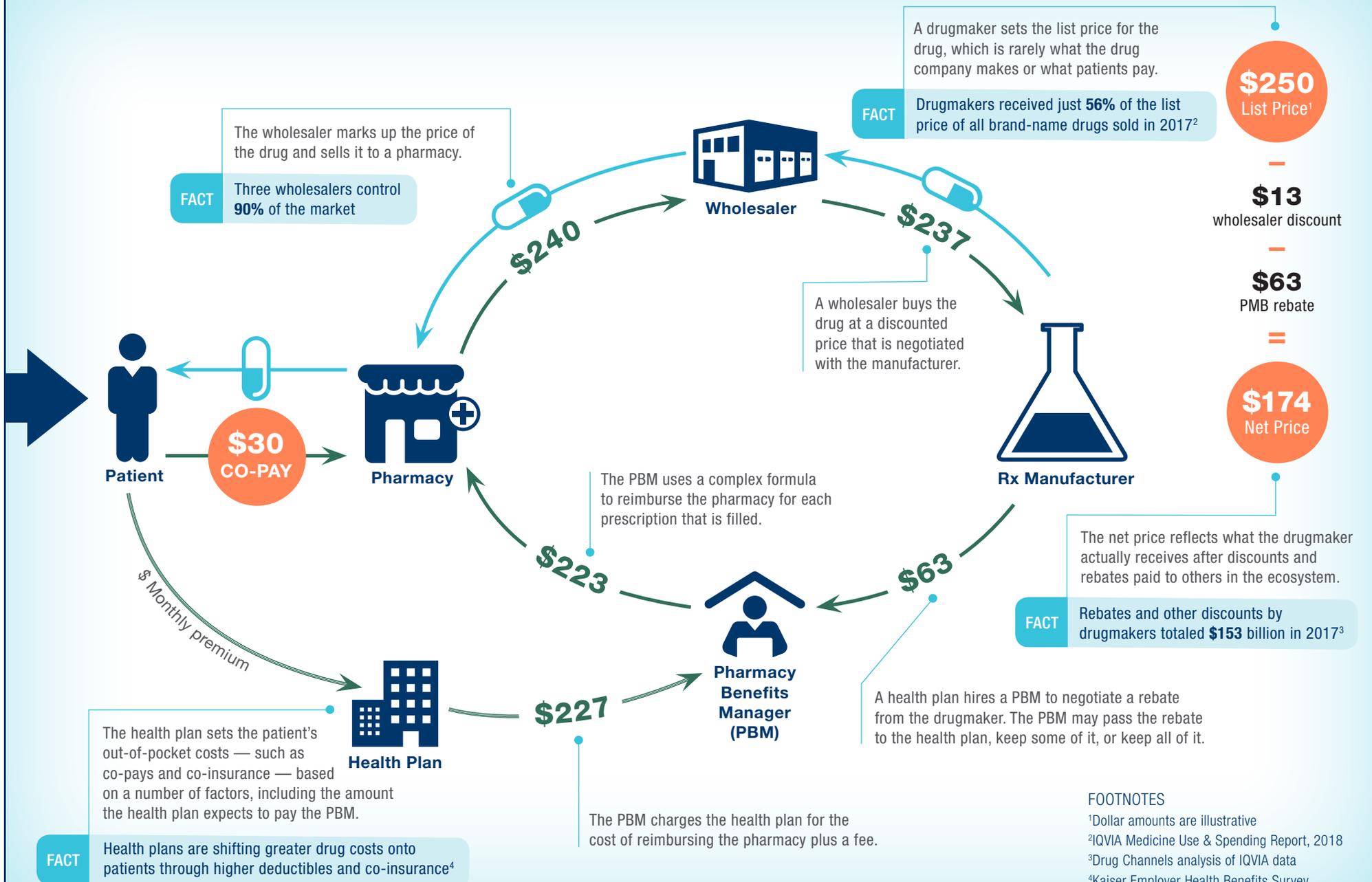


# Follow the Pill

Multiple actors impact what patients pay for prescription drugs. This is a snapshot of how the drug cost ecosystem works. It provides a simplified example of how medicines get to the pharmacy, and it shows how patients' out-of-pocket costs are determined by health plans and other middlemen within the system.



## FOOTNOTES

- <sup>1</sup>Dollar amounts are illustrative
- <sup>2</sup>IQVIA Medicine Use & Spending Report, 2018
- <sup>3</sup>Drug Channels analysis of IQVIA data
- <sup>4</sup>Kaiser Employer Health Benefits Survey