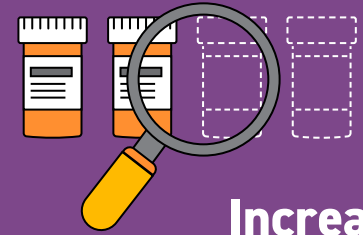




## Quickly Respond to Shortages

To enable a timely response to drug shortages, manufacturers should:

- ✓ Closely monitor their supply chains
- ✓ Develop risk management plans



## Increase Transparency

Increasing transparency into the manufacturing process can allow for earlier detection of shortages.

# BIG QUESTIONS

## How Can Drug Shortages Be Addressed?

### Raise Awareness

Drug shortages can have serious consequences for patients, including:



Delayed or disrupted care



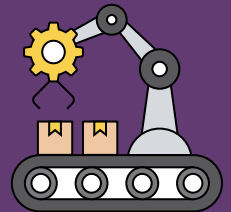
Increased costs



Unexpected side effects when using alternative treatments

Increasing awareness can highlight the seriousness of the problem.

Policymakers can advance policies that make prescription medications more available and affordable.



### Encourage Manufacturing

Incentivizing manufacturers to produce less profitable drugs can increase the supply. This is particularly important for generic drugs that are at risk of or already experiencing shortages.