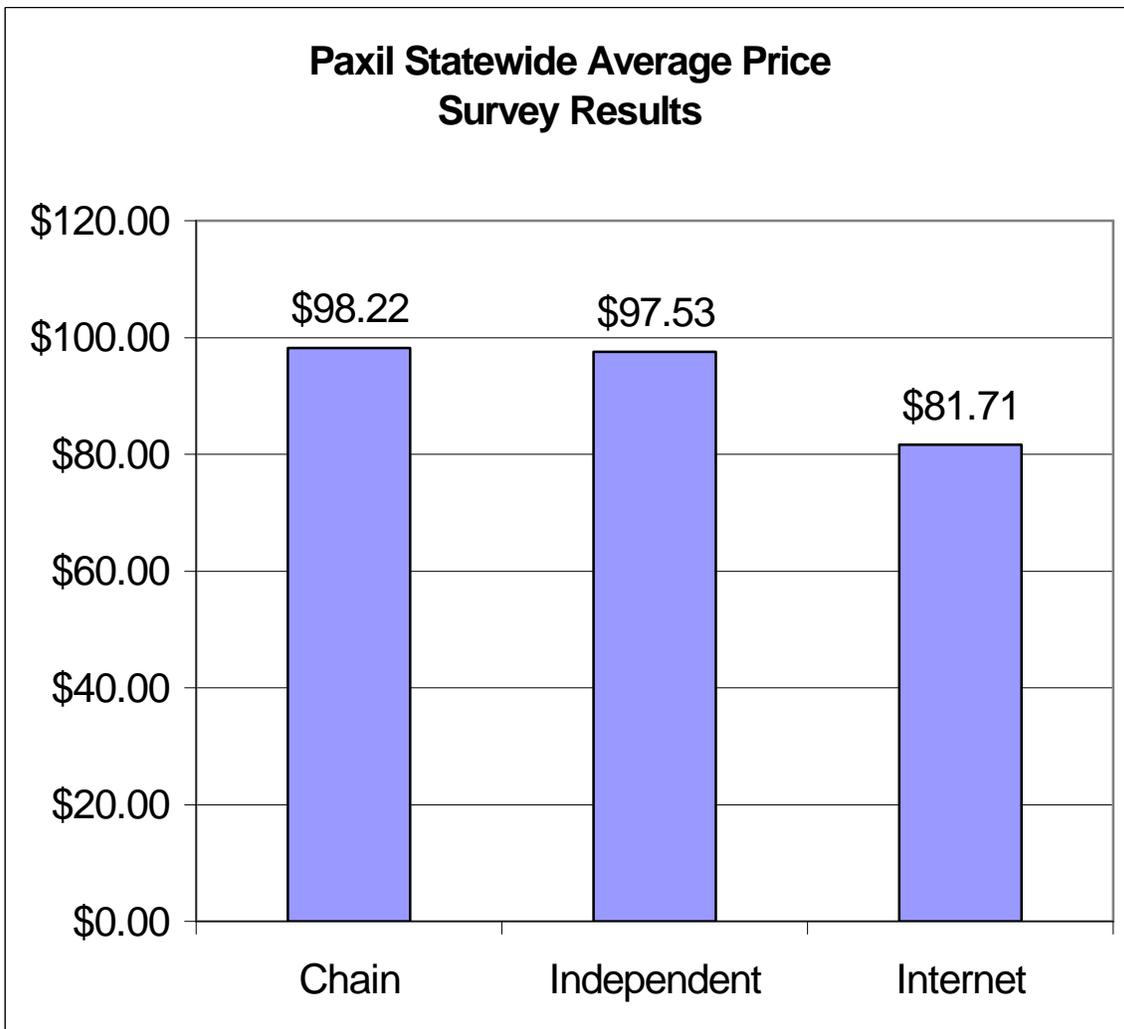
Schedule # 2-14 (NORVASC)

NORVASC	
5 milligram tablet	
Instate High Price - Litchfield County - Independent Pharmacy	\$59.40
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Price Difference between Instate High and Instate Low	\$17.06
Lowest Internet Price	\$38.97



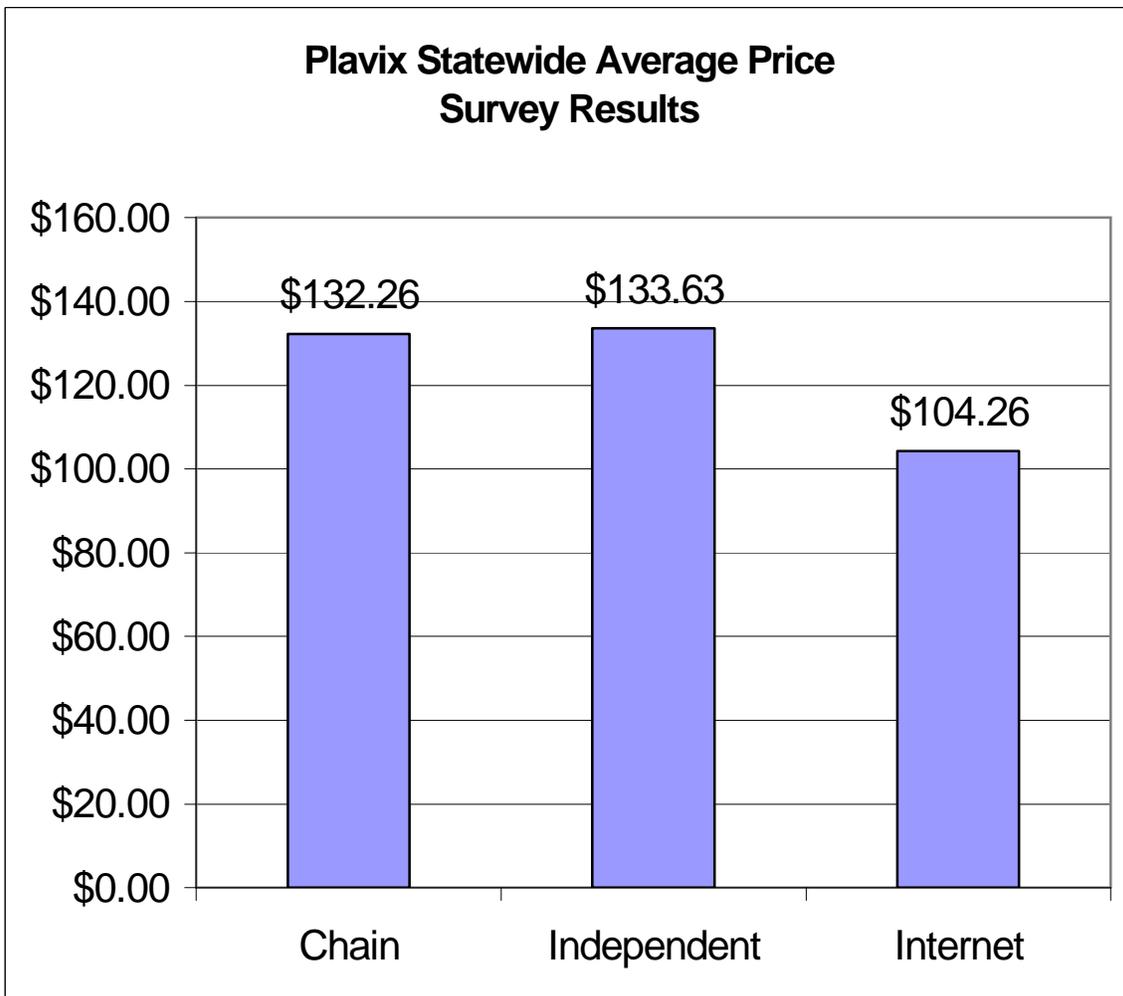
Schedule # 2-15 (PAXIL)

PAXIL	
20 milligram tablet	
Instate High Price - Tolland County - Chain Pharmacy	\$109.29
Instate Low Price - Litchfield County - Independent Pharmacy	\$86.25
Price Difference between Instate High and Instate Low	\$23.04
Lowest Internet Price	\$71.87



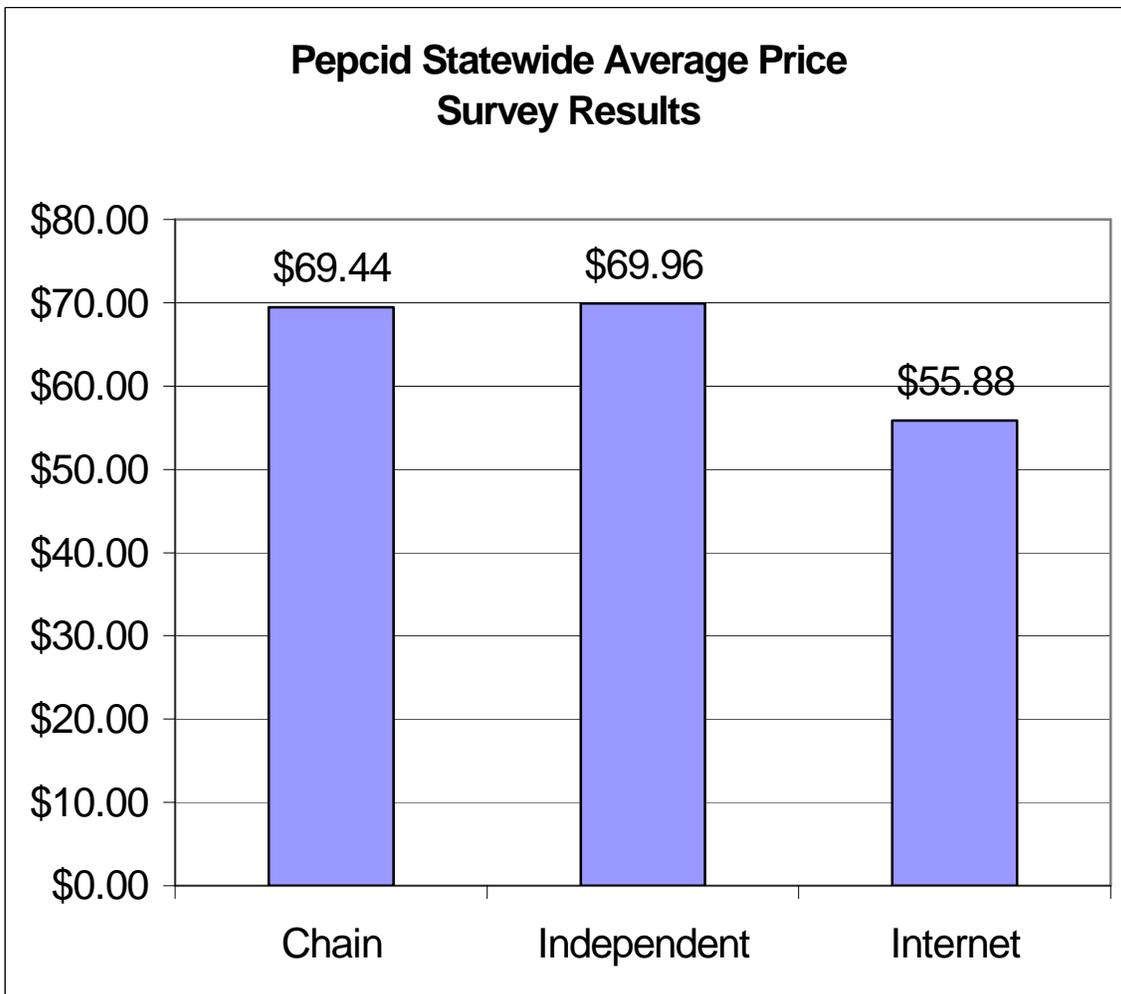
Schedule # 2-16 (PLAVIX)

