

PRESCRIPTION ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS GUIDE

INTRODUCTION

You hear about it in the news; your friends and family talk about it, and you yourself experience it: the soaring cost of prescription drugs. You aren't imagining things. Here in the United States, the cost of medications are considerably more expensive than in other developed countries for many reasons: the cost of research and development, purchasing patents, lobbying, testing, and marketing the medication, just to name a few. Unfortunately, in order to re-coup these costs, pharmaceutical companies pass the cost down to you, the consumer.

Although you have health insurance coverage which also includes a prescription drug plan, you may have noticed that your co-pay levels have increased over the years, that the structure of the co-pay has changed (gone from a flat dollar amount to a percentage), or that you are paying for the full discounted amount of the medication until you reach your deductible. Each time you experience such a change, you probably stop and wonder what the true cost of a medication is, and how you can make it more affordable.

If you are on the Kaiser HMO, you should still be interested in finding the lowest-cost drug possible. Why would you pay more for a brand name medication when a generic drug would be just as effective, or when you can obtain that brand name medication less expensively through a discount program? A dollar (or ten) saved is a dollar (or ten) more in YOUR pocket.

If you are on a High Deductible Health Plan (HDHP) with a Health Savings Account, such as either of the Cigna plans or the Kaiser HSA then you are even more aware of the importance of finding the most appropriate drug for the lowest cost. You now understand that the medication you are taking truly costs much more than the co-pay you had been accustomed to paying in the past. Even though the full, discounted amount of your medication accumulates towards your deductible, you will want to do everything in your power to extend the life of your Health Savings Account. By doing so, the funds will be available for medical care that is entirely outside of your control (such as an emergency) and / or you will be able to roll the funds forward to pay for medical costs in the future.

Let's face it: everybody loves a bargain. This guide will show you ways to save money on your prescription drug costs outside of just switching from a brand name to generic (which is still a great idea!)

There are numerous programs out there to help ease the financial burden of both your brand and generic prescription medications. The following pages include descriptions and instructions for some of most frequently used and reputable programs. Many of the programs require that you not have prescription coverage of any kind, but you can still be eligible, as your coverage does not apply until you've met your deductible. Please read on and TRY OUT these programs. They may not all work for you, or certain programs may only be of help for certain medications, but you lose nothing by giving them a chance. You only stand to save money in your pocket or your Health Savings Account.

Annual Deductible Credit on CIGNA

If you obtain a medication using any of the programs below, you can receive some credit towards your deductible if you submit the following to CIGNA:

(1) An Rx claim form (found on the DCSD website at Human Resources >> Employee Benefits >> Downloadable Forms >> CIGNA Prescription Claim Form)

(2) An itemized receipt from the pharmacy that includes:

- Patient name
- Date the prescription was filled
- Drug name
- Drug number
- Pharmacy name and address
- Amount paid

DOUGLAS COUNTY DRUG PRESCRIPTION DRUG DISCOUNT CARD

<http://www.douglas.co.us/humanresources/discountcard/>

How do I obtain a Prescription Discount Card?

County residents can visit www.caremark.com/naco to print an instant personalized ID. Or to view a list of locations in Douglas County that have the free NACo Prescription Discount Card available for pick-up go to

http://www.douglas.co.us/humanresources/discountcard/Discount_Card_Locations.html

What is this program?

The National Association of Counties (NACo) drug discount card program helps consumers save money on their prescription medications any time their prescriptions are not covered by insurance.

What savings does this card provide?

The average savings is 20 percent; some discounts may be more, and some less, depending on the drug and quantity purchased. More than 57,000 pharmacies nationwide accept the card, including most chain pharmacies and many independents.

Who is the card for?

The cards may be used by all Douglas County residents, regardless of age, income or existing health coverage. There is no enrollment form, no membership fee and no restrictions or limits on frequency of use.

COLORADO DRUG CARD

www.ColoradoDrugCard.com

As a resident of Colorado, you and your family have access to a Prescription Drug Card program. Simply download your Prescription Drug Card and receive savings of up to 75% at more than 50,000 national and regional pharmacies. You may create as many cards as you need. Participating pharmacies include the following: King Soopers, City Market, K-Mart, Rite Aid, Albertsons, Savon Pharmacy, Safeway, Costco, and Walgreens as well as thousands of independent pharmacies. This program has "LOWEST PRICE" logic to guarantee that you pay the lowest price on your prescriptions (you pay the lower of a discount off the Average Wholesale Price-AWP, a discount calculated off MAC Pricing, or the Pharmacy Promotional/Retail price). Please enter your name and e-mail address below and the site will generate a printable membership card for you. The card is pre-activated and can be used immediately.

