

# Prescription Drug Assistance

The attached information is a hand out from Volunteers In Health Care with valuable information on prescription drug assistance. Some of the information is already listed in your State Resources.

One more resource:

RX Cost Relief: Directory: 1-202-835-3410 [www.Rxhope.com/pap-info.asap](http://www.Rxhope.com/pap-info.asap)

## Are You Looking for Affordable Medications?

### Where to Start...

<p><i>If you cannot afford to buy your prescription medications...</i></p>	<p><b>Most drug manufacturers offer a limited supply of free prescription medication to eligible patients.</b> These Pharmaceutical Manufacturers Patient Assistance Programs (PAPs) have different application forms and eligibility requirements. The pharmaceutical companies supply these applications for free. For more information about PAPs, ask: your doctor, your pharmacist or look in the PhRMA directory (to obtain the directory call 800-762-4636 or visit <a href="http://www.phrma.org">www.phrma.org</a>).</p> <p>For more information you can search online at:</p> <p><a href="http://www.rxassist.org">www.rxassist.org</a> Searchable database allows you to search for PAPs by company, brand name, generic name and drug class. The information includes eligibility and application instructions. Internet access necessary.</p> <p><a href="http://www.medicare.gov/Prescription/Home.asp">www.medicare.gov/Prescription/Home.asp</a> Based on the information you enter, the site searches for programs in your state or programs for certain diagnosis or medication. Internet access is necessary.</p> <p><a href="http://www.helpingpatients.org">www.helpingpatients.org</a> New interactive website by PhRMA and 48 of its member companies. Website was designed to help providers and patients find Patient Assistance Programs.</p> <p><a href="http://www.benefitscheckup.org">www.benefitscheckup.org</a> Provides individuals 55 and over with a confidential personalized report of public and private programs that can help save money on prescription drugs.</p>
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## Where to Start...

<p><b><i>If you would like assistance filling out PAPs...</i></b></p>	<p><b>Applications for Patient Assistance Programs are free</b> if you call the pharmaceutical company directly. There are programs that will help you obtain and complete the necessary paperwork for a fee. If your PAP application is denied, each program has a different refund policy. Ask about refund policies and services provided before sending any money. Some programs are:</p> <p><b><i>The Medicine Program Assistance Network</i></b>  <a href="http://www.themedicineprogram.com/">www.themedicineprogram.com/</a>          1038          573-996-7300</p> <p><b><i>The Patient</i></b>          Toll-free: 202-595-1038          Call and leave a message and address to receive free information by mail</p>
<p><b><i>If you are on Medicare (65 or older or disabled)</i></b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Some drug manufacturers offer <b>drug discount cards</b> for the elderly and disabled:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ For GlaxoSmithKline’s The Orange Card call 888-Orange6 (672-6436)</li> <li>➤ For Eli Lilly’s LillyAnswers Card call 877-RX-Lilly (795-4559)</li> <li>➤ For Novartis’ The CareCard call 866-974-CARE (2273)</li> <li>➤ For Pfizer’s The Share Card call 800-459-4156</li> <li>➤ For the Together Rx Card (<i>This one card can be used for many medications manufactured by: Abbot Laboratories, AstraZeneca, Aventis Pharmaceuticals, Bristol-Myers Squibb Company, GlaxoSmithKline, Janssen, Johnson &amp; Johnson, Novartis and Ortho-McNeil.</i>) call 800-865-7211</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ Call you <b>local Area Agency on Aging</b> for information about community based medication assistance programs. To find the nearest office call 800-677-1116 or visit <a href="http://www.eldercare.gov">www.eldercare.gov</a></li> </ul>
<p><b><i>If you or a member of your family is a veteran or member of the military...</i></b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Contact the <b>Veteran’s Administration</b> at 877-222-VETS(8387)visit <a href="http://www.va.gov/">http://www.va.gov/</a></li> <li>▪ <b>For active and retired military personnel and their families</b>, visit <a href="http://tricare.osd.mil/">http://tricare.osd.mil/</a> for information regarding The National Mail Order Pharmacy Program and to find the phone number for your regional office.</li> </ul>

