



MEDICINE ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

Many pharmaceutical companies, non-profit organizations, and state/national agencies provide access to low-cost medications that are prescribed by healthcare providers. Listed below are resources for low or no-cost prescription medicines, including eligibility requirements and contact information. The list was compiled by the Texas Cardiovascular Disease (CVD) and Stroke Partnership, a statewide network representing healthcare, university, non-profit, business, government and community sectors. The organizations listed are intended to be informational only and do not necessarily have the endorsement of the Texas Department of State Health Services. Websites may not be accessible to people with disabilities. The Medicine Assistance Programs list, as well as more information about the CVD and Stroke Partnership may be found at www.dshs.state.tx.us/wellness/partnership.shtm.

NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS

RESOURCE	DESCRIPTION	SERVICES	CONTACT INFORMATION
Partnership for Prescription Assistance (PPA)	Partnership of national, state, and local organizations representing physicians, research institutions, and patient advocacy/education organizations. Developed to assist uninsured, low-income individuals access free or low-cost meds and healthcare services.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Single point of access to >475 public/private programs, including 200 pharmaceutical companies. ▪ PPA member programs offer >2500 brand-name meds and generics. 	www.pparx.org 1-888-477-2669
Rx Assist	Patient assistance program to help access free or low-cost meds. Created by Volunteers in Health Care, a national, nonprofit resource center for uninsured. Income eligibility requirements based on percentage of Federal Poverty Income Level (FPL).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Resources for low-cost meds. ▪ Searchable database by drug or pharmaceutical company. ▪ Online applications available. 	www.rxassist.org 1-401-729-3284 info@rxassist.org
Rx Outreach	Mail order discount drug program. Eligibility based solely on income.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ \$20 for 180-day supply for more than 400 medications; same price for any dose or strength. 	www.rxoutreach.com 1-800-769-3880

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RxHope	Helps low income US residents access free or low cost prescriptions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Access to pharmaceutical companies with drug discount programs. ▪ Assistance with eligibility determination and application process. 	https://www.rxhope.com/ 1-877-267-0517
Together Rx Access Card	Prescription discount for individuals/families with no prescription drug coverage.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 25-40% savings on brand-name prescription products. ▪ Savings also available on generic drugs. ▪ Pharmacy locator for card use. 	www.togetherrxaccess.com 1-800-444-4106
NeedyMeds	501(c) (3) non-profit founded in 1997 as a resource for information about patient assistance programs. Provides links to companies and programs offering low cost medications.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Website includes comprehensive lists of programs and companies offering lower cost meds. Can search by brand name drugs, generic drugs, programs, and companies. ▪ Provides assistance with online applications and offers medication coupons. 	www.needy meds.org/indices/pap.htm

COMMERCIAL/PHARMACEUTICAL COMPANIES

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Kmart Pharmacy Prescription Savings Club	Prescription discount program; \$10 membership fee.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Discount on generic drugs, ranges from \$5 to \$25 depending on medication. ▪ Complete list of medications with prices available online. 	www.kmart.com/kmart-pharmacy-savings-club/dap-100000000246515
Target Generics Drug Program	\$4 generic drug program; no enrollment fee.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Specified generic drugs: \$4 for 30 day supply; \$10 for 90 day supply. 	http://sites.target.com/site/en/health/generic_drugs.jsp
Walgreens Prescription Savings Club	Prescription discount program; \$20 individual/\$35 family annual membership fee.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Over 400 generic drugs priced at \$10-\$30 for 90-day supply and \$5-15 for 30-day supply. 	www.walgreens.com/pharmacy/psc/psc_overview_page.jsp
Walmart's Prescription Program	\$4 prescription program; no enrollment fee.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Specified generic drugs: \$4 for 30 days supply; \$10 for 90 day supply. 	www.walmart.com/cp/pharmacy/5431
Merck Patient Assistance Program	Free medication for uninsured individuals and families, and others who meet eligibility criteria.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Free Merck meds for up to one-year with a completed application; can renew. 	www.merck.com/merckhelps/uninsured/home.html 1-800-727-5400

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AZ&Me™ Prescription Savings Program for people without insurance	Free medications for uninsured individuals, patients with Medicare Part D, and for those who receive medications through qualifying healthcare facilities, such as free community clinics, charitable pharmacies, and disproportionate share hospitals.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Free AstraZeneca medicines for up to one year with a completed application; can renew. ▪ Free AstraZeneca medicines supplied through qualifying healthcare facilities. 	www.astrazeneca-us.com/help-affording-your-medicines/ 1-800-292-6363
Pfizer Pfriends	Prescription discounts on Pfizer medications for patients without prescription coverage.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Estimated savings range from 15-36% at participating pharmacies. 	www.pfizerhelpfulanswers.com/pages/Programs/programdetails.aspx?p=1 1-866-706-2400

