

Patient Resource Guide: Co-Pay Assistance Programs

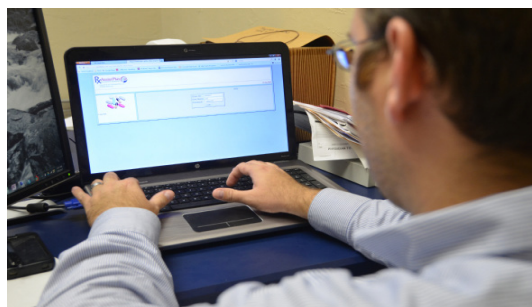
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Direct financial assistance for co-pays is limited, but there are charitable programs and foundations that help insured patients cover the cost of co-payments for prescriptions. The programs provide financial support for patients who are critically or chronically ill.

Below is a list of nonprofit organizations that may provide assistance with co-pays, deductibles and other medical costs. All have websites and online applications; telephone numbers have also been listed for your convenience. Please note that the programs vary widely by covered medical conditions and medications and the medications they cover change often, so check directly with the program for the most up-to-date and comprehensive explanation of coverage.

Co-Pay Programs:

- [The Assistance Fund](#): Provides co-pay assistance for a specific set of drugs for each of over 15 diagnoses including but limited to Crohn's disease, multiple sclerosis and several different kinds of cancer. Toll-free patient information line: (855) 845-3663.
- [CancerCare Co-Payment Assistance Foundation](#): Offers a portal in which patients may enter information about themselves or a family member in order to learn within 24 hours if they qualify for assistance in covering the co-pay costs of chemotherapy and cancer medications. Toll-free patient information line: (866) 55-COPAY.
- [Caring Voice Coalition](#): Provides direct financial assistance to help patients pay for prescription therapies, premiums for health insurance coverage, and other self-pay responsibilities related to prescription medications. The coalition supports only specific diseases included but not limited to complex partial seizure, Huntington's disease, narcolepsy and pulmonary hypertension. Toll-free patient information line: (888) 267-1440.
- [Chronic Disease Fund](#): Provides co-pay assistance for a specific set of drugs for each of over 15 diagnoses including but limited to macular degeneration, pulmonary arterial hypertension and several different kinds of cancer. Toll-free patient information line: (877) 968-7233.
- [HealthWell Foundation](#): Provides co-pay assistance for a specific set of drugs for each of over 15 diagnoses including but not limited to Medicare-covered multiple sclerosis and Crohn's Disease, several different kinds of cancer and different pediatric diseases. Toll-free patient information line: (800) 675-8416.
- [Patient Access Network Foundation](#): Provides co-pay assistance for an extensive list of medications. Eligible patients must show that they have been prescribed a high-cost drug for the disease for which they are being treated. Toll-free patient information line: 1-866-316-7263.
- [Patient Advocate Foundation](#): Provides co-pay assistance for a specific set of over 15 diseases including but not limited to hepatitis C, osteoporosis and several different kinds of cancer. Toll-free patient information line: (866) 512-3861.
- [Patient Services Inc.](#): Provides co-pay assistance for a specific set of over 15 diseases including but not limited to cystic fibrosis, MPS 1 and several different kinds of cancer. Toll-free patient information line: (800) 366-7741.



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Additional Resources to Consider

The following resources do not offer co-pay assistance, but serve as referral services for medication assistance.

- National Council on Aging's [BenefitsCheckUp](#): Features a tool that enables patients to search for programs to help save money on medications and other healthcare costs. Aid recipients must be at least 55 years old. Telephone number: (202) 479-1200.
- [NeedyMeds](#): Maintains an up-to-date list of coupons and rebates for more than 1,000 medications. NeedyMeds also offers an online clearinghouse with information about Patient Assistance Programs, drug discount cards, Medicaid and Federal Poverty Guidelines. Toll-free patient information line: (800) 503-6897.
- [Partnership for Prescription Assistance](#): Provides information about more than 475 assistance programs, including over 150 programs offered by pharmaceutical companies. Toll-free patient information line: (888)-477-2669.
- [RxAssist](#): Offers a database of patient assistance programs. There is no telephone information line offered by this services, but users may e-mail the organization with questions at info@rxassist.org.



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