PLAVIX	
75 milligram tablet	
Instate High Price - Tolland County - Chain Pharmacy	\$163.29
Middlesex County - Chain Pharmacy	
Instate Low Price - Litchfield County - Independent Pharmacy	\$117.37
Price Difference between Instate High and Instate Low	\$45.92
Lowest Internet Price	\$99.87



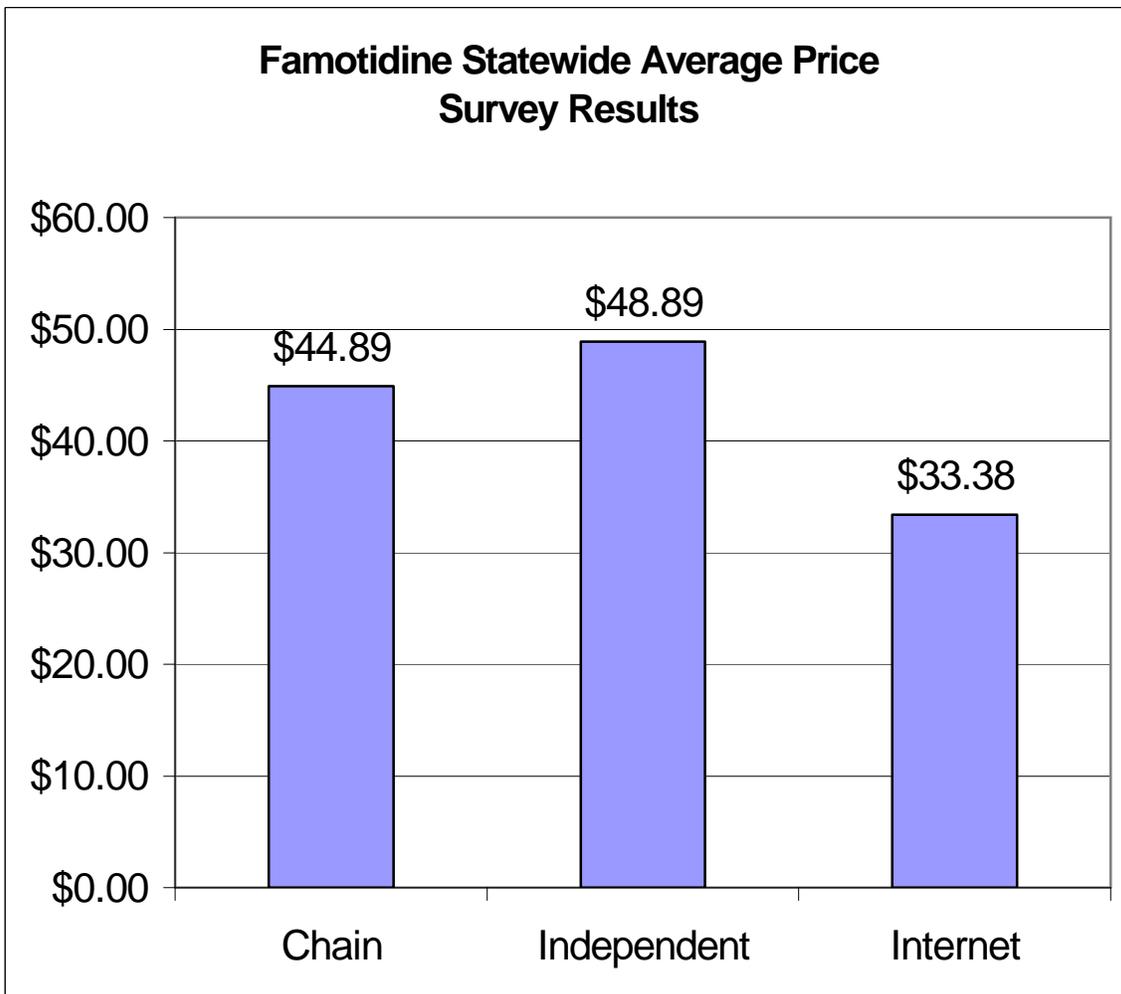
Schedule # 2-17 (PEPCID)

PEPCID	
20 milligram tablet	
Instate High Price - Tolland County - Independent Pharmacy	\$81.99
Instate Low Price - Middlesex County - Independent Pharmacy	\$54.45
Price Difference between Instate High and Instate Low	\$27.54
Lowest Internet Price	\$55.72



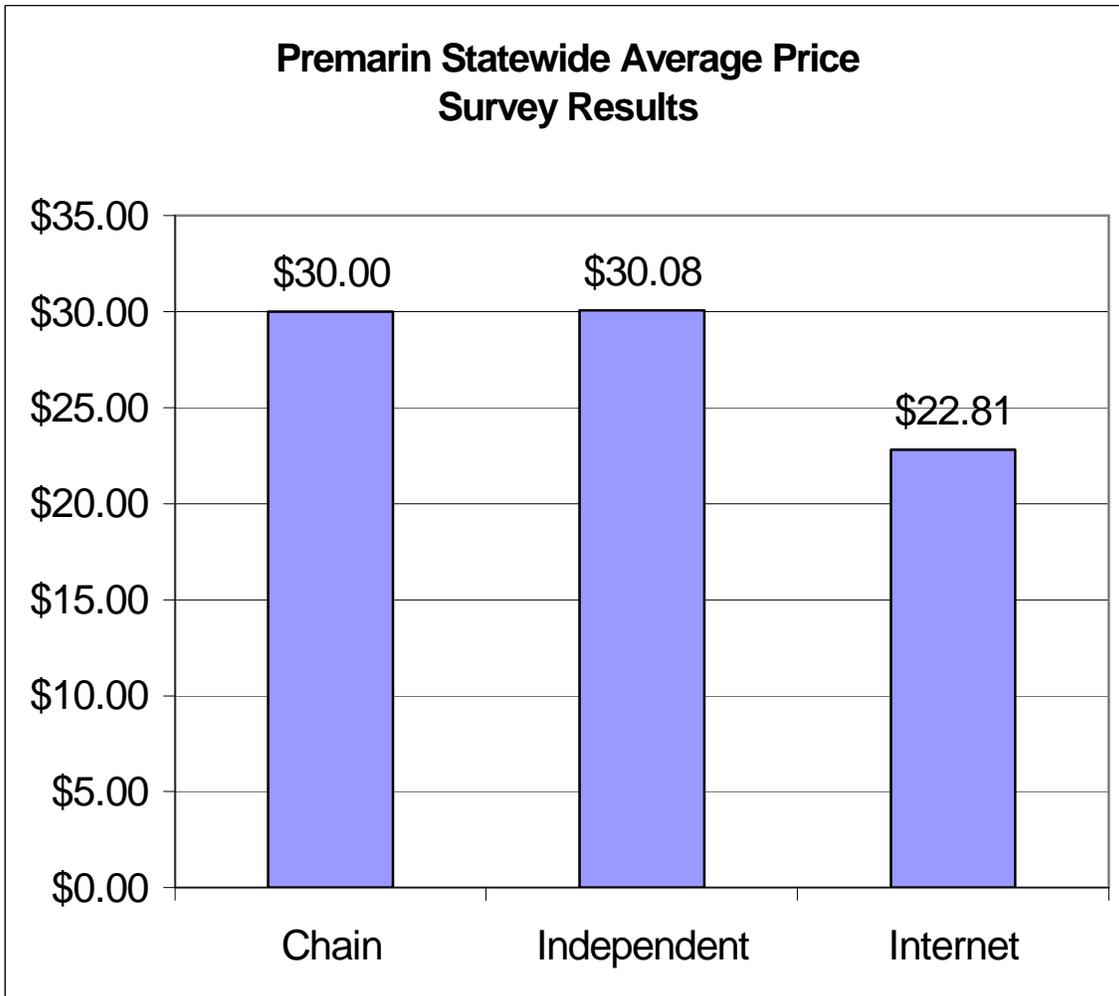
Schedule # 2-18 (FAMOTIDINE)

FAMOTIDINE (Generic equivalent of Pepcid)	
20 milligram tablet	
Instate High Price - New Haven County - Independent Pharmacy	\$69.58
Instate Low Price - Litchfield County - Independent Pharmacy	\$8.95
Price Difference between Instate High and Instate Low	\$60.63
Lowest Internet Price	\$29.87



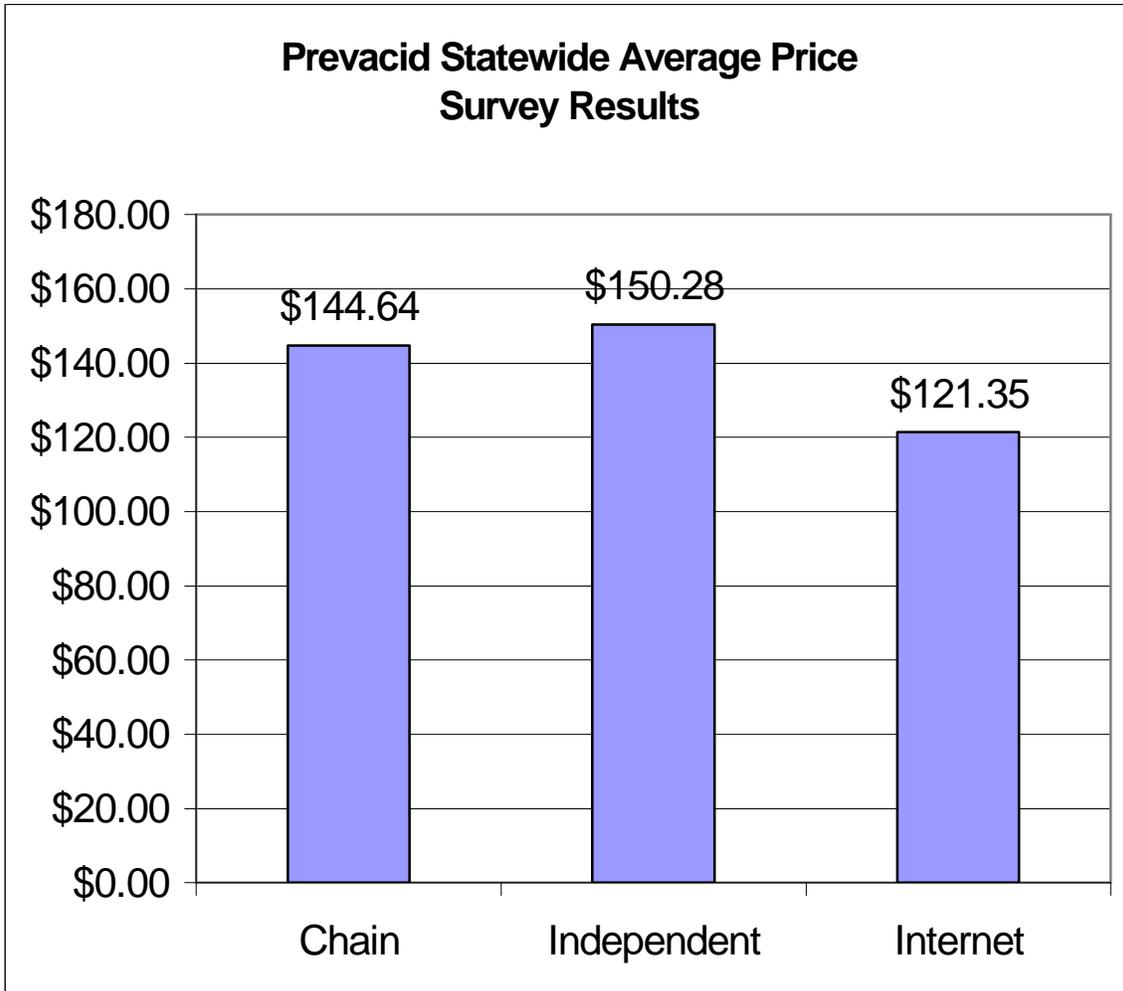
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PREMARIN	
0.625 milligram tablet	
Instate High Price - New Haven County - Independent Pharmacy	\$40.41
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Price Difference between Instate High and Instate Low	\$18.81
Lowest Internet Price	\$20.87