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<p><i>If you can afford to pay a portion of your medications...</i></p>	<p><b>Nonprofit Warehouse’s Prescription Drug Discount Program</b> The Nonprofit Warehouse is offering a drug discount card program to any individual regardless of age or income. The free card allows the holder to receive discounts on prescriptions at any of the 45,000 participating pharmacies or through a Mail Order Program (for those without a participating pharmacy in their neighborhood). For more information contact the Nonprofit Warehouse at <a href="http://www.nonprofitwarehouse.com">www.nonprofitwarehouse.com</a> or call 770-541-7777.</p> <p><b>Group discount drug plans</b> <i>(There are numerous programs and just two examples are below. Please note most discount plans charge membership fees):</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ YOURxPlan (run by Merck-Medco Discount Drugs) for more information visit <a href="http://www.yourplan.com">www.yourplan.com</a> or call 877-733-6765.</li><li>▪ AARP has a group drug plan to find out more call 800-456-2277 or visit <a href="http://www.aarp-pharmacy.com">www.aarp-pharmacy.com</a></li></ul>
<p><b>Additional Information</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ <b>Community health centers, public hospitals, public health departments and/or private not for profit hospitals</b> in your town may be able to help you. For the nearest community health center contact: 888-ASK-HRSA (275-4772)</li><li>▪ <b>Check with your doctor or pharmacist.</b> Physicians and pharmacists may know about where to get free or discounted medication.</li><li>▪ <b>If you have a specific disease, there may be programs for you.</b> Look for national organizations advocating for people with your condition.</li><li>▪ <b>Local social service agencies or religious groups</b> may have emergency funds for medication purchases. You may want to contact the United Way, Salvation Army, or Goodwill.</li><li>▪ <b>You may qualify for Medicaid</b> or other similar programs that offer prescription coverage. Contact your state or county social services/ welfare department.</li><li>▪ <b>Contact your senator or congressperson’s office</b> if you cannot locate medication assistance on your own.</li><li>▪ <b>Check the attached table</b> for information on programs in your state.</li></ul>

## Statewide Drug Assistance Programs\*

State	Served: D=Disabled e M=Medicare	Name of Program	Program type	Contact Information
Alabama	E (55+)	SeniorRx	Gov't PAP assistance program	800-AGE-LINE (800-243-5463)
Alaska	M (65+ only)	Senior Care Prescription Drug Benefit Program	Gov't prescription assistance program; will wrap around Medicare Part D	800-478-6065 or 907-269-3680
Arizona	M	Arizona CoppeRx Card Prescription Discount Program (RxAmerica)	Gov't prescription assistance program	888-227-8315
Arkansas	L	Rx Discount Program	Gov't prescription assistance program	
Arkansas	L	Arkansas Health Care Access Foundation, Inc.	Non profit prescription assistance program	1-800-950-8233 or 1-501-221-3033
California	M	Drug Discount Program for Medicare Recipients		Show your Medicare card at participating pharmacies to get drugs at Medi-Cal prices (when paying out of pocket) <a href="http://www.dhs.ca.gov/pharmacy">www.dhs.ca.gov/pharmacy</a>
Colorado	---	No program		---
Connecticut	Anyone	Citizens Health (program being piloted in MA, CT & RI)	Non profit prescription assistance program	800-JOE-K-4RX (800-563-5479)
Connecticut	E, D or M	Connecticut Pharmaceutical Assistance Contract to the Elderly and the Disabled Program (ConnPACE)	Gov't prescription assistance program; will wrap around Medicare Part D	CT Dept of Social Services 860-832-9265 or toll free in-state 800-423-5026
Delaware	M	Delaware Prescription Assistance Program (DPAP)	Gov't prescription assistance program; will wrap around Medicare Part D	Division of Social Services 800-996-9969 x 17 or 302-577-4900
District of Columbia	L (under 64 yrs old)	DC Healthcare Alliance	Insurance for uninsured DC residents	202-842-2810
Florida		No program		
Georgia	L	Georgia Partnership for Caring Foundation	Non profit prescription assistance program	800-982-GPCF (4723)
Hawaii	L	Hawaii Rx Plus Program	Gov't prescription assistance program	HI residents may call 211 - free call or visit <a href="http://www.hawaiiirxplus.com">www.hawaiiirxplus.com</a>
Hawaii	E, D, or M	State Pharmacy	Gov't prescription assistance	Not operational

