



Charity, Patient Assistance Programs and Discount Card Resources to Help Pay for Prescription Drugs

Charities and Co-Pay Relief Programs

- Please note: assistance is based on available funds each program has for a specific disease. Once the funds are depleted, the program is closed until new funds are made available.
- Many charities will provide assistance only if the individual has some type of insurance and if eligible, they will help pay for the part of the co-pay not covered by the plan. If the individual is uninsured, they should think about applying for a Patient Assistance Program (PAP).
- Each charity is different and many provide co-pay assistance with specific diseases and conditions. Please visit the individual charity website for a list of covered diseases, conditions and prescriptions.
- Assistance received through a registered charity DOES count towards a beneficiary's Part D True Out-of-Pocket (TrOOP) costs.

Program Name	Website and Phone Number	About the Program
American Diabetes Association Prescription Assistance	Website: http://www.diabetes.org/living-with-diabetes/treatment-and-care/health-insurance-options/prescription-assistance.html Phone: (800)342-2383	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information about financial assistance programs provided by pharmaceutical companies that make diabetes medications and supplies
Assistance Fund Co-Pay Assistance Program	Website: http://theassistancefund.org/apply-now/ Phone: (877)245-4412	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Helps with medications co-pays to treat specific conditions • Must have other insurance • Eligibility guidelines apply
Cancer Care Co-Pay Assistance Foundation	Website: http://www.cancercarecopay.org Phone: (866)552-6729	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Co-pay assistance to with cancer drugs • Must have other insurance • Eligibility guidelines apply
Caring Voice Coalition Financial Assistance Program	Website: http://www.caringvoice.org/2011/09/financial-assistance/ Phone: (888)267-1440	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Premium or co-pay assistance available to individuals with specific chronic illnesses • Can have other insurance • Eligibility guidelines apply

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Program Name	Website and Phone Number	About the Program
Chronic Disease Fund, Inc.	Website: http://www.cdfund.org Phone: (877)968-7233	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Co-pay assistance available for specific diseases and drugs • Must have other insurance • Eligibility guidelines apply
HealthWell Foundation	Website: http://healthwellfoundation.org Phone: (800)675-8416	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assistance with co-pays and premiums for selected diseases • Must have other insurance • Eligibility guidelines apply
National Organization for Rare Disorders	Website: http://www.rarediseases.org Phone: (203)744-0100, (202)588-5700	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assistance with insurance premiums and co-pays for specific diseases, conditions and drugs • Eligibility guidelines apply
Patient Access Network Foundation	Website: https://www.panfoundation.org Phone: (866)316-7263	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Helps with co-pays for drugs used to treat certain cancers and chronic diseases • Can have other insurance • Eligibility guidelines apply
Patient Advocate Foundation Co-Pay Relief	Website: http://www.copays.org Phone: (866)512-3861	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Co-pay assistance available for certain chronic conditions • Portion of the drug co-pay must be covered by other insurance in order to receive • Eligibility guidelines apply
Patient Services Incorporated	Website: https://www.patientservicesinc.org Phone: 1-800-366-7741	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drug co-pay assistance for specific diseases • Full or partial assistance • Can have other insurance • Eligibility guidelines apply
RxHope	Website: https://www.rxhope.com/home.aspx Phone: 1-877-267-0517	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Database of available patient assistance programs and applications

Drug Discount Cards

- Many are offered for free
- Most drug discount cards cannot be combined with Medicare Part D or other insurance – can only use one at a time
- Many cards do not require enrollment or registration
- Can be used by anyone regardless of age, income, residency
- Must use a pharmacy that accepts the card. Check the program’s website for a list of participating pharmacies.
- Discounts vary on type of drug (generic or brand)
- Each card offers a different savings amount - ask the pharmacy to run the prescription with the discount card to find out if the savings exceed the co-pay of the drug
- Visit <http://www.rxassist.org/faqs/drug-discount-cards.cfm> for more information

Drug Discount Card Name	Website Information	Notes
Discount Cards by County National Association of Counties (NACO)	Website: http://www2.caremark.com/naco Phone: 1-877-321-2652	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can print a card directly from the website for immediate use
Needy Meds	Website: http://www.needymeds.org/drugcard/index.htm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can print a card directly from the website for immediate use
Easy Drug Card	Website: www.EasyDrugCard.com Phone: (877) 891-2198	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can print a card directly from the website for immediate use
Illinois Rx Card	Website: http://www.illinoisrxcard.com	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discounts on mostly generics, few brands • Can create and print a card from the website for immediate use

Patient Assistance Programs

Patient Assistance Programs (PAPs) are programs provided directly by the pharmaceutical company and individuals who qualify can obtain the prescription at a discounted price or free. Each PAP has its own set of eligibility requirements and application process. You can determine if a PAP is available for a specific drug by visiting www.rxassist.org.

RxAssist allows you to search for a PAP by prescription drug or drug manufacturer and print out individual PAP applications. The application usually requires the individual and the prescribing physician to complete and submit the application. Please note, assistance received from a PAP does NOT count towards TrOOP.

\$4 Generic Drug Programs

Many retail pharmacies offer 30-day supply generic prescription medications for \$4 (or \$10 for a 90-day supply). Individuals can look on-line or visit the retail pharmacy and ask for a list of the generics that are offered for this discount. They can ask their doctor to review the list and determine if any of the generics on the list can be effective alternatives to medications they are currently taking. If so, the prescription can be filled without going through their Part D plan.

Remember, any generic medications purchased out-of-pocket WILL count toward the beneficiary's true out-of-pocket cost and toward catastrophic coverage with their Part D plan as long as they send in the receipt to the plan. Some retail pharmacies that offer the \$4 Generic Drug Program include CVS, Kmart, Kroger's WalMart, Meijer's, Sam's Club, Target. Check with your local pharmacy to find out if they offer a program.

Free Antibiotics at Meijer's Pharmacy

Meijer's Pharmacy offers the following antibiotics for free with a doctor's prescription: Amoxicillin, Ampicillin, Cephalexin, Ciprofloxacin, Erythromycin, Penicillin VK, SMZ-TMP.

Individuals are eligible for a 14-day supply for normal oral dosages and must be picked up at the pharmacy in person. Visit <http://www.meijer.com/pharmacy> for additional information.

Internet Drug Coupons

Drug manufacturers offer prescription drug coupons on websites like www.internetdrugcoupons.com. These coupons cannot be used with Medicare Part D but can be used for excluded drugs, non-formulary drugs, or during the donut hole if the coupon savings would exceed the brand name and generic discounts.