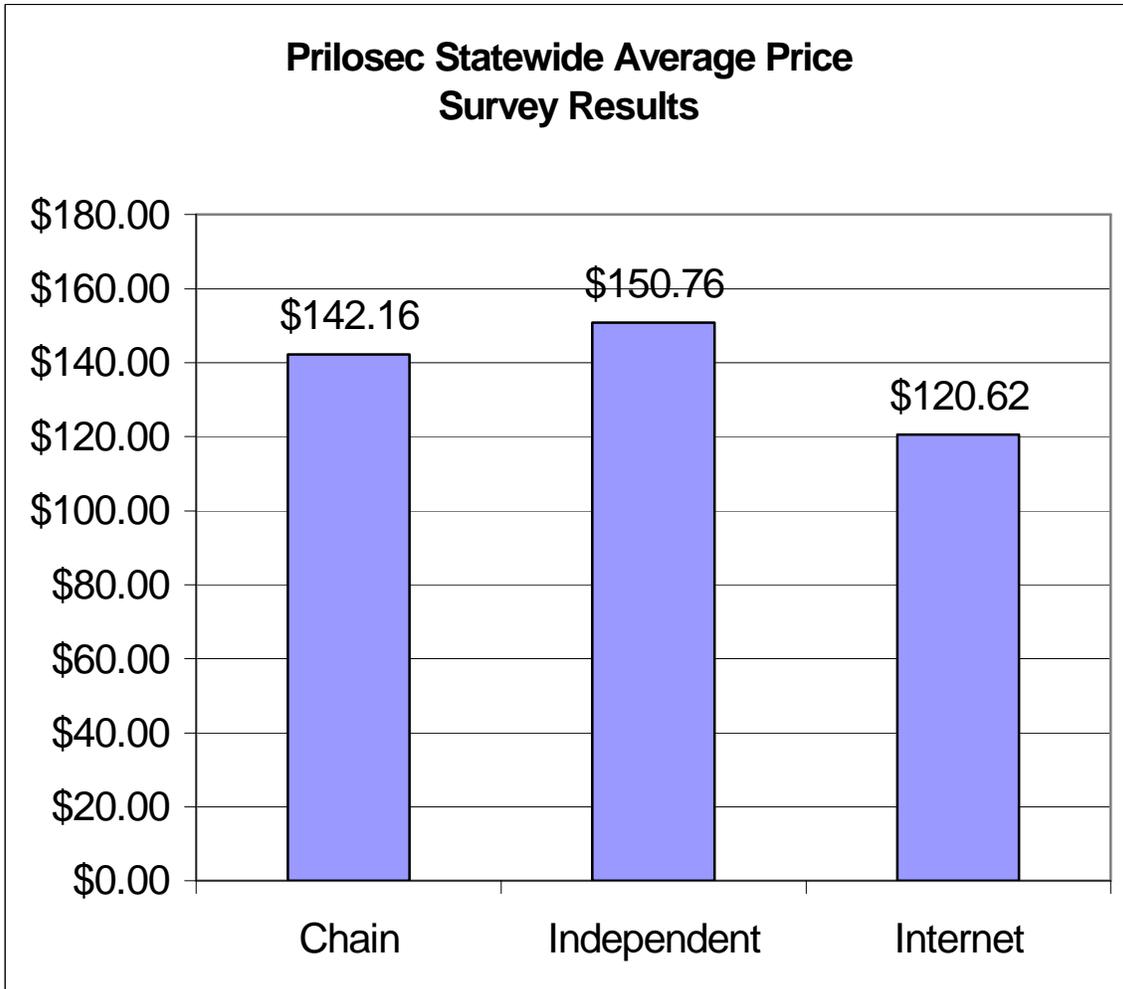
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PREVACID	
30 milligram capsule	
Instate High Price - Windham County - Independent Pharmacy	\$170.44
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Price Difference between Instate High and Instate Low	\$44.45
Lowest Internet Price	\$112.87



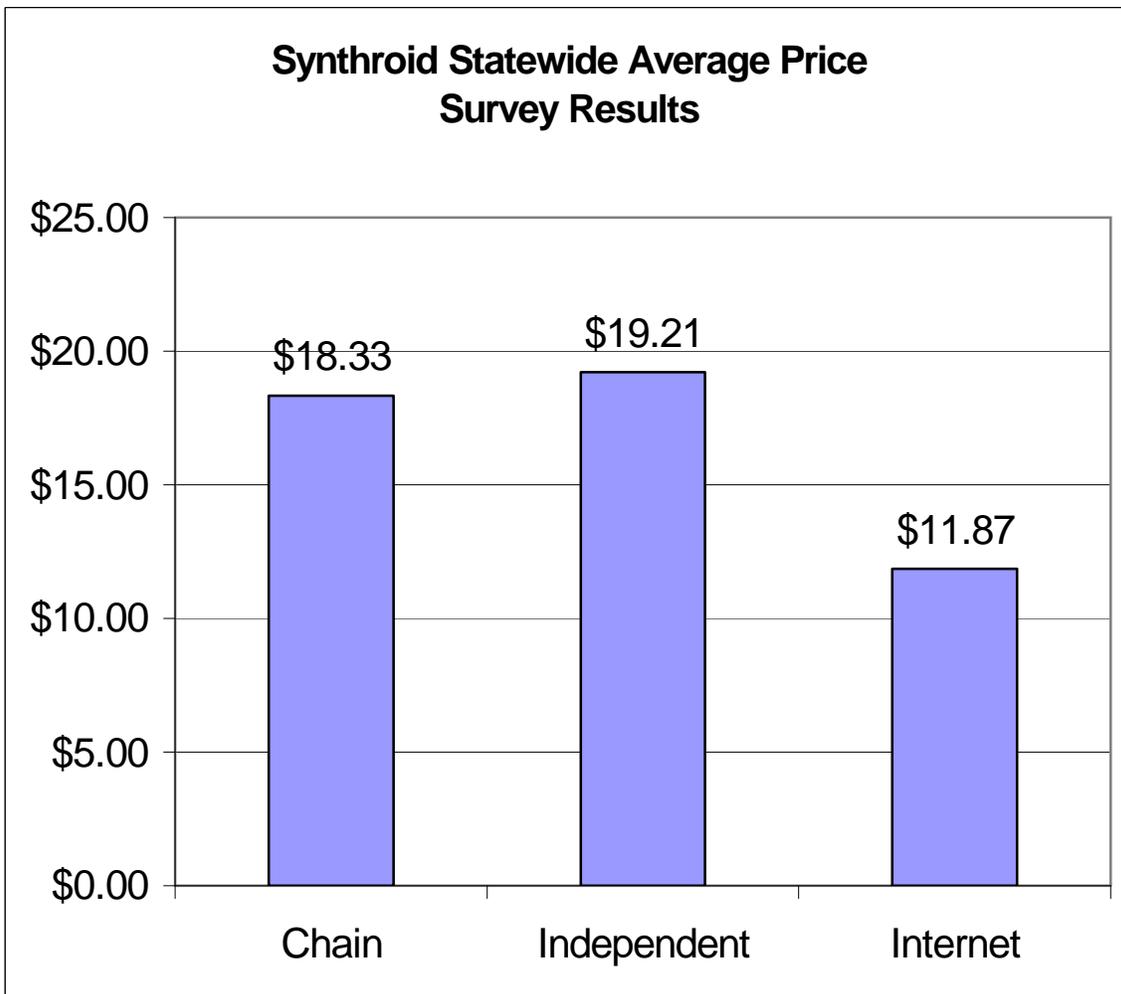
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PRILOSEC	
20 milligram capsule	
Instate High Price - Windham County - Independent Pharmacy	\$176.88
Instate Low Price - Middlesex County - Independent Pharmacy	\$122.50
Price Difference between Instate High and Instate Low	\$54.38
Lowest Internet Price	\$114.87



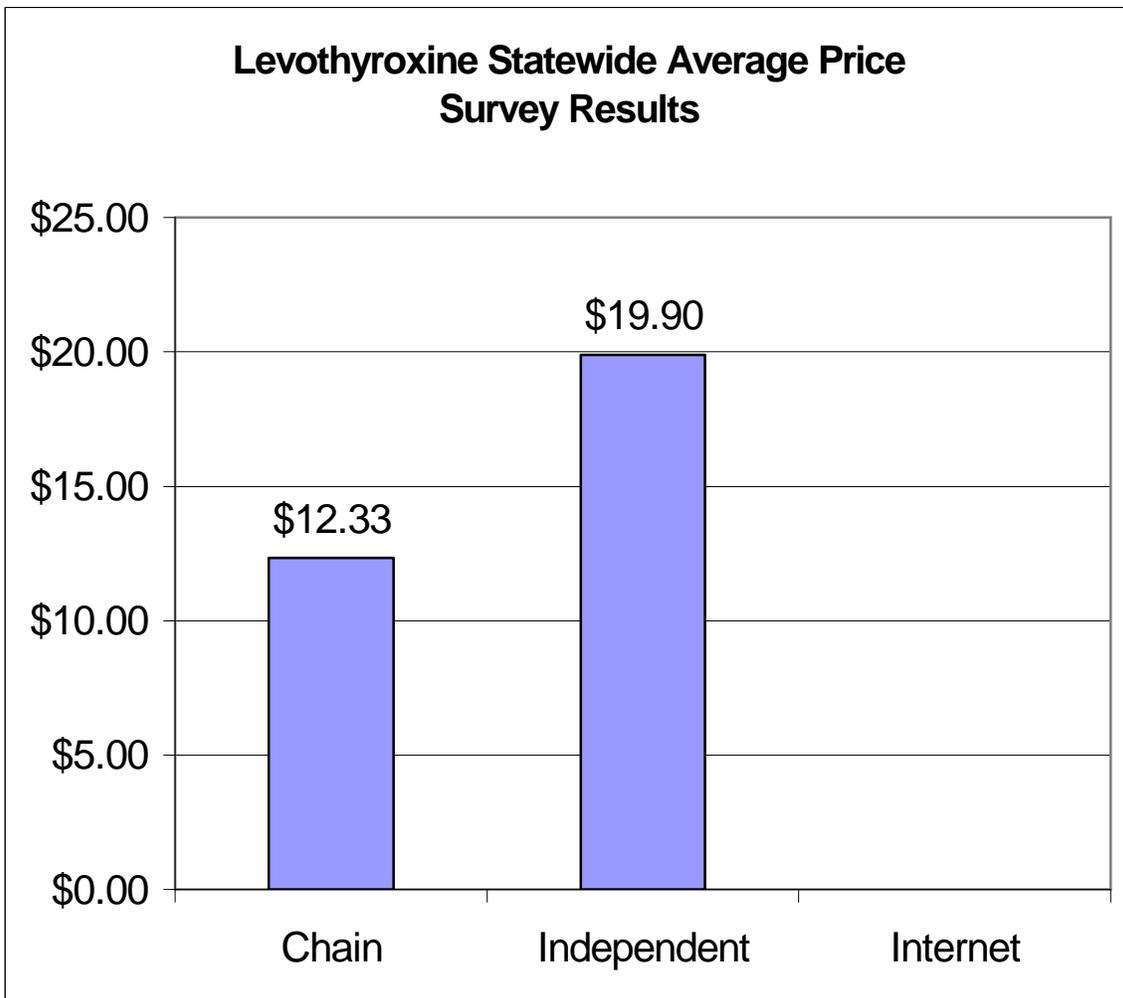
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SYNTHROID	
0.1 milligram tablet	
Instate High Price - New Haven County - Independent Pharmacy	\$44.65
Instate Low Price - Middlesex County - Independent Pharmacy	\$13.50
Price Difference between Instate High and Instate Low	\$31.15
Lowest Internet Price	\$9.87



