# **Pharmacy Assistance Programs**

### Partnership for Prescription Assistance (http://www.pparx.org)

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 people will be provided with free or drastically reduced medication through this program.

# **Together Rx** (http://www.togetherrxaccess.com)

A FREE prescription-savings card for eligible residents of the United States and Puerto Rico who have no prescription drug coverage. This public service program was created and sponsored by a group of some of the world's largest pharmaceutical companies.

### RXAssist - Patient Assistance Center (http://www.rxassist.org)

RxAssist offers a comprehensive database of patient assistance programs, as well as practical tools, news, and articles so that health care professionals and patients can find the information they need.

### RxHope (https://www.rxhope.com/home.aspx)

RxHope is exactly what its name implies...a helping hand to people in need in obtaining critical medications that they would normally have trouble affording. They act as your advocate in making the patient assistance program journey easier and faster by supplying vital information and help. RxHope is the only internet patient assistance initiative financially supported by PhRMA (Pharmaceutical and Research Manufacturers of America) and participating pharmaceutical companies.

# NeedyMeds.org (http://www.needymeds.org)

NeedyMeds provides information for people who need help with the cost of medicine and other health care expenses.

#### Wal-Mart Prescriptions (http://www.walmart.com/cp/1078664)

Wal-Mart Pharmacies offer \$4 prescriptions for a 30-day supply of 300 generic drugs. Follow the links to the Pharmacy and the \$4 Prescription program for additional information.

#### Access2wellness (http://www.access2wellness.com/a2w/index.html)

Access2wellness is a Johnson and Johnson sponsored program designed to assist people with limited or no health insurance get the help they need to lead healthier lives. Through access2wellness, people can learn about a variety of assistance programs that, combined, offer more than 1,000 prescription medicines and medical products for free or at a discount to qualified individuals. Special sections have been developed to address the specific needs of patients, caregivers, healthcare professionals, hospital administrators, and advocate organizations; and the exclusive *access2wellness* Online Eligibility Tool offers a quick and easy way to find out which assistance programs are available and who qualifies for them.

# <u>AARP State-by-State, Plan-by-Plan List of Pharmacy Assistance Programs</u> (http://www.aarp.org/health/drugs-supplements)

This is a handy tool through the AARP website that provides information about medications and savings programs available in your area. Once on this website, click on the "Save on Prescriptions" link, which is located on the right side of the AHRP Health, Drug and Supplements website. Then click on the "Drug Savings Tool."

# **<u>HealthCare Connect</u>** (http://www.healthcareconnect.org/qualification.html)

The Healthcare Connect program is a resource for residents of Maricopa County who do not qualify for other programs (Medicaid, Medicare, employer-based commercial or provide). Members of HealthCare Connect pay their enrollment fee and then choose a primary care physician who oversees all of their care, ensuring complete, coordinated services. Members also pay very low fees at the time they receive medical services. Participating physicians, hospitals, facilities and health centers that are committed to caring for uninsured Maricopa County residents provide these medical services.

# Patient Assistance (http://www.patientassistance.com/programs.html)

This non-profit organization helps patients to identify the many patient assistance programs to help with the costs of medication. The website is easy to use and searches multiple assistance programs simply by entering the drug name and/or pharmaceutical company into the search boxes.

# **Individual Pharmaceutical Company Patient Assistance Programs**

#### Abbott

# (http://www.abbott.com/global/url/content/en\_US/40.70:70/general\_content/General\_Content\_00066.htm)

The Abbott Patient Assistance Program (PAP) provides Abbott medications, at no cost, to patients in financial need.

# AstraZeneca (http://www.astrazeneca-us.com/help-affording-your-medicines)

Provides information about AstraZeneca's assistance programs.

# **Bristol-Myers Squibb** (http://www.bms.com/products/Pages/programs.aspx)

This website provides information about the Bristol-Myers Squibb Patient Assistance Foundation and other programs that provide access to BMS products to eligible individuals.

#### Bridge to Access through GlaxoSmithKline (http://www.bridgestoaccess.com)

GlaxoSmithKline's patient assistance program for non-oncology medicines provides GSK prescription medicines to eligible low-income patients without prescription drug benefits.

# **Genentech Patient Access Programs** (http://www.gene.com/gene/products/access)

Patient assistance support is for eligible patients in the United States who do not have insurance coverage or who cannot afford their out-of-pocket co-pay costs. There are several different patient assistance programs available through Genentech.

#### **Eli Lilly and Company Patient Assistance Programs**

# (http://www.lilly.com/responsibility/servingpatients/programs)

Eli Lilly and Company programs assist patients with prescription drug costs. Eli Lilly and Company recently lowered the income eligibility requirements for their assistance programs. Many different programs are available through Eli Lilly.

# MerckHelps (http://www.merck.com/merckhelps)

Merck & Company provides its medicines and adult vaccines for free or at discounts to people who do not have prescription drug or health insurance coverage and who, without our assistance, cannot afford their Merck medicine and vaccines.

# Novartis (http://www.pharma.us.novartis.com/info/about-us/our-patient-caregiver-resources/paf-enrollment.jsp?usertrack.filter\_applied=true&Novald=2935376878976649820) Novartis is committed to providing access to their medications for those most in need through the Novartis Patient Assistance Foundation, Inc. (PAF). PAF provides assistance to patients experiencing financial hardship who have no third party insurance coverage for their medicines.

# <u>Ortho-McNeil, Inc. Patient Assistance Program</u> (http://www.ortho-mcneil.com/ortho-mcneil/company\_pap.html)

Ortho-McNeil provides assistance to patients through the access2wellness website who, because of financial burden and lack of prescription drug coverage, may have difficulty paying for their treatment.

# Pfizer Patient Assistance (http://www.pfizer.com/responsibility)

Pfizer believes that everyone should have access to the medicines they need. Pfizer Helpful Answers is a family of assistance programs for the uninsured and underinsured who need help getting Pfizer medicines. These programs provide Pfizer medicines for free or at a savings to patients who qualify. Some programs also offer reimbursement support services for people with insurance. Whether you are prescribed a Pfizer or a Wyeth medicine, Pfizer is committed to helping patients in need get access to their medicines. Visit PfizerHelpfulAnswers.com to learn more about the Pfizer and Wyeth Patient Assistance Programs.

#### **Roche U.S. Pharmaceuticals Assistance Program**

#### (http://www.gene.com/gene/products/access)

Roche in partnership with Genentech is committed to patients having access to our therapies. Through its Genentech Access Solutions program, the company provides patients and healthcare providers with coverage and reimbursement support, patient assistance and informational resources. Patient assistance support is for those eligible patients in the United

States who do not have insurance coverage or who cannot afford their out-of-pocket co-pay costs. (Roche and Genentech merged companies recently)

# **Schering-Plough** (http://www.patientassistance.com/profile/merckscheringplough-217)

Schering-Plough in partnership with Merck assists patients in securing drug reimbursement as well as providing lifesaving drugs at no cost to people with low incomes through their patient assistance program. Schering-Plough-Merck uses the non-profit organization "Patient Assistance" to identify programs available to you based on the name of the medication you need assistance with.

#### **Wyeth Pharmaceuticals in Partnership with Pfizer**

# (http://www.pfizerhelpfulanswers.com/pages/Misc/PfizerWyethDetails.aspx)

Wyeth medicines are now available through the Pfizer Helpful Answers family of patient assistance programs, which strive to ensure that eligible patients receive medications at no cost and in a timely manner.