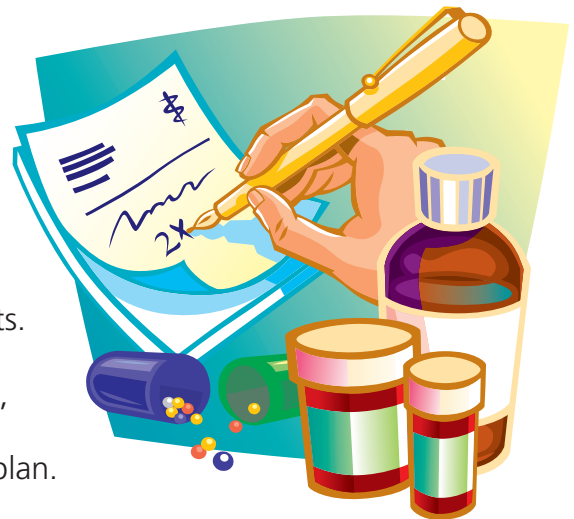




prescription for health

Help Paying for Prescription Medicine*

Your doctor prescribed a medicine for you, but money is tight. A good place to start is to talk to your doctor or pharmacist. There are programs that may offer financial support for prescription drugs. This guide can help you with these programs.



Finding Affordable Care

Health insurance can help pay for some medication costs. The Affordable Care Act was created to provide health insurance to all Americans. If you have insurance, you will be better able to afford your medicines. Go to www.healthcare.gov to get started finding a health plan.

Know Your Options

Prescription drugs can be expensive, even with health insurance. There are many programs offered by the government, states, and pharmaceutical companies to help you pay for your medication. Learn more about the different programs. Check out the programs below to find out which options may be right for you.

Government Programs

- **Medicare**

www.medicare.gov/part-d/index.html

Medicare is the US government's health insurance program for people over the age of 65. Some people under the age of 65 with certain disabilities may also be able to get coverage through Medicare. There are two program options: Medicare Prescription Drug Plan (Part D) or Medicare Advantage (Part C) that can help pay for prescription drugs. You will need to enroll during certain times of the year.

- **Medicare Extra Help**

www.ssa.gov/medicare/prescriptionhelp

If you are covered under Medicare and meet certain income guidelines, you may be eligible for the Social Security Administration's Extra Help program. This program will help with the cost of monthly medical fees and medicines.

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- **Veterans Affairs**

www.va.gov

If you are a veteran and need help paying for your medicines, Veterans Affairs will you get them. With veteran's benefits, you may be able to get your medications for free or for just a small copayment. Copayment ("copay") is the amount an insured person will to pay for a healthcare service or medicine at the point of care.

- **Medicaid**

www.medicaid.gov

Medicaid is a health insurance program sponsored by the state. It is for low-income US residents of any age. Your state may have a different name for Medicaid. (In California it is called Medi-Cal). Each state has different rules that you must follow.

- **Other State Programs**

www.medicare.gov/pharmaceutical-assistance-program/state-programs.aspx.

Many states have prescription drug programs that are not part of Medicaid. These programs can help you afford your medicine. Sometimes, a state program is linked to Medicare's drug plan (Part D).

Pharmaceutical Company Support

- **Partnership for Prescription Assistance (PPA)**

www.pparx.org

This program can help you pay for your prescriptions if you don't have coverage. It also can help you if you can't afford to pay for your medicines. Partnership for Prescription Assistance helps match people to the right assistance program. It is backed by America's pharmaceuticals research companies and includes over 2,500 drugs.

- **More Help**

You may be able to save money on your prescription medicine. Find out the name of the company that makes your prescription medicine. The name should be on the prescription bottle. You can also ask your doctor or pharmacist. Go to the company's website. Eligible patients could receive support services, copay help, and access to medicines for free or at a savings.

Your Healthcare Provider and Pharmacist

- Talk to your doctor and pharmacist about your prescription drug costs. They can help. Ask your doctor or pharmacists if they know of any offers through the pharmaceutical company. Your doctor's office may have samples or savings cards especially when beginning a new medicine.

Where to Find More Information

These websites may help you find programs that will help you pay for your prescription drugs.

- **BenefitsCheckUp provided by the National Council on Aging**

www.benefitscheckup.org | 202-479-1200

This nonprofit service and advocacy organization offers adults over the age of 55 help in paying for prescription drugs, health care, utilities, and other basic needs.

- **Foundation for Health Coverage Education**
www.coverageforall.org

This nonprofit organization's mission is to simplify public and private health insurance eligibility information in order to help more people access coverage.

- **HealthWell Foundation**
www.healthwellfoundation.org | 800-675-8416

The HealthWell Foundation provides financial assistance for eligible individuals to cover coinsurance, copayments, health care premiums, and deductibles for certain medications and therapies. Also, if patients are eligible for health insurance, but cannot afford the insurance premium, they may be able to assist with your insurance premium. On their website there is a list of the disease states they support and the medications they cover.

- **National Associations of Counties (NACo)—Prescription Card Discount Program**
www.naco.org/programs/residents/pages/pdcp.aspx

Through a partnership with CVS Caremark, NACo provides a free prescription discount card exclusively for NACo member counties to offer to their residents. The card will give discounts on prescriptions for residents who are uninsured, underinsured, seniors, or pet owners. A list of participating counties is listed on the Website.

- **Needy Meds**
www.needymeds.org | info@needymeds.org | 800-503-6897

NeedyMeds is a nonprofit organization dedicated to helping people locate assistance programs to help them afford their medications and other healthcare costs. All their information is free and updated regularly.

- **Patient Access Network Foundation (PAN)**
www.panfoundation.org | 866-316-7263

PAN Foundation helps patients suffering from certain cancers, chronic illnesses and rare diseases through more than 50 disease-specific financial assistance programs. Assistance includes covering out-of-pocket and medical expenses.

- **Patient Advocate Foundation: Co-pay Relief (CPR) Program**
www.copays.org | 866-512-3861

For selected conditions, CPR provides help with health insurance copayments and deductibles for prescription medicine. Visit the Website or call for a complete list of medical conditions and income rules.

- **Patient Services, Inc. (PSI)**
www.patientservicesinc.org | 800-366-7741

Patient Services, Inc. is a nonprofit patient assistance program that provides financial support and guidance for qualified patients with specific, rare chronic diseases. PSI helps subsidize the costs of health insurance premiums and out-of-pocket costs and offers a variety of legal services free of charge through the PSI-A.C.C.E.S.S Program.

- **RxAssist**

www.rxassist.org

RxAssist offers a comprehensive database of patient assistance programs that provide free medication to people who cannot afford them, practical tools, news, and articles for patients and health care professionals.

- **Rx Outreach**

www.rxoutreach.org

Rx Outreach is a nonprofit charity that provides critical medicine for people who cannot afford it. They offer more than 500 medications through their mail order pharmacy with support from generous donors.

Now you know there is help paying for your prescription medications, take the next step and find out what may work best for you.

