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HIGHLIGHTS

- Korea National Health Insurance delisted 727 combination drugs in November 2006.
- We assessed the impact of the delisting on pharmaceutical expenditure.
- National health insurance claims data (January 2005 to August 2007) were used.
- The delisting reduced pharmaceutical expenditures in clinic.
- Delisting effects were also varied according to therapeutic classes of drugs.

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