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Patient assistance programs are run by pharmaceutical companies to provide free medications to people who cannot afford to buy their medicine. RxAssist offers a comprehensive database of these patient assistance programs, as well as practical tools, news, and articles so that health care professionals and patients can find the information they need. All in one place. Registration at the web site is required to search for information on prices for drugs.

1-800-769-3880

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



Partnership for
Prescription Assistance

The Partnership for Prescription Assistance brings together America's pharmaceutical companies, doctors, other health care providers, patient advocacy organizations and community groups to help qualifying patients who lack prescription coverage get the medicines they need through the public or private program that's right for them. Many will get them free or nearly free. Its mission is to increase awareness of patient assistance programs and boost enrollment of those who are eligible. Through this site, the Partnership for Prescription Assistance offers a single point of access to more than 475 public and private patient assistance programs, including more than 150 programs offered by pharmaceutical companies. To access the Partnership for Prescription Assistance by phone, you can call toll-free, 1-888-4PPA-NOW (1-888-477-2669).

After choosing your state, click on "patients click here" button. Select your medications from the list of covered drugs. Answer 10 simple questions to determine your eligibility. The site will tell you which programs are available for you. Then print out applications to apply for free or discounted drug programs.

<https://www.pparx.org/Intro.php>

Where patients come first  MERCK

Merck Programs to help those in need: At Merck, we believe that no one should go without the medicines they need. That is why the Company provides its medicines free or at discounts to people who do not have prescription drug coverage and who, without our assistance, cannot afford their Merck medicine. This is consistent with Merck's long-held values and traditions of putting patients first. Pick the program that is right for you, if you have no prescription drug coverage you may be eligible for discounted Merck medicines — regardless of your age and income — through the Merck Prescription Discount Program. The Merck Prescription Discount Program is uniquely designed to provide assistance when, where and how patients need it. It is innovative in several important ways:

- First, the program is offered to all uninsured patients, *regardless of age or income*.
- Second, the Instant Savings Certificate* provides patients with *an immediate, easy-to-access* discount at the pharmacy counter. Patients do not have to fill out complicated enrollment forms or wait for a card in the mail to access an immediate discounts on many Merck medicines. Patients can enroll in the Merck Prescription Discount Program to realize greater continuous savings.
- Finally, the program is *free-of-charge*, easy to enroll in and use, and conveniently offered through almost all pharmacies nationwide. Plus, there are no annual membership fees for the life of the program.

If you have no prescription drug coverage and cannot afford your medicines, you may be eligible for free Merck medicines through the Merck Patient Assistance Program. 1-888-776-8364.

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

[Click Here to Download the Guide to Affordable Medicine in an easy to read format](#)



America's best-kept secret is that people who can't afford their prescription medications can sometimes get them free, direct from pharmaceutical sponsored programs. Applicants can now apply directly online or download and print the initial application in English or Spanish (Uso español aquí) PDF format. To request a brochure mailed directly to the patient, send us an email or call 1-573-996-3333, a trained specialist will answer your questions and help you apply.

Free prescription drugs are available to households with incomes as high as \$80,000. As advocates for patients seeking prescription medicine assistance, Free Medicine Foundation is committed to getting the word out and helping patients apply for free medicine.

Requirements for Free Medicine Enrollment are:

People who have no public or private prescription drug coverage; People with household incomes at a level that paying for medicine at retail prices poses a hardship; People who make too much money to qualify for public assistance e.g. Medicaid

General Income Eligibility Criteria: Individuals with family incomes ranging from below the national poverty level up to \$38,000, and in some cases, families with annual incomes as high as \$80,000 can receive free drugs. (\$39,200 for individuals, \$52,800 for couples, or \$80,000 for a family of four.) *Each sponsored drug has it's own eligibility criteria.*

Hardship Circumstances may also Allow Free Medicine Eligibility, see web site.