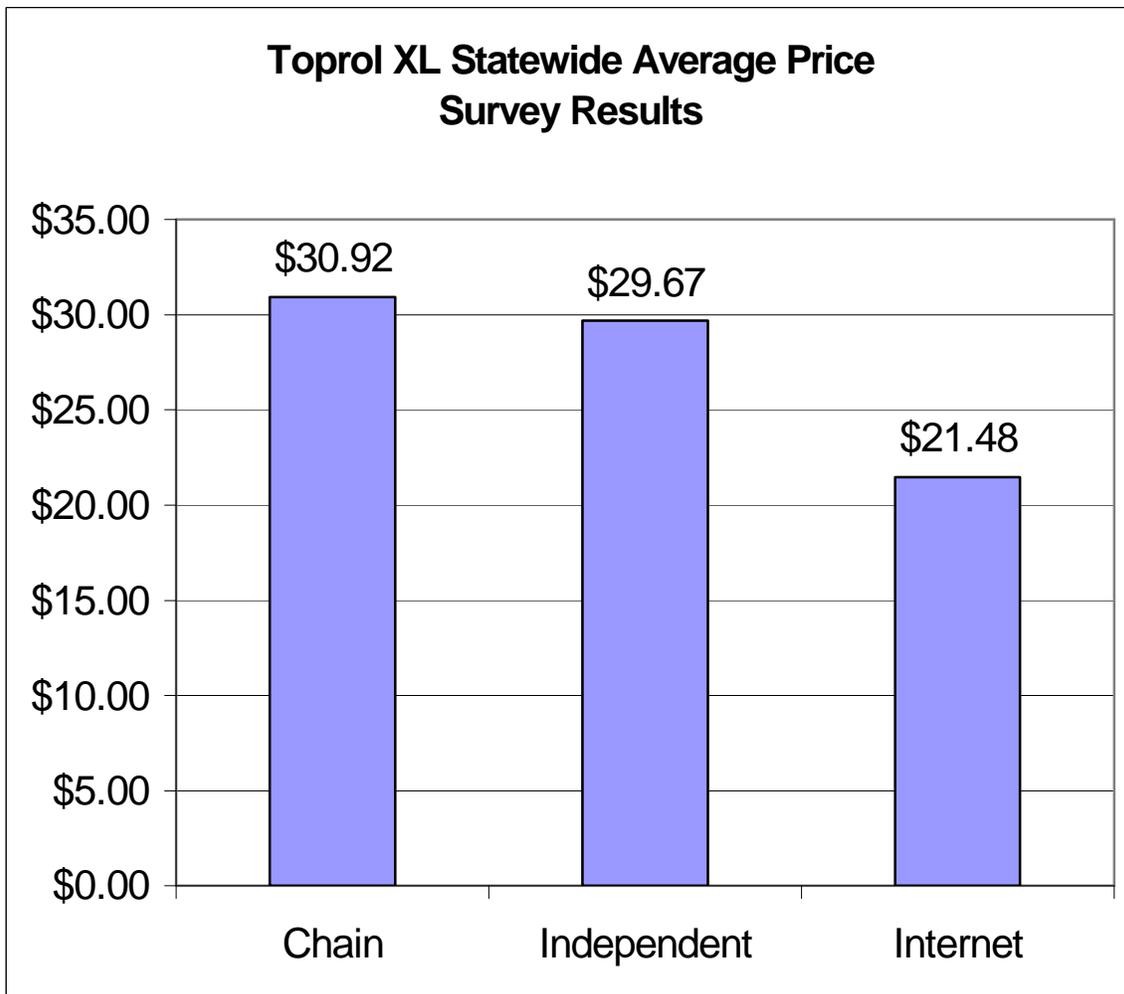
Schedule # 2-23 (LEVOTHYROXINE)

LEVOTHYROXINE (Generic equivalent of Synthroid)	
0.1 milligram tablet	
Instate High Price - New Haven County - Independent Pharmacy	\$108.28
Instate Low Price - Middlesex County- Independent Pharmacy	\$5.64
Price Difference between Instate High and Instate Low	\$102.64
Lowest Internet Price	N/A



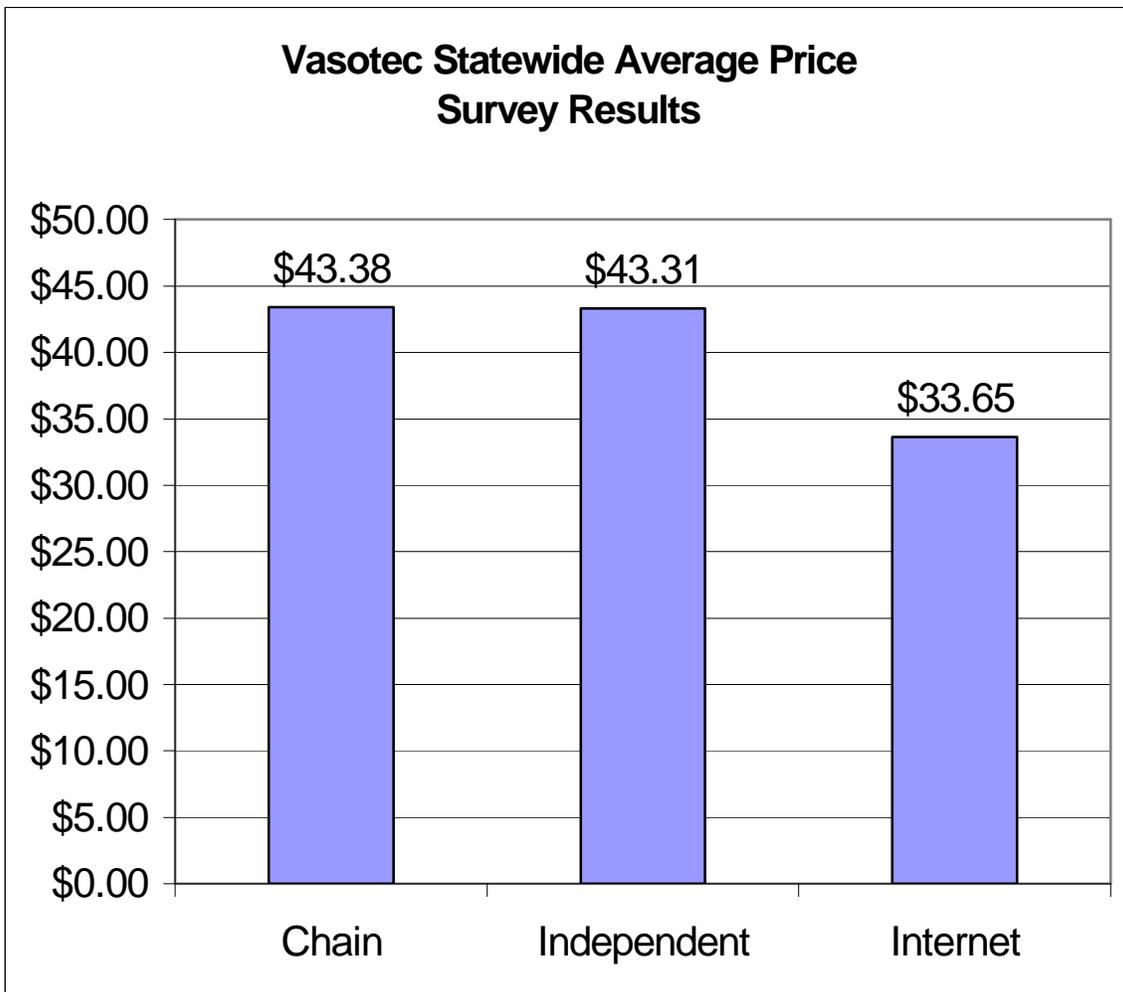
Schedule # 2-24 (TOPROL XL)

TOPROL XL 50 milligram tablet	
Instate High Price - New Haven County - Independent Pharmacy	\$37.10
Instate Low Price - Tolland County - Independent Pharmacy	\$23.99
Price Difference between Instate High and Instate Low	\$13.11
Lowest Internet Price	\$19.87



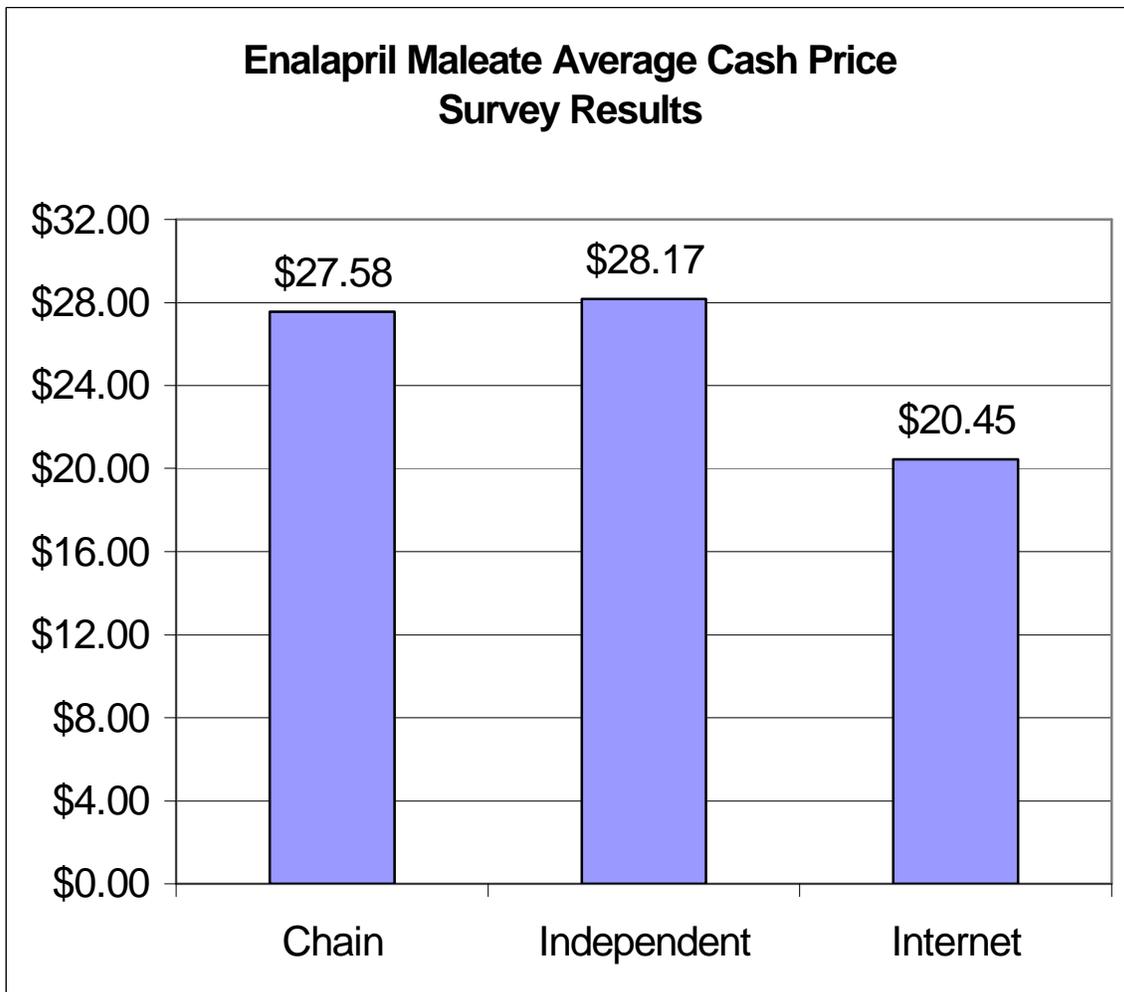
Schedule # 2-25 (VASOTEC)

