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Drug shortages have been a persistent problem for [several years](#) and have been shown to affect [patient safety](#). The Food and Drug Administration Safety and Innovation Act of 2012 was intended to address these shortages. This analysis found that while shortages have decreased since the act was passed, problems with drug supply for acute care facilities remain.