

# Prescription Assistance Guide

If you are having trouble affording the medications you need, there are resources available to assist you with the costs of your prescription drugs. Additionally, many pharmaceutical companies have patient assistance programs for those who cannot afford their medications and have no health insurance. Information is available at their websites by putting "patient assistance programs" or "patient support" into the search field at the site.

## [PARTNERSHIP FOR PRESCRIPTION ASSISTANCE](#)

- The Partnership for Prescription Assistance helps qualifying patients without prescription drug coverage get the medicines they need for free or nearly free. This site links to a variety of services to help lower your co-payment for both prescriptions and other medical services.

## [PATIENT ACCESS NETWORK](#)

- The Patient Access Network helps underinsured people with life-threatening, chronic and rare diseases get the medications and treatment they need by assisting with out-of-pocket costs and advocating for improved access and affordability.

## [BENEFITSCHECKUP: PRESCRIPTION DRUG ASSISTANCE](#)

- BenefitsCheckUp is the National Council on Aging's resource for seniors with limited incomes. The website connects people with programs that may help them better afford prescription drugs and other healthcare costs.

## [CONSUMER REPORTS BEST BUY DRUGS](#)

- Consumers Union, the group that publishes *Consumer Reports*, evaluates the best drugs to treat certain conditions based on how well the drugs work, their safety, their side effects, and their cost. This information is also available in Spanish.

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## MEDICARE EXTRA HELP

- Some people with limited income and resources also are eligible for Extra Help to pay for the costs related to a Medicare prescription drug plan such as monthly premiums, annual deductibles, and prescription co-payments.

## HELPRX.INFO

- HelpRx.info provides pharmacy discounts based on negotiated prices at participating pharmacies. HelpRx.info is partnered with a pharmacy benefit provider to help make the information accessible by simply picking a pharmacy or searching for a drug. The search results will show the nearest pharmacies or the pharmacies with the best discounts.

## NEEDYMEDS

- The site offers a free, downloadable prescription discount card to print and use at participating pharmacies as well as links to other discount programs and co-pay cards for both brand and generic medications. Search the alphabetized database for prescription assistance programs, links to co-pay cards, and disease specific assistance programs. NeedyMeds includes other services, such as locating free/low cost clinics, MRI/CAT scan discounts, scholarships, and links to Medicaid sites.

## FAMILYWIZE: PRESCRIPTION DISCOUNT CARD

- Patients can access a discount card that can be used in over 60,000 pharmacies to lower the cost of prescription drugs. This card is free of charge and can be downloaded and printed. The card is also available electronically on a mobile phone. This site offers a user-friendly drug lookup table so you can begin to estimate your drug costs using the card.