VASOTEC	
5 milligram tablet	
Instate High Price - New Haven County - Independent Pharmacy	\$51.65
Instate Low Price - Middlesex County - Independent Pharmacy	\$34.41
Price Difference between Instate High and Instate Low	\$17.24
Lowest Internet Price	\$32.13



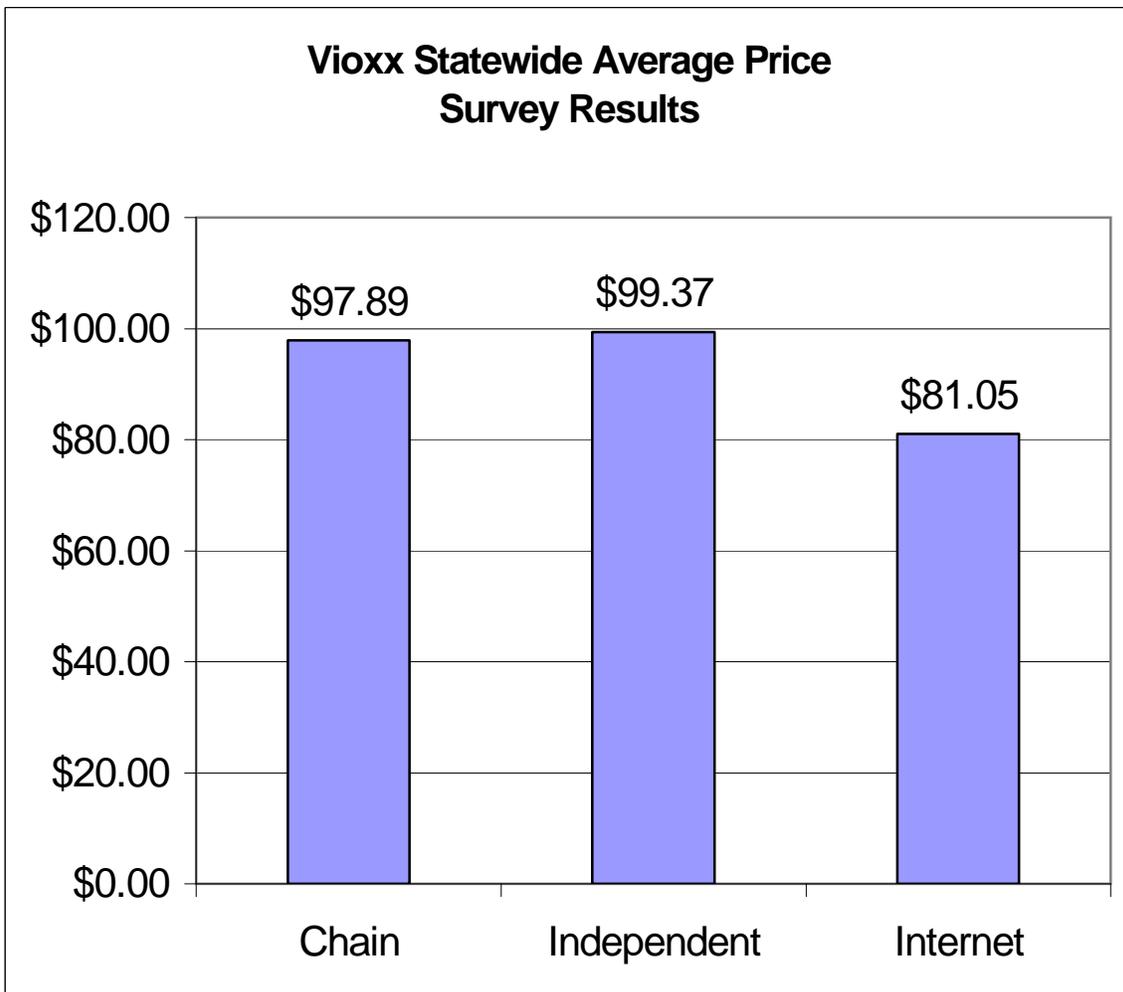
Schedule # 2-26 (ENALAPRIL MALEATE)

ENALAPRIL MALEATE (Generic equivalent of Vasotec)	
5 milligram tablet	
Instate High Price - New Haven County - Independent Pharmacy	\$46.49
Instate Low Price - Litchfield County - Independent Pharmacy	\$7.95
Price Difference between Instate High and Instate Low	\$38.54
Lowest Internet Price	\$16.87



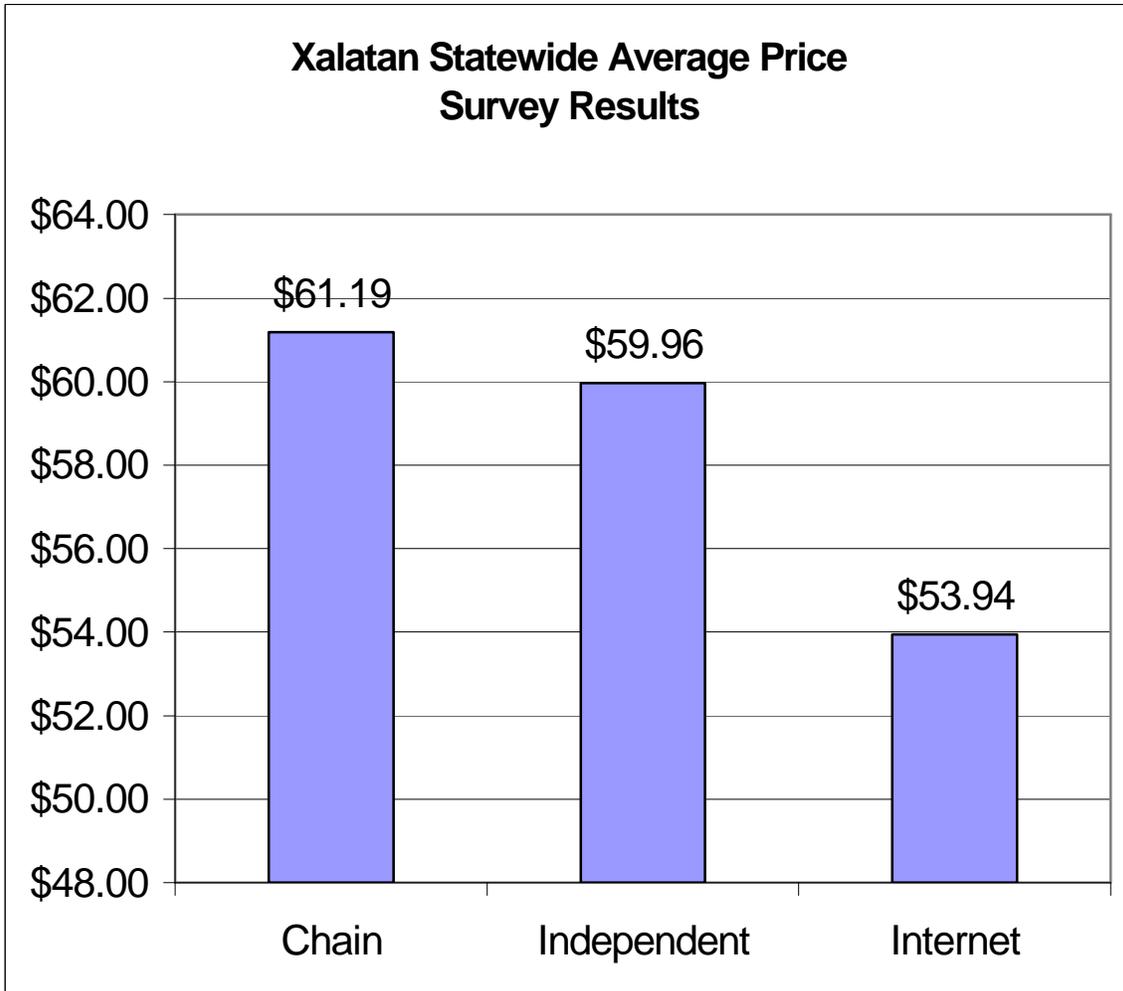
Schedule # 2-27 (VIOXX)

VIOXX	
25 milligram tablet	
Instate High Price - Tolland County - Independent County	\$113.99
Instate Low Price - Middlesex County - Independent Pharmacy	\$75.25
Price Difference between Instate High and Instate Low	\$38.74
Lowest Internet Price	\$70.87



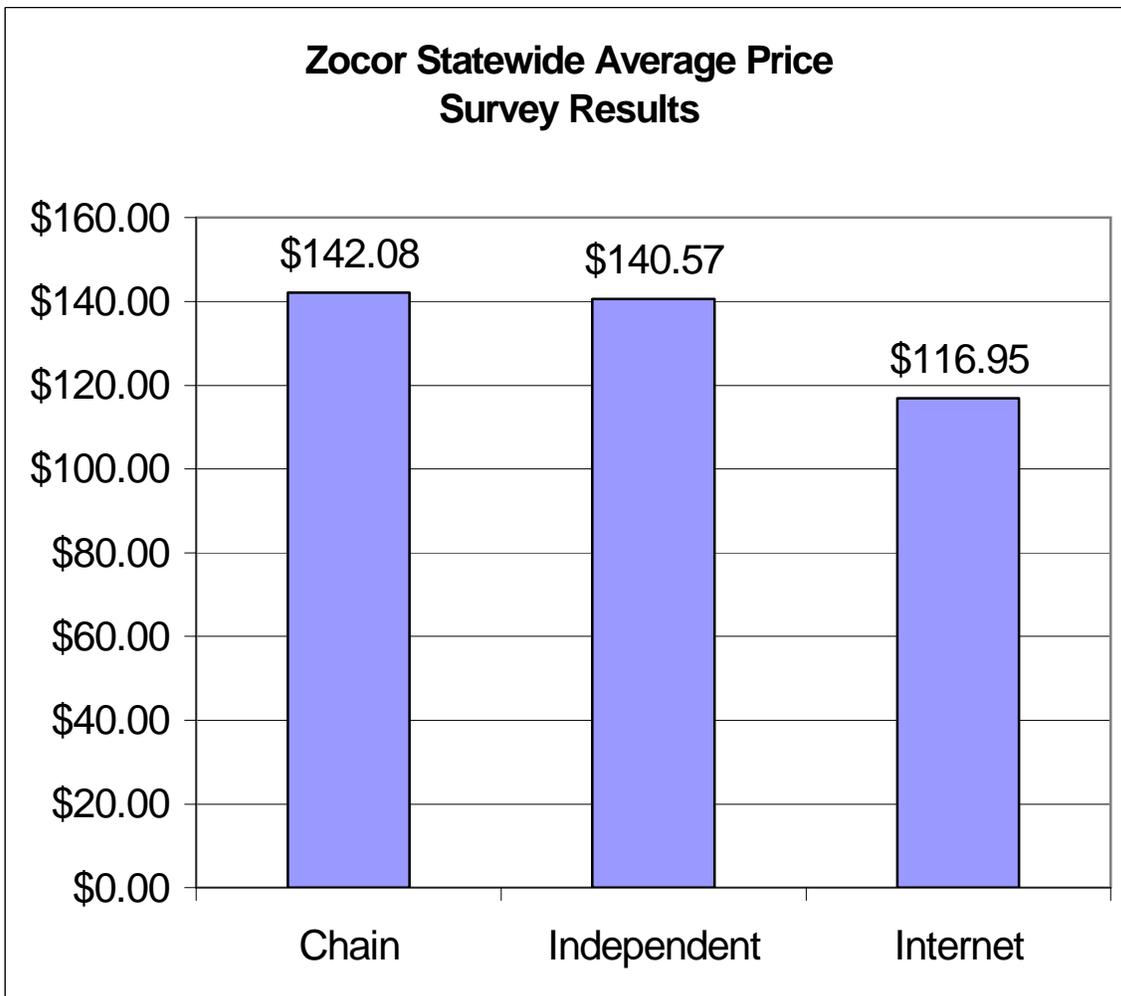
Schedule # 2-28 (XALATAN)

