

# Prescription Drug Assistance Resources



Financial assistance for prescription drugs can come from various sources. Drug manufacturers may offer assistance programs for their drugs. Some states have pharmaceutical assistance programs. There are non-profit and for-profit organizations that offer assistance. Some groups offer discount plans that you must pay for. There can be great variability in the income levels and other eligibility criteria needed to qualify for assistance.

## Pharmaceutical Company Assistance:

### **AstraZeneca: AZ & Me Prescription Saving Program for People without Insurance**

<https://www.astrazeneca-us.com/medicines/Affordability.html#pap>

Phone: 1-800-236-9933

### **Biogen's Avonex**

[www.avonex.com](http://www.avonex.com)

<http://www.avonex.com/financial-support>

Avonex is prescribed for Multiple Sclerosis.

Phone: 1-800-456-2255

### **Bristol Meyers Squibb**

<http://www.bms.com/products/Pages/programs.aspx>

### **Eli Lilly**

<http://www.lilly.com/contact-us>

Phone: 800-545-5679

<https://www.lillycares.com/>

Lilly Cares Foundation, Inc. (Lilly Cares) is a nonprofit charitable organization that provides prescribed Lilly medications for free for up to 12 months to qualifying U.S. patients. Over the past 20 years, Lilly Cares has helped more than one million patients with financial need receive medicines donated by Lilly.

Phone: 800-545-6962

### **GlaxoSmithKline**

<https://www.gskforyou.com/>

### **Johnson & Johnson Patient Assistance Foundation**

<https://www.jjpaf.org/>

Phone: 1-800-652-6227

### **Merck Patient Assistance Program**

<https://www.merckhelps.com/>

Phone: 1-800-727-5400

### **Novartis: Patient Assistance Now**

<http://www.patientassistancenow.com>

Phone: 1-800-245-5356

### **Pfizer Patient Assistance Programs**

<https://www.pfizerxpathways.com/>

### **Sanofi Patient Connection**

<http://www.sanofipatientconnection.com/>

## Other Assistance

### **AARP Prescription Discount Program Information**

<http://advantages.aarp.org/en/offer.aarp-prescription-discounts-provided-by-optumrx.10187.html>

Phone: 877-422-7718

### **Brain Tumor Copayment Assistance Program**

<http://braintumorcopays.org>

Phone: 1-855-426-2672 (toll free)

The Brain Tumor Drug Copayment Assistance Program, a program of the Musella Foundation For Brain Tumor Research & Information, Inc., provides financial assistance to families who need help covering the cost of certain drugs used to treat a specific type of brain tumor called a glioblastoma multiforme as well as other types of Primary Malignant Brain Tumors, such as: Anaplastic Astrocytoma, Gliosarcoma, High Grade Oligodendroglioma. They CANNOT help people with other tumor types with this program. There is no fee for this assistance. There is a notice on their website that this program has run out of money and is not currently accepting new candidates. Please check their site periodically to see if it was refunded.

### **Care Entrée**

[www.careentree.com](http://www.careentree.com)

### **Craig Hospital: Medications**

<https://craighospital.org/resources/medications>

### **Craig Hospital: Managing Your Medications**

<https://craighospital.org/resources/managing-your-medications>

### **HealthWell Foundation**

[www.healthwellfoundation.org](http://www.healthwellfoundation.org)

Phone: 800-675-8416

The foundation helps people who have insurance but can't afford their prescription drug copays, coinsurance and premiums for important medical treatments.

### **Medicare Interactive: Options for Those Having Trouble Affording Drug Costs**

<https://www.medicareinteractive.org/get-answers/cost-saving-programs-for-people-with-medicare/overview-of-cost-saving-programs/options-for-those-who-are-having-trouble-affording-drug-costs>

### **Medicine Assistance Tool**

<https://mat.org/>

MAT assists patients in finding help with specific drug costs and in finding free or low cost clinics.

### **National Conference of State Legislatures: State Pharmaceutical Assistance Programs**

<http://www.ncsl.org/research/health/state-pharmaceutical-assistance-programs.aspx>

Gives info on the states that offer pharmaceutical assistance programs.

**National Council on Aging: Benefits Checkup**

<http://www.benefitscheckup.org/>

Click on Medicare Rx Extra Help

**Needy Meds**

[www.needymeds.com](http://www.needymeds.com)

**National Organization for Rare Disorders: Patient Assistance Program**

<http://www.rarediseases.org/patients-and-families/patient-assistance>

Phone: 203-744-0100 or toll free 800-999-NORD

**Patient Advocate Foundation Co-Pay Relief Program**

<http://www.copays.org>

Phone: 866-512-3861

**Patient Services, Inc. (PSI)**

<https://www.patientservicesinc.org>

Phone: 800-366-7741

**ProAct Inc.: Prescription Drug Discount Card Program**

[www.ProActRxSavings.com](http://www.ProActRxSavings.com)

Phone: 877-776-2285

The ProAct Prescription Drug Discount Card program helps residents save money on their prescription medications any time their prescriptions are not covered by insurance. Discount cards are distributed in participating counties and may be used at any participating retail pharmacy. The program is free to both the county and participating residents.

**RxAssist**

[www.rxassist.org](http://www.rxassist.org)

**SCBN Prescription Assistance Program**

<http://www.scbn.org>

Phone: 888-331-1002

**Social Security Administration: Extra Help with Medicare Prescription Drug Plan Costs**

<http://www.ssa.gov/prescriptionhelp/>

**Social Security Administration: Understanding the Extra Help With Your Medicare Prescription Drug Plan**

<http://www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/EN-05-10508.pdf>

This booklet has information to help people apply for Extra Help with the costs (monthly premiums, annual deductibles, and prescription co-payments) related to a Medicare prescription drug plan. This program is income based, see SSA to see if you qualify.

## **Veterans Prescription Service**

<http://www.va.gov/healthbenefits/access/prescriptions.asp>

Phone: 877-222-8387

### **Consumer Assistance:**

#### **Consumer Health Alliance: Protecting Consumer Access to Discount Healthcare Programs**

<http://www.consumerhealthalliance.org/>

CHA is the national trade association of the discount healthcare industry, serves more than 28 million consumers in the U.S. through its member companies.

#### **HRSA's Office of Pharmacy Affairs**

<http://www.hrsa.gov/opa/>

Phone: 1-888-340-2787

Email: [ApexusAnswers@340bpvp.com](mailto:ApexusAnswers@340bpvp.com)

A component of the Health Resources and Services Administration Healthcare Systems Bureau, the Office of Pharmacy Affairs has three primary functions:

- Administration of the 340B Drug Pricing Program, through which certain federally funded grantees and other safety net health care providers may purchase prescription medication at significantly reduced prices.
- Development of innovative pharmacy services models and technical assistance.
- Service as a federal resource about pharmacy.

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