STATE/NATIONAL AGENCIES

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Dept. of State Health Services Kidney Health Care Program (KHC)	Service program established in 1973 to assist end-stage renal disease patients with medical benefits during the Medicare qualifying period. Eligibility requirements apply.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Drug benefits available to eligible clients who do not have full Medicaid prescription drug benefits or private insurance, during the three month qualifying period for Medicare. ▪ Limited to four prescriptions per month; \$6 co-pay per drug product purchased. ▪ Will assist eligible Medicare Part D recipients with premium payments up to a maximum allowable amount of \$35 a month. 	www.dshs.state.tx.us/kidney/default.shtm 1-800-222-3986
Dept. of State Health Services Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN)	Service program created in 1933. Provides medically necessary care to Texas children with special health care needs. Program is payer of last resort – all other medical benefits must be used first. Funded through Title V Block Grant. Eligibility requirements apply. Must re-apply for benefits at 6 months.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Full range of services, including primary care, specialty care, durable equipment, transportation, and medicines. ▪ Medicines must be purchased from pharmacies that are enrolled in the program. 	www.dshs.state.tx.us/cshcn/default.shtm 1-512-458-7355 or 1-800-252-8023 cshcn@dshs.state.tx.us

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Dept. of State Health Services Newborn Screening Benefits Program	Benefits for children with a specific genetic order identified through the Texas Newborn Screening Program who are otherwise uninsured for the same service. Eligibility requirements apply.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Financial assistance for specific medications, vitamins, and dietary supplements. 	www.dshs.state.tx.us/newborn/benefitsfactsheet.shtm
Texas A&M HSC Medication Assistance	Medication assistance program for uninsured individuals in Brooks, Duval, Nueces, Jim Hogg, Jim Wells, Kleberg, Matagorda and San Patricio Counties.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Assistance in completing online drug company applications that offer limited supply of free or low-cost medications through their assistance programs. 	http://cbhec.tamhsc.edu/ma/index.html Sandra Garcia Hester , Program Coordinator 1-361-880-4141 Ext. 3

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Medicaid	Jointly funded state-federal healthcare program established in Texas in 1967. The Social Security Act specifies a set of benefits that state Medicaid programs must provide and a set of optional benefits that states may choose to provide. Eligibility requirements apply.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Range of services including inpatient/outpatient hospital, lab and X-ray, physician services, nursing facility care, home health care, and Texas Health Steps medical and dental plan for persons under age 21. ▪ Three prescriptions per month for adults in primary care case management and fee-for-service plans. ▪ No limit on prescriptions for persons under age 21, adults enrolled in a managed care plan, or clients in nursing facilities. 	www.hhsc.state.tx.us/medicaid/med_info.html
Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP)/Medicaid	Jointly funded state-federal programs developed to help Texas families obtain and utilize affordable coverage for their uninsured children (ages 0-18). CHIP helps families who earn too much money to qualify for Medicaid, but cannot afford to buy private insurance. Annual enrollment and cost sharing fees for CHIP apply. Eligibility requirements apply to both Medicaid and CHIP.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Provides access to children’s health insurance. ▪ Regular checkups, immunizations, prescription drugs, lab tests, X-rays, hospital visits, and more. ▪ Under CHIP, cost sharing for prescription drugs is based on family income as a percentage of Federal Poverty Income Level (FPL). There is a cost sharing cap. 	www.chipmedicaid.org 1-877-KIDS-NOW (1-877-543-7669)
211 Texas Information & Referral Network	2-1-1 is a free, easy-to-remember phone number connecting callers with health and human services in their community.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Information and referral network for health and human services. 	https://www.211texas.org/211/ 2-1-1
Medicare	National health insurance program for people age 65 or older, people under 65 with certain disabilities, and people of all ages with end-stage renal disease. Effective January 1, 2006, Medicare offers prescription drug coverage.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Part A Hospital Insurance – no premium. ▪ Part B Medical Insurance – covers physician and outpatient services – monthly premium. ▪ Part D Prescription Drug Coverage – drug plans with monthly premium. 	www.cms.hhs.gov/MedicareGenInfo/