XALATAN	
0.005% Solution	
Instate High Price - New London County - Independent Pharmacy	\$72.39
Instate Low Price - New Haven County - Independent Pharmacy	\$21.45
Price Difference between Instate High and Instate Low	\$50.94
Lowest Internet Price	\$49.59



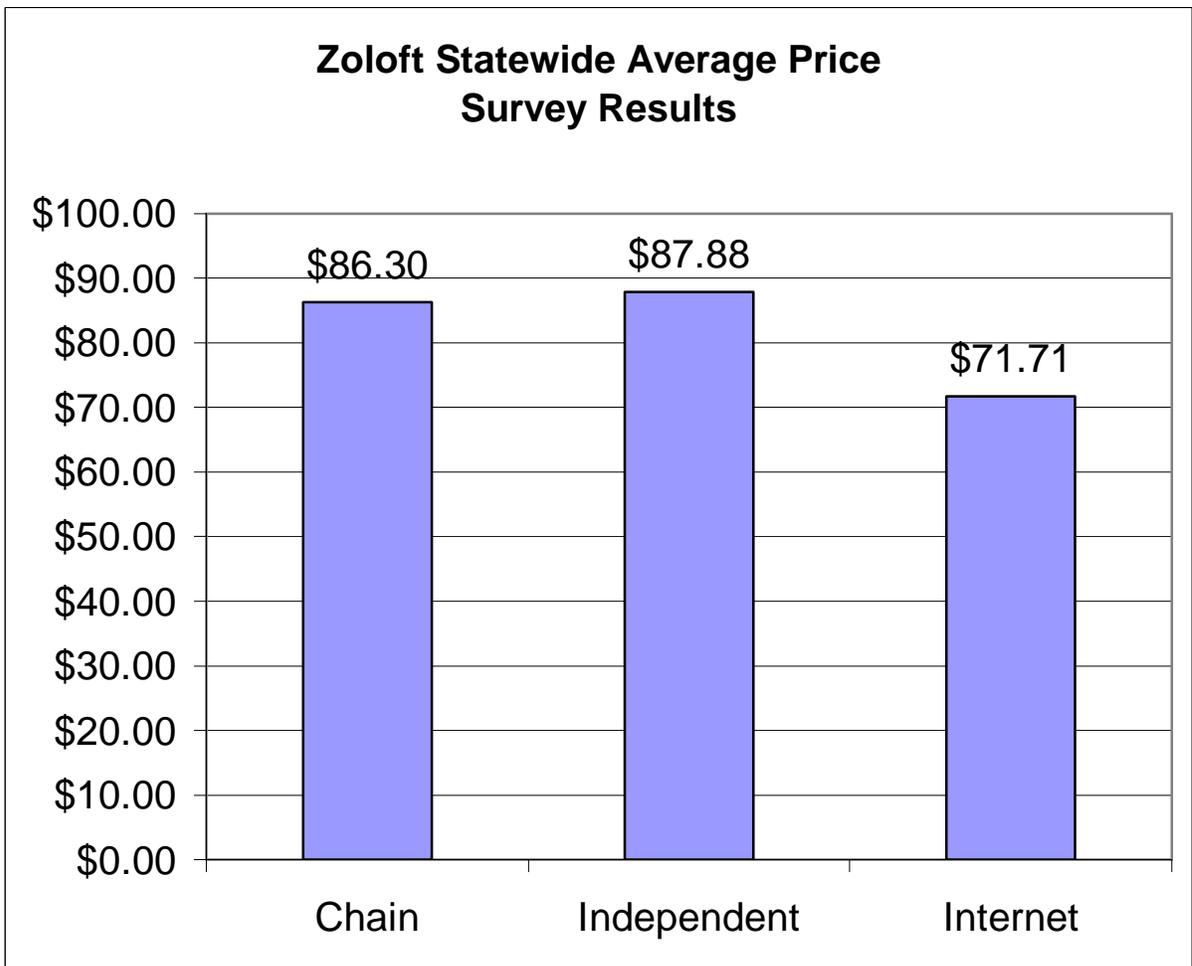
Schedule # 2-29 (ZOCOR)

ZOCOR	
20 milligram tablet	
Instate High Price - Windham County - Independent Pharmacy	\$168.55
Instate Low Price - Middlesex County - Independent Pharmacy	\$111.40
Price Difference between Instate High and Instate Low	\$57.15
Lowest Internet Price	\$114.87



Schedule # 2-30 (ZOLOFT)

ZOLOFT	
50 milligram tablet	
Instate High Price - Tolland County - Independent Pharmacy	\$103.99
Instate Low Price - Middlesex County - Independent Pharmacy	\$67.15
Price Difference between Instate High and Instate Low	\$36.84
Lowest Internet Price	\$66.87



HARTFORD COUNTY SURVEY RESULTS
Schedule # 3-1

<i>Drug</i>	<i>Dosage/Quantity</i>	<i>High</i>	<i>Store Type</i>	<i>Low</i>	<i>Store Type</i>	<i>Difference</i>
Celebrex	200 mg. Cap./30	\$99.99	Chain	\$85.07	Chain	\$14.92
Cozaar	50 mg. Tab./30	\$60.59	Chain	\$49.80	Independent	\$10.79
Evista	60 mg. Tab./30	\$84.99	Chain	\$78.80	Independent	\$6.19
Fosamax	10 mg. Tab./30	\$84.59	Chain	\$77.14	Chain	\$7.45
Glucophage	500 mg. Tab./30	\$32.94	Chain	\$28.10	Independent	\$4.84
(G) Metformin HCL	500 mg. Tab./30	\$24.99	Chain	\$17.86	Chain	\$7.13
K-Dur 20	20 meq. Tab./30	\$35.69	Chain	\$19.50	Independent	\$16.19
(G) Potassium CL	20 meq. Tab./30	\$23.19	Chain	\$17.20	Independent	\$5.99
Lanoxin	0.125 mg. Tab./30	\$14.39	Chain	\$8.70	Independent	\$5.69
(G) Digoxin/Digitek	0.125 mg. Tab./30	\$11.99	Chain	\$9.99	Chain	\$2.00
Lasix	40 mg. Tab./30	\$16.99	Chain	\$10.30	Independent	\$6.69
(G) Furosemide	40 mg. Tab./30	\$11.83	Chain	\$5.70	Independent	\$6.13
Lipitor	10 mg. Tab./30	\$77.99	Chain	\$69.28	Chain	\$8.71
Norvasc	5 mg. Tab./30	\$54.59	Chain	\$46.93	Chain	\$7.66
Paxil	20 mg. Tab./30	\$104.99	Chain	\$90.30	Independent	\$14.69
Plavix	75 mg. Tab./30	\$130.50	Chain	\$123.99	Chain	\$6.51
Pepcid	20 mg. Tab./30	\$77.59	Chain	\$63.80	Independent	\$13.79
(G) Famotidine	20 mg. Tab./30	\$56.50	Independent	\$44.19	Chain	\$12.31
Premarin	0.625 mg. Tab./30	\$33.19	Chain	\$23.58	Chain	\$9.61
Prevacid	30 mg. Cap./30	\$149.99	Chain	\$138.99	Chain	\$11.00
Prilosec	20 mg. Cap./30	\$149.39	Chain	\$134.99	Chain	\$14.40
Synthroid	0.1 Tab./30	\$22.14	Chain	\$14.00	Independent	\$8.14
(G) Levothyroxine	0.1 mg. Tab./30	\$16.09	Chain	\$10.09	Chain	\$6.00
Toprol XL	50 mg. Tab./30	\$31.89	Chain	\$26.40	Independent	\$5.49
Vasotec	5 mg. Tab./30	\$45.29	Chain	\$38.70	Independent	\$6.59
(G) Enalapril Maleate	5 mg. Tab./30	\$34.50	Independent	\$26.89	Chain	\$7.61
Vioxx	25 mg. Tab./30	\$101.99	Chain	\$91.35	Chain	\$10.64
Xalatan	0.005% Sol./1	\$63.59	Chain	\$57.60	Independent	\$5.99
Zocor	20 mg. Tab./30	\$157.99	Chain	\$131.60	Independent	\$26.39
Zoloff	50 mg. Tab./30	\$86.90	Independent	\$80.37	Chain	\$6.53

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LITCHFIELD COUNTY SURVEY RESULTS
Schedule # 3-2

Drug	Dosage/Quantity	High	Store Type	Low	Store Type	Difference
Celebrex	200 mg. Cap./30	\$100.75	Independent	\$82.12	Independent	\$18.63
Cozaar	50 mg. Tab./30	\$62.62	Independent	\$48.37	Independent	\$14.25
Evista	60 mg. Tab./30	\$91.25	Independent	\$76.12	Independent	\$15.13
Fosamax	10 mg. Tab./30	\$88.08	Independent	\$78.00	Independent	\$10.08
Glucophage	500 mg. Tab./30	\$38.19	Independent	\$27.75	Independent	\$10.44
(G) Metformin HCL	500 mg. Tab./30	\$28.95	Independent	\$12.95	Independent	\$16.00
K-Dur 20	20 meq. Tab./30	\$30.31	Independent	\$21.95	Independent	\$8.36
(G) Potassium CL	20 meq. Tab./30	\$21.40	Independent	\$13.95	Independent	\$7.45
Lanoxin	0.125 mg. Tab./30	\$16.97	Independent	\$9.30	Independent	\$7.67
(G) Digoxin/Digitek	0.125 mg. Tab./30	\$9.99	Chain	\$4.75	Independent	\$5.24
Lasix	40 mg. Tab./30	\$20.07	Independent	\$13.50	Independent	\$6.57
(G) Furosemide	40 mg. Tab./30	\$12.73	Independent	\$7.95	Independent	\$4.78
Lipitor	10 mg. Tab./30	\$84.26	Independent	\$71.37	Independent	\$12.89
Norvasc	5 mg. Tab./30	\$59.40	Independent	\$42.34	Independent	\$17.06
Paxil	20 mg. Tab./30	\$105.00	Independent	\$86.25	Independent	\$18.75
Plavix	75 mg. Tab./30	\$146.30	Independent	\$117.37	Independent	\$28.93
Pepcid	20 mg. Tab./30	\$76.14	Independent	\$62.35	Independent	\$13.79
(G) Famotidine	20 mg. Tab./30	\$45.95	Independent	\$8.95	Independent	\$37.00
Premarin	0.625 mg. Tab./30	\$37.48	Independent	\$27.57	Independent	\$9.91
Prevacid	30 mg. Cap./30	\$165.25	Independent	\$128.75	Independent	\$36.50
Prilosec	20 mg. Cap./30	\$153.20	Independent	\$139.50	Independent	\$13.70
Synthroid	0.1 Tab./30	\$23.75	Independent	\$16.10	Independent	\$7.65
(G) Levothyroxine	0.1 mg. Tab./30	\$16.64	Independent	\$9.95	Independent	\$6.69
Toprol XL	50 mg. Tab./30	\$35.21	Independent	\$25.70	Independent	\$9.51
Vasotec	5 mg. Tab./30	\$51.36	Independent	\$39.05	Independent	\$12.31
(G) Enalapril Maleate	5 mg. Tab./30	\$24.15	Independent	\$7.95	Independent	\$16.20
Vioxx	25 mg. Tab./30	\$106.90	Independent	\$85.50	Independent	\$21.40
Xalatan	0.005% Sol./1	\$69.21	Independent	\$53.50	Independent	\$15.71
Zocor	20 mg. Tab./30	\$144.75	Independent	\$131.25	Independent	\$13.50
Zoloff	50 mg. Tab./30	\$90.03	Independent	\$77.44	Independent	\$12.59

