

\$70 million settlement reached in generic drug delay case

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Three drug companies will pay a total of nearly \$70 million to California

to settle charges of delaying the sale of generic drugs to keep brand-name drug prices high, the state's attorney general said Monday.

Of that amount, \$69 million will be paid by Teva Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd. and its affiliates for holding off on introducing the generic narcolepsy drug Provigil to the market for nearly six years, the *Associated Press* reported. That is the largest pay-for-delay settlement paid to any state, according to California Attorney General Xavier Becerra.

Another \$760,000 [settlement](#) was reached with Teva, Endo Pharmaceuticals, and Teikoku Pharma U.S. for withholding a generic version of the pain patch Lidoderm from the market for nearly two years, the *AP* reported.

In pay-to-delay deals, brand-name drug makers pay generic drug makers to keep their cheaper version of the drug off the market for an agreed period of time, the *AP* reported.

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