

SJ 33 Background: Supply Chain Example

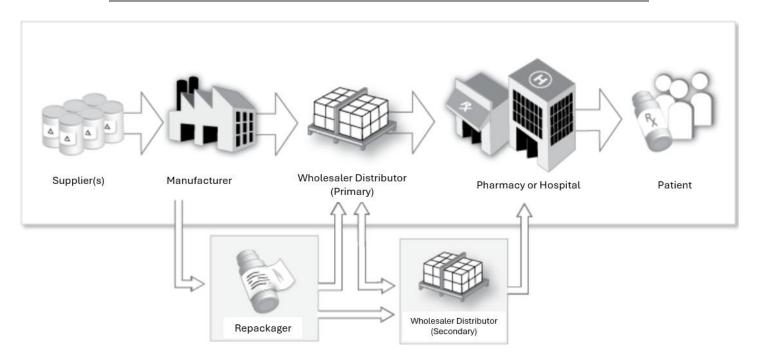
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BASIC REPRESENTATION OF PRESCRIPTION DRUG SUPPLY CHAIN

The graphics included in this reference document provide a simple baseline of understanding for the Economic Affairs Interim Committee during its study of the prescription drug supply chain (SJ 33), and are not intended to demonstrate the entire complexity involved in the process.

Supply Chain Organization	
Upstream	Manufacturers (brand name and generic producers).
Midstream	Pharmacy benefit managers (PBMs), health plans and plan sponsors, pharmacy services administrative organizations (PSAOs), wholesalers.
Downstream	Providers (pharmacists or prescribers), hospitals, patients, consumers.

Source: "Prescription Drug Policy: A Bipartisan Remedy," National Conference of State Legislatures, accessed September 18, 2025, https://www.ncsl.org/health/prescription-drug-policy-a-bipartisan-remedy#anchor9052.



Source: "Graphic: A Drug Supply Chain Example," US Food and Drug Administration, accessed September 18, 2025, https://www.fda.gov/drugs/drug-shortages/graphic-drug-supply-chain-example#:~:text=From%20Supplier%20to%20Patient,and%20finally%20to%20the%20patient.