Participating Pharmacies include:



Click on the Pharmacy Locator link on ColoradoDrugCard.com to search medications, calculate price and locate a participating pharmacy:

[Pharmacy Locator](#)

How to get your Colorado Drug Card:

1. Go to www.coloradodrugcard.com
2. Fill out the short form with your name and email address to create and print the card.
3. You must bring the card with your prescription to the pharmacy.

PARTNERSHIP FOR PRESCRIPTION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

www.PPARx.org

Patient Assistance Programs:

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 without prescription drug coverage get free or low-cost medicines through the public or private program that's right for them.

Directory of PhRMA Member Company Patient Assistance Programs

www.PPARx.org

The directory lists programs from the following companies:
Abbott Laboratories

Amgen	Merck and Company, Inc
Amylin Pharmaceuticals	Merck/Schering-Plough
Astellos Pharma US, Inc.	Pharmaceuticals
AstraZeneca Pharmaceuticals LP	Millennium Pharmaceuticals, Inc
Bayer HealthCare Pharmaceuticals, Inc	Novartis Pharmaceutical Corporation
Boehringer Ingleheim Pharmaceuticals, Inc	Nevo Nordisk, Inc
Bristol-Myers Squibbe Company	Ortho Biotech Products, LP
Celgene Corporation	Ortho-McNeil Pharmaceuticals, Inc
Centocor, Inc	Pfizer, Inc
Cephalon, Inc	PriCara
Daiichi Sanyo, Inc	Proctor and Gamble
Eisai, Inc	Roche
Eli Lilly and Company	Sanfo-Anventis
EMD Serono, Inc	Sanfo Pasteur
Enzon Pharmaceuticals, Inc	Schering-Plough Corporation
Gezyme Corporation	Scios
GlaxoSmithKline	Sepracor Inc
Janssen LP	Sigma-Tau Pharmaceuticals Inc
Johnson & Johnson Wound Management	Solvay Pharmaceuticals Inc
McNeil Pediatrics	Tadeca Pharmaceuticals North America Inc
MedPointe HealthCare	TogetherRXAccess
	Valeant Pharmaceuticals International
	Wyeth

How to get started with the Partnership for Prescription Assistance Program:

1. Go to www.PPaRx.org
2. Click on Prescription Assistance Programs
3. Click on the Get Help Now button
4. Type in your medication
5. Based upon your medication, the site will direct you to the appropriate program or programs.

Additional Resources found on PPARx.org:

1. [NeedyMeds](#) is a 501(3)(c) non-profit organization with the mission of helping people who cannot afford medicine or healthcare costs. The information at NeedyMeds is available anonymously and free of charge.
2. [PatientAssistance.com](#) is a free resource designed to help connect patients who can't afford their prescription medications with patient assistance programs.
3. [RxAssist](#) is a website with information, news, and a database that are all designed to help you find out about ways to get affordable, or free, medications. The database includes information on the pharmaceutical companies' patient assistance programs, or programs that provide free medication to low-income patients. RxAssist was created by Volunteers in Health Care, a national, nonprofit resource center for health care programs working with the uninsured.
4. [Discount Cards](#)- for additional ways to obtain free or low-cost prescription drugs, try the following discount drug card programs.

A. eSun Patient Card

Phone: 1-866-662-1351

B. FREEDRUGCARD

Phone: 1-866-410-4225 (answering machine only)

C. PS Card (Prescription Savings Card)

Phone: 1-888-516-2535

D. TogetherRX Access

Phone: 1-888-743-7214

E. True Rx Savings

Phone: 1-800-886-8412

Email: questions@truerxsavings.com

F. YourRxCard

Phone: 1-866-561-1926 (answering machine only)

WYETH PHARMACEUTICALS

www.wyeth.com

(800) 568-9938.

