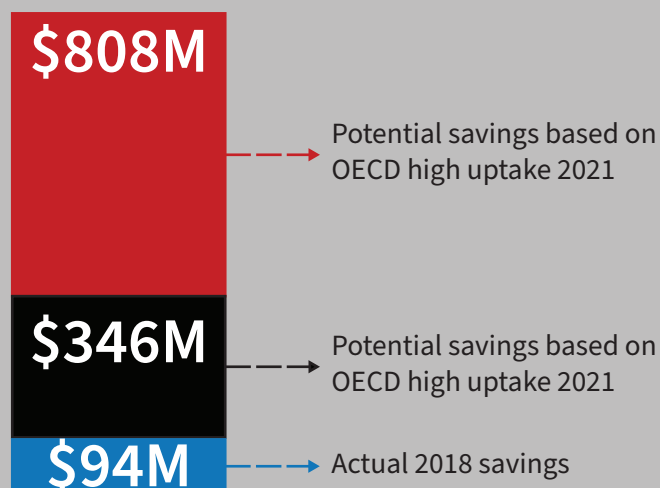


Biosimilars could deliver over a **billion dollars** in savings per year to the Canadian health care system.

Governments can use savings to provide more patients with access to more treatments.

2.1%
of paid beneficiaries
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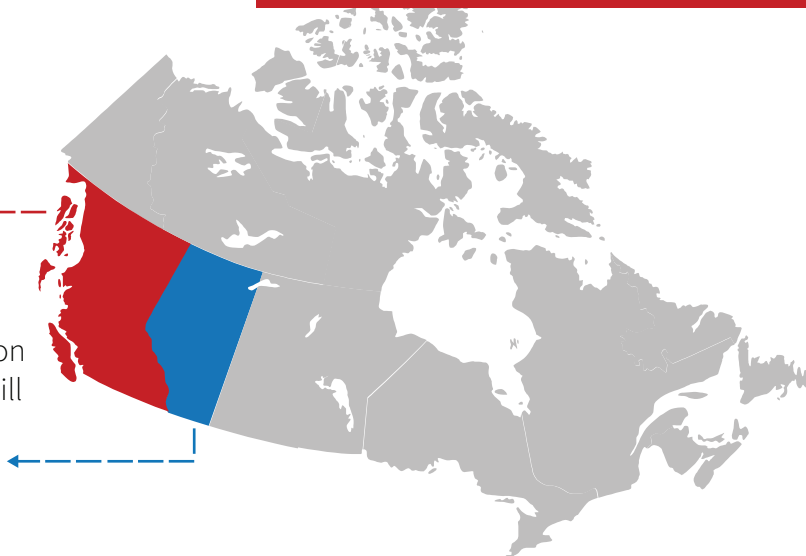
In 2018, **three of the top five** most costly medications in Canada were biologics, despite the availability of lower-cost, safe biosimilars available to Canadians.⁴



Alberta and British Columbia have already **discovered** the potential saving from biosimilars.

“By using biosimilars in B.C., we will be putting about **\$96.6 million back into health care** over the next three years.”
Adrian Dix, Minister of Health B.C.⁵

In Alberta, biologic drugs cost more than \$238 million in the 2018-19 fiscal year, switching to biosimilars will save between **\$227 million and \$380 million over the next four years.**⁶



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