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		Assistance Program	program; will wrap around Medicare Part D	
Idaho	---	No program		
Illinois	E, D or M	Illinois Cares Rx	Gov't prescription assistance program; will wrap around Medicare Part D	800-624-2459 or 217-254-0084
Illinois	L	Illinois Rx Buying Club	Gov't prescription assistance program	866-215-3462
Indiana	M	Hoosier Rx	Gov't prescription assistance program only for Medicare Part D wraparound	317-234-1381 or 866-267-4679
Iowa	M eligible	Iowa Priority Prescription Savings Program (patient can receive help until 5/31/06)		866-282-5817 or 515-327-5405
Kansas	L	CommunityRx Kansas	Government Program	1-800-279-3022 or 1-866-424-6423 or visit <a href="http://www.healthykansas.org">www.healthykansas.org</a>
Kentucky	L	Health Kentucky	Non profit prescription assistance program	800-633-8100
Kentucky	M (65+)	Kentucky Pharmacy Assistance Program	Gov't pharmacy assistance program only for Medicare Part D wraparound	Not operational
Louisiana		No program		
Maine	E M	Maine Low Cost Drugs for the Elderly & Disabled Program	Gov't pharmacy assistance program; will wrap around Medicare Part D	866-796-2463
Maine	L	Maine Rx Plus	Gov't pharmacy assistance program	866-RxMaine (866-796-2463)
Maryland	L	Maryland Medbank Program	Non-profit PAP assistance program	410-821-9262, 877-435-7755
Maryland	L	Maryland Pharmacy Assistance Program	Gov't pharmacy assistance program	800-492-1974 or 410-767-5394
Maryland	M	Senior Prescription Drug Assistance Program	Gov't prescription assistance program only for Medicare Part D wraparound	800-972-4612
Massachusetts	Anyone	Citizens Health (program being piloted in MA, CT & RI)	Private non profit program	800-JOE-K-4RX (800-563-5479)
Massachusetts	E, D or M	The Prescription Advantage Program	Gov't pharmacy assistance program; will wrap around Medicare Part D	Exec. Office of Elderly Affairs 800-243-4636; 617-727-7750
Michigan	---	No program		

