

PRESCRIPTION DRUG PROGRAMS AND RESOURCES

Many pharmaceutical companies offer programs for low-income people who cannot afford their medications. Eligibility criteria are different for each company. Usually, the only way to access those programs is through the doctor's office. Families that need help affording medication should tell the doctor that they would like to apply for the Patient Assistance Program to get medications at low cost or no cost. The applications must be submitted by the doctor's office. Ask that the doctor's office staff to fill out the paperwork and submit it. In the long run, the medicine helps keep patients healthier, which is the goal of both the patient and the doctor.

If you have Internet access, check online to see which companies have special programs that might apply. The Website www.HelpingPatients.org provides a handy tool for identifying free or low cost programs that may be available. Select your state, then answer a few questions about your medications, zip code, age, and a few other pieces of information and it will provide a list of programs in your area for the medications you listed. You can then access contact information for the programs, or print applications to apply for the free or discounted drug programs.

A few common assistance programs are listed below:

PhRMA	GlaxoSmith Kline	Lilly	Novartis	Pfizer	Together Rx
Prescription Drug Patient Assistance Programs	Orange Card	LillyAnswers Card	Care Card	ShareCard	Together Rx
Most companies require: No Insurance Do not qualify for other programs Income within certain limits *This chart includes detailed information on some of the drug companies	Seniors age 65 and older and the disabled enrolled in Medicaid Annual income below \$30,000/Single \$40,000/Couple Must not have public or private insurance coverage for prescriptions medicines	Medicare eligible Annual income below \$18,000/Single \$24,000/Household Must not have public or private insurance coverage for prescription medicines	Medicare eligible Two Categories: A. \$18,000/Single \$24,000/Couple B. \$28,000/Single \$38,000/Couple Must not have public or private insurance coverage for prescription medicines	Seniors age 65 and older and the disabled enrolled in Medicare Annual income below \$18,000/Single \$24,000/Couple Must not have public or private insurance coverage for prescription medicines	Seniors age 65 and older and the disabled enrolled in Medicare Annual income below \$28,000/Single \$38,000/Couple Must not have public or private insurance coverage for prescription medicines
Free or low cost medications directly from the drug company	At participating pharmacies receive a 30% average savings	At participating pharmacies pay \$12/prescription for a 30-day supply	At participating pharmacies: A. Pay 12/month (per prescription) B. Receive a 25%-40% off	At participating pharmacies pay \$15/prescription for up to a 30-day supply	At participating pharmacies receive a 20%-40% savings off the regular prescription price
Varies with company	All GSK outpatient prescriptions drugs	All Lilly outpatient drugs	Select drugs	All Pfizer outpatient prescription drugs	150 medications
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