

National Benefit Resources

Area Agencies on Aging (ElderCare)

Local Area Agencies on Aging may be able to assist patients age 65 years and older who cannot afford their medications. To contact your local Area Agency on Aging, call 800-677-1116 or visit www.eldercare.gov.

Association of Clinicians for the Underserved (ACU)

The Association of Clinicians for the Underserved is a nonprofit, interdisciplinary organization whose mission is to improve the health of underserved populations by enhancing the development and support of the health care clinicians serving these populations. As a part of its mission, ACU has developed tools and links for implementing comprehensive pharmaceutical care for low-income patients. Tools include a downloadable booklet titled *Handbook 4: Pharmaceutical Assistance Programs* explains how PAPs work and a listing of state-based patient assistance programs. For more information, visit www.clinicians.org.

BenefitsCheckUp®

The National Council on Aging (NCOA) sponsors this web site. It offers confidential assistance online for seniors and caregivers by searching more than 1,100 federal, state, and private prescription drug programs and determining those for which the senior may be eligible. For more information, visit www.benefitscheckup.org.

Health Resources and Services Administration

This organization offers information about community health centers that may offer prescription assistance to low-income patients. For more information, call 888-ASK-HRSA.

Medicare

This official Medicare web site offers a search tool enabling patients, caregivers and physicians to find public and private prescription drug assistance programs in their area, including eligibility requirements and covered services. For more information, visit www.medicare.gov.

My Medicare Matters

The My Medicare Matters web site is designed to help individuals learn more about the Medicare Prescription Drug Coverage. The web site was developed using materials from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, as well as materials developed by National Council on the Aging (NCOA), Access to Benefits Coalition (ABC), and AstraZeneca. For more information, visit www.mymedicarematters.org

NeedyMeds

This web site allows you to search for information by program or drug name. It includes detailed program information, forms, news and other useful tools, such as links to state Medicaid web sites. A NeedyMeds Manual is also available for those who want a printed version of the information on the web site. It's designed for agencies, clinics, doctor offices, and other locations where looking in a book is easier than accessing the web site. For more information, visit www.needymeds.com.

Partnership for Prescription Assistance (PPA)

A national initiative to make it easier for consumers to access patient assistance programs. Qualifying patients who lack prescription coverage now have a single point of contact to access information about the public and private programs that may be right for them. For more information, call the PPA toll-free phone number (1-888-4PPA-NOW) or visit <http://www.pparx.org/>.

RxAssist

RxAssist is a comprehensive, searchable database that allows you to search for information on patient assistance programs (PAPs) by company, brand name, generic name or therapeutic drug class. Detailed program information and application forms are available, as well as information on other strategies for accessing free and low-cost medications. The site also provides a quick-reference chart that lists drug assistance programs by state. For more information, visit www.rxassist.org.

RxHope™

RxHope provides detailed information and application forms for prescription assistance programs; some companies allow physicians to submit applications electronically through this site. For more information, visit www.rxhope.com.

Rx Outreach

Rx Outreach is an easy and affordable way for people of all ages to get medicines they need. Through this program, people who qualify financially can get more than 107 medications that treat a wide range of conditions including diabetes, asthma, heart disease, and depression. The program is available to individuals and families with incomes of up to 250 percent of the federal poverty level. For more information, visit www.rxoutreach.com

Volunteers in Health Care

Volunteers in Health Care is a nonprofit, national resource center funded by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation as a resource for health care providers looking to organize or expand volunteer-led medical or dental services for the uninsured in the local communities. For more information, visit www.volunteersinhealthcare.org or call 877-844-8442.