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MIDDLESEX COUNTY SURVEY RESULTS
Schedule # 3-3

Drug	Dosage/Quantity	High	Store Type	Low	Store Type	Difference
Celebrex	200 mg. Cap./30	\$100.15	Independent	\$92.53	Independent	\$7.62
Cozaar	50 mg. Tab./30	\$53.49	Chain	\$47.93	Independent	\$5.56
Evista	60 mg. Tab./30	\$94.90	Independent	\$82.52	Independent	\$12.38
Fosamax	10 mg. Tab./30	\$96.99	Chain	\$64.75	Independent	\$32.24
Glucophage	500 mg. Tab./30	\$35.79	Chain	\$27.88	Independent	\$7.91
(G) Metformin HCL	500 mg. Tab./30	\$29.05	Independent	\$19.50	Independent	\$9.55
K-Dur 20	20 meq. Tab./30	\$24.99	Chain	\$21.13	Independent	\$3.86
(G) Potassium CL	20 meq. Tab./30	\$22.95	Independent	\$14.60	Independent	\$8.35
Lanoxin	0.125 mg. Tab./30	\$12.90	Independent	\$6.54	Independent	\$6.36
(G) Digoxin/Digitek	0.125 mg. Tab./30	\$12.70	Independent	\$6.54	Independent	\$6.16
Lasix	40 mg. Tab./30	\$15.05	Independent	\$11.22	Independent	\$3.83
(G) Furosemide	40 mg. Tab./30	\$11.75	Independent	\$5.55	Independent	\$6.20
Lipitor	10 mg. Tab./30	\$79.85	Independent	\$78.23	Independent	\$1.62
Norvasc	5 mg. Tab./30	\$57.29	Chain	\$43.05	Independent	\$14.24
Paxil	20 mg. Tab./30	\$109.15	Independent	\$94.68	Independent	\$14.47
Plavix	75 mg. Tab./30	\$163.29	Chain	\$129.53	Independent	\$33.76
Pepcid	20 mg. Tab./30	\$68.79	Chain	\$54.45	Independent	\$14.34
(G) Famotidine	20 mg. Tab./30	\$57.65	Independent	\$16.10	Independent	\$41.55
Premarin	0.625 mg. Tab./30	\$35.29	Chain	\$21.60	Independent	\$13.69
Prevacid	30 mg. Cap./30	\$159.49	Chain	\$144.86	Independent	\$14.63
Prilosec	20 mg. Cap./30	\$158.70	Independent	\$122.50	Independent	\$36.20
Synthroid	0.1 Tab./30	\$19.75	Independent	\$13.50	Independent	\$6.25
(G) Levothyroxine	0.1 mg. Tab./30	\$13.79	Chain	\$5.64	Independent	\$8.15
Toprol XL	50 mg. Tab./30	\$32.99	Chain	\$29.21	Independent	\$3.78
Vasotec	5 mg. Tab./30	\$45.99	Chain	\$34.41	Independent	\$11.58
(G) Enalapril Maleate	5 mg. Tab./30	\$36.55	Independent	\$8.20	Independent	\$28.35
Vioxx	25 mg. Tab./30	\$111.15	Independent	\$75.25	Independent	\$35.90
Xalatan	0.005% Sol./1	\$68.55	Independent	\$61.29	Chain	\$7.26
Zocor	20 mg. Tab./30	\$146.79	Chain	\$111.40	Independent	\$35.39
Zolof	50 mg. Tab./30	\$100.79	Chain	\$67.15	Independent	\$33.64

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NEW HAVEN COUNTY SURVEY RESULTS
Schedule # 3-4

Drug	Dosage/Quantity	High	Store Type	Low	Store Type	Difference
Celebrex	200 mg. Cap./30	\$105.35	Independent	\$86.97	Independent	\$18.38
Cozaar	50 mg. Tab./30	\$62.34	Independent	\$51.98	Independent	\$10.36
Evista	60 mg. Tab./30	\$94.89	Independent	\$82.94	Independent	\$11.95
Fosamax	10 mg. Tab./30	\$94.76	Independent	\$80.69	Independent	\$14.07
Glucophage	500 mg. Tab./30	\$40.16	Independent	\$24.35	Independent	\$15.81
(G) Metformin HCL	500 mg. Tab./30	\$36.32	Independent	\$12.68	Independent	\$23.64
K-Dur 20	20 meq. Tab./30	\$31.54	Independent	\$21.14	Independent	\$10.40
(G) Potassium CL	20 meq. Tab./30	\$28.77	Independent	\$19.04	Independent	\$9.73
Lanoxin	0.125 mg. Tab./30	\$18.90	Independent	\$8.09	Independent	\$10.81
(G) Digoxin/Digitek	0.125 mg. Tab./30	\$11.79	Independent	\$8.20	Independent	\$3.59
Lasix	40 mg. Tab./30	\$22.26	Independent	\$11.96	Independent	\$10.30
(G) Furosemide	40 mg. Tab./30	\$17.55	Independent	\$5.99	Independent	\$11.56
Lipitor	10 mg. Tab./30	\$89.86	Independent	\$69.28	Independent	\$20.58
Norvasc	5 mg. Tab./30	\$59.23	Independent	\$48.93	Independent	\$10.30
Paxil	20 mg. Tab./30	\$107.80	Independent	\$93.99	Chain	\$13.81
Plavix	75 mg. Tab./30	\$146.11	Independent	\$119.29	Independent	\$26.82
Pepcid	20 mg. Tab./30	\$79.91	Independent	\$68.91	Independent	\$11.00
(G) Famotidine	20 mg. Tab./30	\$69.58	Independent	\$43.89	Chain	\$25.69
Premarin	0.625 mg. Tab./30	\$40.41	Independent	\$24.59	Independent	\$15.82
Prevacid	30 mg. Cap./30	\$163.29	Independent	\$141.99	Chain	\$21.30
Prilosec	20 mg. Cap./30	\$169.02	Independent	\$140.99	Independent	\$28.03
Synthroid	0.1 Tab./30	\$44.65	Independent	\$13.97	Independent	\$30.68
(G) Levothyroxine	0.1 mg. Tab./30	\$108.28	Independent	\$10.09	Chain	\$98.19
Toprol XL	50 mg. Tab./30	\$37.10	Independent	\$27.04	Independent	\$10.06
Vasotec	5 mg. Tab./30	\$51.65	Independent	\$41.27	Independent	\$10.38
(G) Enalapril Maleate	5 mg. Tab./30	\$46.49	Independent	\$26.96	Independent	\$19.53
Vioxx	25 mg. Tab./30	\$109.56	Independent	\$95.93	Independent	\$13.63
Xalatan	0.005% Sol./1	\$70.81	Independent	\$21.45	Independent	\$49.36
Zocor	20 mg. Tab./30	\$161.99	Independent	\$133.89	Independent	\$28.10
Zoloff	50 mg. Tab./30	\$97.28	Independent	\$82.39	Independent	\$14.89

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TOLLAND COUNTY SURVEY RESULTS
Schedule # 3-5

Drug	Dosage/Quantity	High	Store Type	Low	Store Type	Difference
Celebrex	200 mg. Cap./30	\$95.50	Independent	\$90.99	Chain	\$4.51
Cozaar	50 mg. Tab./30	\$53.70	Independent	\$45.99	Independent	\$7.71
Evista	60 mg. Tab./30	\$88.99	Chain	\$77.99	Chain	\$11.00
Fosamax	10 mg. Tab./30	\$98.99	Independent	\$84.50	Independent	\$14.49
Glucophage	500 mg. Tab./30	\$33.29	Chain	\$30.60	Independent	\$2.69
(G) Metformin HCL	500 mg. Tab./30	\$27.65	Independent	\$18.59	Independent	\$9.06
K-Dur 20	20 meq. Tab./30	\$24.99	Chain	\$17.95	Independent	\$7.04
(G) Potassium CL	20 meq. Tab./30	\$20.50	Independent	\$15.15	Independent	\$5.35
Lanoxin	0.125 mg. Tab./30	\$11.99	Independent	\$8.55	Independent	\$3.44
(G) Digoxin/Digitek	0.125 mg. Tab./30	\$9.25	Independent	\$8.79	Chain	\$0.46
Lasix	40 mg. Tab./30	\$15.99	Independent	\$12.49	Chain	\$3.50
(G) Furosemide	40 mg. Tab./30	\$9.99	Independent	\$8.65	Independent	\$1.34
Lipitor	10 mg. Tab./30	\$80.25	Independent	\$75.99	Independent	\$4.26
Norvasc	5 mg. Tab./30	\$56.28	Independent	\$45.99	Independent	\$10.29
Paxil	20 mg. Tab./30	\$109.29	Chain	\$93.49	Independent	\$15.80
Plavix	75 mg. Tab./30	\$163.29	Chain	\$136.10	Independent	\$27.19
Pepcid	20 mg. Tab./30	\$81.99	Independent	\$70.00	Independent	\$11.99
(G) Famotidine	20 mg. Tab./30	\$65.99	Independent	\$39.79	Chain	\$26.20
Premarin	0.625 mg. Tab./30	\$34.29	Chain	\$22.99	Independent	\$11.30
Prevacid	30 mg. Cap./30	\$154.25	Independent	\$147.79	Chain	\$6.46
Prilosec	20 mg. Cap./30	\$159.25	Independent	\$143.99	Independent	\$15.26
Synthroid	0.1 Tab./30	\$18.60	Independent	\$13.99	Independent	\$4.61
(G) Levothyroxine	0.1 mg. Tab./30	\$14.49	Chain	\$11.99	Independent	\$2.50
Toprol XL	50 mg. Tab./30	\$32.29	Chain	\$23.99	Independent	\$8.30
Vasotec	5 mg. Tab./30	\$43.99	Chain	\$37.70	Independent	\$6.29
(G) Enalapril Maleate	5 mg. Tab./30	\$37.65	Independent	\$19.99	Independent	\$17.66
Vioxx	25 mg. Tab./30	\$113.99	Independent	\$99.25	Independent	\$14.74
Xalatan	0.005% Sol./1	\$66.99	Independent	\$58.79	Chain	\$8.20
Zocor	20 mg. Tab./30	\$146.79	Chain	\$129.99	Independent	\$16.80
Zolof	50 mg. Tab./30	\$103.99	Independent	\$87.00	Independent	\$16.99

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NEW LONDON COUNTY SURVEY RESULTS
Schedule # 3-6

