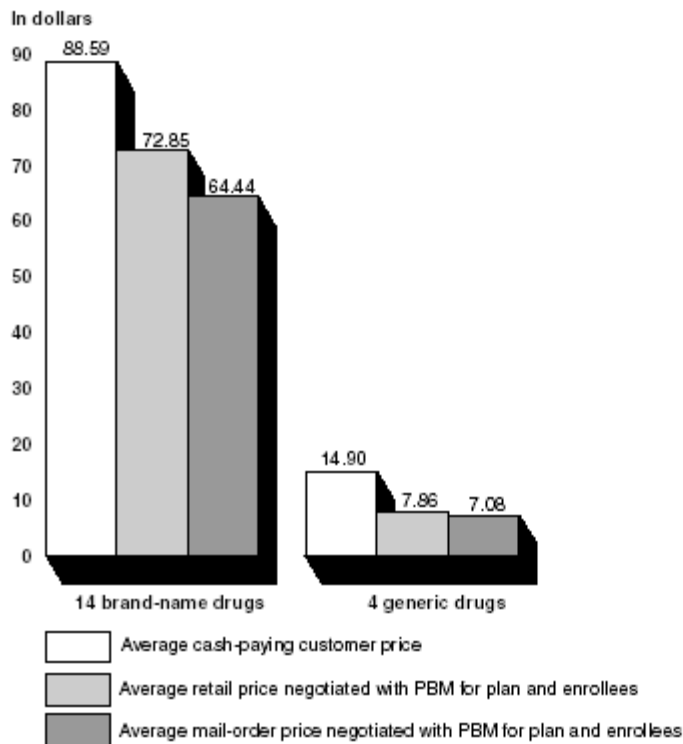


**Figure 2: PBM Discounted Plan Prices Compared to Cash-Paying Customer Prices for 30-Day Supplies, April 2002**



Source: GAO analysis of plan prices from three FEHBP plans and cash-paying customer prices at 36 pharmacies in California, North Dakota, and the Washington, D.C., area.

Note: Most mail-order pharmacies dispense at larger volumes, typically a 90-day supply. Average mail-order discounts from cash-paying customer prices increase slightly if prescriptions are dispensed for a 90-day supply rather than for a 30-day supply.