<http://www.freemedicinefoundation.com/index.html>



Since many people with Medicare cannot afford their prescription drugs (Rx), MRC has put together a list of discount drug programs. It contains eligibility

and benefit information on state prescription drug assistance programs, drug discount cards, and internet and mail-order discount pharmacies. Click on Discount Rx Resources and check the discount cards available under Prescription Drug (Rx) Discount Cards that has an extensive list of programs, fees (if applicable) and a description of the plans. <http://www.medicarerights.org/>



NeedyMeds.com

*"I couldn't get pay for my medicine then
this site saved my life!"*

Information you need to get your medicine

NeedyMeds is the best source of information for people who need help with the cost of medicine and other healthcare expenses. This site is like the Yellow Pages. They do not supply medications or financial assistance but do provide information so you can find programs that will help you. Words in blue are links that open new pages when you click on them. Phone: 215-625-9609

Program Name List <http://www.needymeds.com>

As of July 14, 2006 this list contains information on 365 programs and companies. The list includes companies that don't have patient assistance programs but are included to indicate these companies don't have a program (as noted). <http://www.needymeds.com/>



AARP Bulletin

New Hampshire

[New Hampshire Medication Bridge Program](#)

- Who qualifies: New Hampshire residents without prescription coverage; Income restrictions: Monthly household income cannot exceed \$1,500/individual, \$2,000/couple; The deal: This privately funded program helps those on medications for chronic conditions secure drugs through pharmaceutical companies. But with several drug companies no longer offering pharmaceutical assistance programs in light of Part D, Medicare-eligible clients may have few options under the Medication Bridge Program; Cost to join: None; For more details or to apply: Call (603) 225-0900

<http://www.aarp.org/bulletin/prescription/statebystate.html>



[American Health Association](#) 888-777-7838

[PBMRx Canadian Prescription Plan](#) 1-800-899-0835



Consumer Reports has information they have researched on the uses of many drugs.

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

Name of Program	Telephone	Eligibility Description	Fees and Savings
AARP MemberRx Choice Program www.rpspharmacy.com	1-800-289-8849	Discounts on Rx for AARP members.	AARP membership plus \$19.95/person annual fee. Shipping and handling fees apply. Discount depends on Rx.
Affordable Health Card www.affordablehealthcard.com	1-800-214-0611	Discounts on Rx, dental, vision, hearing, chiropractic, physical therapy and more.	\$15 activation fee plus \$24.95 for Gold Family plan or \$28.95 for Platinum Family Plan. Up to 60% discount on generic Rx, 20-50% discount on brand-name Rx
Alliance Health Card www.alliancehealthcard.com	1-877-210-4720	Discounts on Rx, dental, vision, hearing, chiropractic, physical therapy and more.	\$120 family membership for Gold Card plan or \$180 for Platinum Card plan. Discount depends on Rx.
CVS Health SavingsPass www.cvshealthpass.com	1-888-616-2273	Must be at least 50 years old. Discounts on Rx, dental, vision, hearing and more	\$69.95/couple annual fee. 5-50% discount.
Merck Medco (YOURx Plan) www.yourplan.com	1-877-733-6765	Discounts on Rx.	\$25/person or \$40/family annual fee. Discount depends on Rx.
Nonprofit Warehouse http://www.nonprofitwarehouse.com/	1-770-541-7777	Discounts on Rx, dental, vision, hearing and other medical supplies.	No fee. One card specifically for Kmart pharmacies, one for other pharmacies. Up to 15% discount on brand-name Rx, up to 50% discount on generic Rx.
Peoples Prescription Plan www.peoplesrxcard.com	1-800-667-6914	Discounts on Rx, eyeglasses, hearing aids and vitamins. Dental plan also available.	\$7.95/family monthly fee Discount depends on Rx.
Pfizer Pfriends www.pfizerhelpfulanswers.com	1-866-776-3700	Must have no other Rx coverage. No income or age limits. Discounts on certain Pfizer drugs only.	No fee. Average savings 37% for annual incomes of less than \$45,000 per year; 15% for more than \$45,000 per year.
Plan Plus www.planplus-discounts.com	1-800-527-5583 1-800-527-0959 (Spanish)	Discounts on Rx and other items.	\$4.75/family monthly fee (may vary depending on location). Discounts up to 30%.
RxDrugCard www.rxdrugcard.com	1-888-216-2461	Discounts on Rx.	\$45.95/person or \$49.95/family annual fee. Discount depends on Rx.
Together Rx Access Card www.togetherrxaccess.com	1-800-444-4106	Must have no other Rx coverage. Must not be eligible for Medicare. Annual income must be less than \$30,000 (single) or \$40,000 (couple).	Discounts on select Abbott, Astra Zeneca, Aventis, Bristol-Myers Squibb, GlaxoSmithKline, Janssen, Novartis, Ortho-McNeil, Pfizer, Takeda and TAP Rx only. No fee. Discounts of 25-40%.
United States Pharmaceutical Group, Inc. www.uspgi.com	1-800-977-9655	Discount plans include Rx and diabetic and respiratory supplies	No fee. Discount depends on Rx.