Drug	Dosage/Quantity	High	Store Type	Low	Store Type	Difference
Celebrex	200 mg. Cap./30	\$95.99	Independent	\$87.59	Chain	\$8.40
Cozaar	50 mg. Tab./30	\$53.69	Independent	\$49.89	Chain	\$3.80
Evista	60 mg. Tab./30	\$82.69	Independent	\$75.59	Chain	\$7.10
Fosamax	10 mg. Tab./30	\$82.69	Independent	\$76.69	Chain	\$6.00
Glucophage	500 mg. Tab./30	\$31.99	Independent	\$30.69	Chain	\$1.30
(G) Metformin HCL	500 mg. Tab./30	\$28.39	Independent	\$22.89	Chain	\$5.50
K-Dur 20	20 meq. Tab./30	\$24.39	Independent	\$22.99	Chain	\$1.40
(G) Potassium CL	20 meq. Tab./30	\$24.89	Chain	\$22.39	Independent	\$2.50
Lanoxin	0.125 mg. Tab./30	\$10.59	Chain	\$9.99	Independent	\$0.60
(G) Digoxin/Digitek	0.125 mg. Tab./30	\$9.69	Chain	\$8.99	Independent	\$0.70
Lasix	40 mg. Tab./30	\$14.39	Independent	\$13.39	Chain	\$1.00
(G) Furosemide	40 mg. Tab./30	\$10.39	Independent	\$7.89	Chain	\$2.50
Lipitor	10 mg. Tab./30	\$78.39	Independent	\$69.99	Chain	\$8.40
Norvasc	5 mg. Tab./30	\$45.69	Independent	\$45.29	Chain	\$0.40
Paxil	20 mg. Tab./30	\$94.39	Independent	\$87.99	Chain	\$6.40
Plavix	75 mg. Tab./30	\$128.69	Independent	\$126.29	Chain	\$2.40
Pepcid	20 mg. Tab./30	\$69.69	Independent	\$60.59	Chain	\$9.10
(G) Famotidine	20 mg. Tab./30	\$60.39	Independent	\$43.29	Chain	\$17.10
Premarin	0.625 mg. Tab./30	\$32.39	Independent	\$25.79	Chain	\$6.60
Prevacid	30 mg. Cap./30	\$144.69	Independent	\$125.99	Chain	\$18.70
Prilosec	20 mg. Cap./30	\$149.39	Independent	\$140.79	Chain	\$8.60
Synthroid	0.1 Tab./30	\$18.99	Independent	\$17.99	Chain	\$1.00
(G) Levothyroxine	0.1 mg. Tab./30	\$13.29	Chain	\$12.69	Independent	\$0.60
Toprol XL	50 mg. Tab./30	\$30.39	Independent	\$30.09	Chain	\$0.30
Vasotec	5 mg. Tab./30	\$43.69	Independent	\$40.19	Chain	\$3.50
(G) Enalapril Maleate	5 mg. Tab./30	\$38.39	Independent	\$31.29	Chain	\$7.10
Vioxx	25 mg. Tab./30	\$95.69	Independent	\$94.69	Chain	\$1.00
Xalatan	0.005% Sol./1	\$72.39	Independent	\$57.69	Chain	\$14.70
Zocor	20 mg. Tab./30	\$135.69	Independent	\$118.79	Chain	\$16.90
Zoloft	50 mg. Tab./30	\$84.89	Chain	\$84.69	Independent	\$0.20

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Generic Drugs contain the symbol (G)

FAIRFIELD COUNTY SURVEY RESULTS
Schedule # 3-7

Drug	Dosage/Quantity	High	Store Type	Low	Store Type	Difference
Celebrex	200 mg. Cap./30	\$103.48	Independent	\$89.59	Chain	\$13.89
Cozaar	50 mg. Tab./30	\$58.90	Independent	\$56.80	Independent	\$2.10
Evista	60 mg. Tab./30	\$92.90	Independent	\$81.99	Chain	\$10.91
Fosamax	10 mg. Tab./30	\$101.90	Independent	\$81.59	Chain	\$20.31
Glucophage	500 mg. Tab./30	\$31.90	Independent	\$29.35	Independent	\$2.55
(G) Metformin HCL	500 mg. Tab./30	\$29.90	Independent	\$21.99	Chain	\$7.91
K-Dur 20	20 meq. Tab./30	\$26.99	Chain	\$22.54	Independent	\$4.45
(G) Potassium CL	20 meq. Tab./30	\$22.90	Independent	\$19.59	Chain	\$3.31
Lanoxin	0.125 mg. Tab./30	\$13.90	Independent	\$9.99	Chain	\$3.91
(G) Digoxin/Digitek	0.125 mg. Tab./30	\$13.90	Independent	\$9.99	Chain	\$3.91
Lasix	40 mg. Tab./30	\$15.90	Independent	\$12.09	Chain	\$3.81
(G) Furosemide	40 mg. Tab./30	\$11.90	Independent	\$9.99	Chain	\$1.91
Lipitor	10 mg. Tab./30	\$87.90	Independent	\$74.28	Independent	\$13.62
Norvasc	5 mg. Tab./30	\$58.90	Independent	\$49.59	Chain	\$9.31
Paxil	20 mg. Tab./30	\$104.90	Independent	\$90.46	Independent	\$14.44
Plavix	75 mg. Tab./30	\$141.90	Independent	\$123.33	Independent	\$18.57
Pepcid	20 mg. Tab./30	\$78.90	Independent	\$63.58	Independent	\$15.32
(G) Famotidine	20 mg. Tab./30	\$68.90	Independent	\$44.19	Chain	\$24.71
Premarin	0.625 mg. Tab./30	\$33.00	Independent	\$29.89	Chain	\$3.11
Prevacid	30 mg. Cap./30	\$158.90	Independent	\$138.99	Chain	\$19.91
Prilosec	20 mg. Cap./30	\$163.90	Independent	\$137.99	Chain	\$25.91
Synthroid	0.1 Tab./30	\$19.90	Independent	\$17.19	Chain	\$2.71
(G) Levothyroxine	0.1 mg. Tab./30	\$15.60	Independent	\$10.09	Chain	\$5.51
Toprol XL	50 mg. Tab./30	\$31.89	Chain	\$29.90	Independent	\$1.99
Vasotec	5 mg. Tab./30	\$45.90	Independent	\$42.89	Chain	\$3.01
(G) Enalapril Maleate	5 mg. Tab./30	\$40.90	Independent	\$26.89	Chain	\$14.01
Vioxx	25 mg. Tab./30	\$105.90	Independent	\$92.59	Chain	\$13.31
Xalatan	0.005% Sol./1	\$60.59	Chain	\$53.90	Independent	\$6.69
Zocor	20 mg. Tab./30	\$148.90	Independent	\$138.99	Chain	\$9.91
Zoloff	50 mg. Tab./30	\$94.90	Independent	\$81.99	Chain	\$12.91

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WINDHAM COUNTY SURVEY RESULTS
Schedule # 3-8

Drug	Dosage/Quantity	High	Store Type	Low	Store Type	Difference
Celebrex	200 mg. Cap./30	\$101.48	Independent	\$92.97	Independent	\$8.51
Cozaar	50 mg. Tab./30	\$63.16	Independent	\$51.69	Chain	\$11.47
Evista	60 mg. Tab./30	\$89.33	Independent	\$83.01	Independent	\$6.32
Fosamax	10 mg. Tab./30	\$89.18	Independent	\$82.89	Independent	\$6.29
Glucophage	500 mg. Tab./30	\$33.85	Independent	\$31.29	Chain	\$2.56
(G) Metformin HCL	500 mg. Tab./30	\$29.34	Independent	\$21.69	Chain	\$7.65
K-Dur 20	20 meq. Tab./30	\$26.09	Chain	\$25.42	Independent	\$0.67
(G) Potassium CL	20 meq. Tab./30	\$23.34	Independent	\$18.89	Chain	\$4.45
Lanoxin	0.125 mg. Tab./30	\$11.63	Independent	\$9.69	Chain	\$1.94
(G) Digoxin/Digitek	0.125 mg. Tab./30	\$10.80	Independent	\$8.99	Chain	\$1.81
Lasix	40 mg. Tab./30	\$16.36	Independent	\$13.09	Chain	\$3.27
(G) Furosemide	40 mg. Tab./30	\$9.99	Chain	\$8.99	Chain	\$1.00
Lipitor	10 mg. Tab./30	\$83.53	Independent	\$78.49	Independent	\$5.04
Norvasc	5 mg. Tab./30	\$59.30	Independent	\$50.59	Chain	\$8.71
Paxil	20 mg. Tab./30	\$104.39	Independent	\$94.81	Independent	\$9.58
Plavix	75 mg. Tab./30	\$149.75	Independent	\$124.99	Chain	\$24.76
Pepcid	20 mg. Tab./30	\$73.59	Chain	\$69.63	Independent	\$3.96
(G) Famotidine	20 mg. Tab./30	\$60.47	Independent	\$36.69	Chain	\$23.78
Premarin	0.625 mg. Tab./30	\$33.01	Independent	\$29.69	Chain	\$3.32
Prevacid	30 mg. Cap./30	\$170.44	Independent	\$147.99	Chain	\$22.45
Prilosec	20 mg. Cap./30	\$176.88	Independent	\$132.52	Independent	\$44.36
Synthroid	0.1 Tab./30	\$20.19	Independent	\$17.29	Chain	\$2.90
(G) Levothyroxine	0.1 mg. Tab./30	\$17.29	Independent	\$9.69	Chain	\$7.60
Toprol XL	50 mg. Tab./30	\$32.39	Chain	\$29.69	Chain	\$2.70
Vasotec	5 mg. Tab./30	\$49.62	Independent	\$41.99	Chain	\$7.63
(G) Enalapril Maleate	5 mg. Tab./30	\$40.72	Independent	\$19.51	Independent	\$21.21
Vioxx	25 mg. Tab./30	\$106.46	Independent	\$96.48	Independent	\$9.98
Xalatan	0.005% Sol./1	\$65.69	Chain	\$61.40	Independent	\$4.29
Zocor	20 mg. Tab./30	\$168.55	Independent	\$138.59	Independent	\$29.96
Zolof	50 mg. Tab./30	\$92.09	Independent	\$85.15	Independent	\$6.94

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INTERNET PRICING SURVEY RESULTS

Schedule # 3-9

Drug	Dosage/Quantity	Retail Prices		
		High	Low	Difference
Celebrex	200 mg. Cap./30	\$79.99	\$70.87	\$9.12
Cozaar	50 mg. Tab./30	\$52.94	\$38.85	\$14.09
Evista	60 mg. Tab./30	\$76.59	\$65.87	\$10.72
Fosamax	10 mg. Tab./30	\$73.94	\$64.87	\$9.07
Glucophage	500 mg. Tab./30	\$24.99	\$22.87	\$2.12
(G) Metformin HCL	500 mg. Tab./30	\$19.19	\$12.87	\$6.32
K-Dur 20	20 meq. Tab./30	\$19.19	\$16.87	\$2.32
(G) Potassium CL	20 meq. Tab./30	\$16.87	\$14.79	\$2.08
Lanoxin	0.125 mg. Tab./30	\$9.99	\$6.87	\$3.12
(G) Digoxin/Digitek	0.125 mg. Tab./30	\$9.99	\$7.60	\$2.39
Lasix	40 mg. Tab./30	\$7.87	(single price)	
(G) Furosemide	40 mg. Tab./30	\$9.99	\$6.87	\$3.12
Lipitor	10 mg. Tab./30	\$67.99	\$58.87	\$9.12
Norvasc	5 mg. Tab./30	\$47.94	\$38.87	\$9.07
Paxil	20 mg. Tab./30	\$91.94	\$71.87	\$20.07
Plavix	75 mg. Tab./30	\$113.94	\$99.87	\$14.07
Pepcid	20 mg. Tab./30	\$56.04	\$55.72	\$0.32
(G) Famotidine	20 mg. Tab./30	\$38.50	\$29.87	\$8.63
Premarin	0.625 mg. Tab./30	\$26.19	\$20.87	\$5.32
Prevacid	30 mg. Cap./30	\$132.94	\$112.87	\$20.07
Prilosec	20 mg. Cap./30	\$127.94	\$114.87	\$13.07
Synthroid	0.1 Tab./30	\$12.71	\$9.87	\$2.84
(G) Levothyroxine	0.1 mg. Tab./30	(Not available on sites checked)		
Toprol XL	50 mg. Tab./30	\$23.69	\$19.87	\$3.82
Vasotec	5 mg. Tab./30	\$35.02	\$32.13	\$2.89
(G) Enalapril Maleate	5 mg. Tab./30	\$25.79	\$16.87	\$8.92
Vioxx	25 mg. Tab./30	\$91.94	\$70.87	\$21.07
Xalatan	0.005% Sol./1	\$60.27	\$49.59	\$10.68
Zocor	20 mg. Tab./30	\$120.99	\$114.87	\$6.12
Zolof	50 mg. Tab./30	\$75.94	\$66.87	\$9.07

All prices include shipping

The Internet pharmacies in the survey are all certified by VIPPs

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Generic Drugs contain the symbol (G)