Wyeth Patient Assistance Program

Through the Wyeth Patient Assistance Program, the Wyeth Pharmaceutical Assistance Foundation strives to ensure that eligible patients receive medications at no cost and in a timely manner. The following addresses common questions about our program and will assist with the application process.

For a complete list of Wyeth medications covered on the program and directions on how to enroll in the program, go to www.Wyeth.com

TOGETHER RX ACCESS

www.TogetherRXAccess.com

888-743-7214

What is it?

Thousands of eligible hardworking people with no prescription drug coverage are now saving on the medicines they need with the Together Rx Access® Card.

Most cardholders save 25%–40%* on brand-name prescription products. Over 300 prescription products are included. Savings are available on generic drugs as well.

Using the card: When you enroll online or over the phone, you may use your member ID number within two hours at participating pharmacies to begin saving on the medicines you and your family need.

Immediate savings, right at the pharmacy counter

Once you receive your Together Rx Access® Card, simply present it when paying for included prescriptions at participating pharmacies, and you'll save instantly, right at the pharmacy counter.

To get started with Together Rx Access:

1. Go to www.TogetherRXAccess.com
2. Go to Complete Drug List to see if your medication is included
3. Click on Apply to see if you are eligible for the program

MERCK PRESCRIPTION PROGRAM

www.MerckPAP.com

800-727-5400

What Is The Merck Prescription Discount Program?

You can obtain a 10 percent discount on many Merck medicines using the Instant Savings Certificate*, which you can print from this Web site. Simply provide the certificate along with your prescription to your pharmacist and start saving. There are no lengthy forms to fill out, no cards to wait for in the mail. It's that easy.

By enrolling in the Merck Prescription Discount Program you can receive savings of 15 to 20 percent off many Merck medicines, regardless of age or income.

To be eligible for the program, you must not have any prescription drug insurance or benefits through: private insurance, employer-sponsored insurance, HMOs, Medicaid, Medicare prescription coverage, State Pharmacy Assistance Programs or veterans' assistance.

What Medicines Are Included?

COSOPT® (dorzolamide hydrochloride-timolol maleate ophthalmic solution)

COZAAR® (losartan potassium tablets)

EMEND® (aprepitant) capsules

HYZAAR® (losartan potassium and hydrochlorothiazide tablets)

JANUMET™ (sitagliptin/metformin HCL)

JANUVIATM (sitagliptin)

MAXALT® (rizatriptan benzoate) Tablets

MAXALT-MLT® (rizatriptan benzoate) Orally Disintegrating Tablets

SINGULAIR® (montelukast sodium) Tablets

TRUSOPT® (dorzolamide hydrochloride ophthalmic solution)

PFIZER

www.PfizerHelpfulAnswers.com

866-706-2400

Pfizer offers a number of programs to fit individual prescription needs:

1. Connection to Care
2. Pfizer Maintain
3. Sharing the Care
4. Pfizer Hospital Partnership Program
5. Pfizer Friends
6. First Resource
7. Pfizer Bridge Program
8. Pfizer RSVP Program

FOREST PHARMACEUTICALS, INC

www.forestpharm.com/pap/

800-851-0758

Patient Assistance Program

This program provides certain Forest products to patients who are unable to afford the cost of their medication and whose income falls below a certain limit. Eligibility for this program is based upon information you and your licensed practitioner provide on the application form. If you are approved, you will receive a three-month supply of the Forest product you require at no charge. Forest will ship your medication to your licensed practitioner's office for them to dispense to you.

Medications commonly requested that are available for the program:

Aerobid®	Lexapro™ Tablets
Aerochamber®	Namenda™
Armour® Thyroid Tablets	Tessalon® Perles
Bystolic® Tablets	Theochron™ Tablets
Campral®	Thyrolar® Tablets
Celexa™ Tablets	Tiazac® Capsules
Levothroid® Tablets	

ABBOTT LABORATORIES

www.abbottpatientassistancefoundation.org

800-222-6885

Abbott Laboratories offers a number of patients assistance programs:

1. The Abbott Patient Assistance Foundation
2. Abbott Diabetes Care Patient Assistance Program
3. The Abbott Patient Assistance Foundation Diabetes Care Patient
4. Abbott Medical Nutrition Product Assistance Program

Go to www.abbottpatientassistancefoundation.org to see a complete list of medications included in the program.