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Minnesota	---	No program		
Mississippi	---	No program		
Missouri	M	Missouri Rx Plan	Gov't pharmacy assistance program	866-556-9316 or <a href="http://www.dhss.mo.gov/MoSeniorRx/">www.dhss.mo.gov/MoSeniorRx/</a>
Montana	M	Big Sky Rx Program	Gov't prescription assistance program only for Medicare Part D wraparound	
Nebraska	---	No program		---
Nevada	E, D, M	Senior Rx	Gov't pharmacy assistance program; will wrap around Medicare Part D	866-303-6323
New Hampshire	L	NH Medication Bridge Program	PAP assistance program	800-852-3456
New Jersey	E, D or M	Pharmaceutical Assistance for the Aged and Disabled (PAAD)	Gov't pharmacy assistance program; will wrap around Medicare Part D	609-588-7048; 800-792-9745
New Jersey	E, D or M	Senior Gold Program	Gov't pharmacy assistance program; will wrap around Part D	609-588-7048; 800-792-9745
New Mexico	E	New Mexico SenioRx Program	Gov't pharmacy assistance program	866-244-0882
New Mexico	L	New Mexico MedBANK	Non profit PAP assistance program	(800) 432-2080 (476-4772 in Santa Fe)
New York	E, M	Elderly Pharmaceuticals Insurance Coverage (EPIC) Program	Gov't pharmacy assistance program; will wrap around Medicare Part D; EPIC considered creditable coverage by Medicare	800-332-3742
North Carolina		No program		
North Dakota	---	No program		---
Ohio	E,D or M	Golden Buckeye Card Program	Gov't pharmacy assistance program	800-422-1976
Ohio	E, M	Ohio's Best Rx	Gov't pharmacy assistance program	866-923-7879
Oklahoma	L	Rx for Oklahoma	Gov't PAP assistance program	877-RX4 OKLA
Oregon		No program		
Pennsylvania	E, M	Pharmaceutical Assistance Contract for the Elderly (PACE) & PACE Needs Enhancement Tier (PACENET)	Gov't pharmacy assistance program; will wrap around Medicare Part D; PACE/PACENET considered creditable coverage by Medicare	PA Dept of Aging 717-787-7313; 800-225-7223
Rhode Island	Anyone	Citizens Health (program being	Non-profit prescription assistance program	800-JOE-K-4RX (800-563-5479)

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		piloted in MA, CT & RI)		
Rhode Island	E	Rhode Island Pharmaceutical Assistance for the Elderly (RIPAE)	Gov't pharmacy assistance program;will wrap around Medicare Part D	Dept of Elderly Affairs 401-462-4000
South Carolina	M	Gap Assistance Prescription Program for Seniors (GAPS)	Gov't pharmacy assistance program only for Medicare Part D wraparound	
South Carolina	L	Commun-I-Care	Non-profit prescription assistance program	803-933-9183
South Dakota		No program		
Tennessee	---	No program		
Utah	---	No program		
Vermont	L, E, D or M	Healthy Vermonters Prescription Drug Program	Gov't pharmacy assistance program;will wrap around Medicare Part D	800-250-8427 or instate 800-529-4060
Vermont	M	VHAP-Pharmacy, VScript	Gov't pharmacy assistance program;will wrap around Medicare Part D	800-250-8427 or instate 800-529-4060
Vermont	All low income	Vermont Medication Bridge Program	Non-profit PAP assistance program	866-887-4276
Virginia	---	County specific programs	PAP assistance programs	<a href="http://aging.state.va.us/prescripassist4.htm">aging.state.va.us/prescripassist4.htm</a>
Washington	E, M	Rx Washington Card	Gov't pharmacy assistance program	800-227-5255
Washington	L	Prescription Drug Purchasing Consortium	Gov't pharmacy assistance program	800-657-2038 or www.rx.wa.gov
West Virginia	E	Golden Mountaineer Discount Card Program (replaces SPAN II)	Gov't pharmacy assistance program	877-987-3646
Wisconsin	E, M	Senior Care Rx	Gov't pharmacy assistance program; will wrap around Medicare Part D	800-657-2038
Wyoming	All low-income	Prescription Drug Assistance Program	Gov't pharmacy assistance program	Enrollment stopped

\* Information compiled from various sources including:

National Conference of State Legislatures, State Pharmaceutical Assistance Programs (Updated 12/05/05),  
[State prescription assistance web sites](#)

\*\* States define "elderly" differently, this can mean anything from 55 and older.

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## The Merck Patient Assistance Program

If you don't have health insurance or a prescription drug plan and also can't afford the Merck medicines you need, you may be eligible for discounts of 15% to 40% regardless of your age or income. For nearly 50 years, this Merck program has provided our drugs free to millions of Americans.

For more information, call 1-800-727-5400 or visit [www.merck.com](http://www.merck.com).