

Prescription Assistance Programs

IN SOUTH CAROLINA



There are several specialized programs sponsored by pharmaceutical companies, business associations and non-profit organizations to assist low-income or needy individuals in obtaining necessary prescription medications free or at a substantially reduced cost. The following is a list of some of these programs should you wish to contact them for assistance.

Generic Drug Programs

Regardless of someone's prescription insurance provider, several pharmacies to include Wal-Mart, Target, Kroger, Bi-Lo and Publix offer generic drugs for as little as \$4 for a 1 month supply and \$10 for a 3 month supply. Publix also offers several oral antibiotics for free with a valid prescription. Other pharmacies offer prescription assistance programs so ask your doctor to prescribe generic drugs whenever possible.

GlaxoSmithKline

(866) 475-3678

www.gskforyou.com

Various programs sponsored by GSK to help patients save money on prescriptions. Assistance is available for individuals of all ages who meet categorical requirements to include being diagnosed with cancer, enrolled in a Medicare Part D drug plan, or having no private or public drug coverage. Must be a US citizen and must meet set income limits.

Lilly Medicare Answers

(877) 795-4559

www.lillymedicareanswers.com

Provides eligible Medicare Part D recipients access to affordable medications outside their Part D plan. Patients eligible will receive their prescriptions through the mail. Must meet set income limits and not be eligible for Medicaid or Low-Income Subsidy through the Social Security Administration.

NeedyMeds

www.needymeds.com

NeedyMeds is a non-profit organization with the mission of helping people who cannot afford medicine or healthcare costs. NeedyMeds can help you find the assistance you need to include access to coupons for over 300 drugs. Information through NeedyMeds is available anonymously and free of charge online or by mail at: NeedyMEDs, PO Box 219, Gloucester, MA 01931. Unfortunately, at this time, NeedyMeds does not have a telephone help line.

Partnership for Prescription Assistance

(888) 477-2669

www.pparx.org

This organization is a centralized source of information on many prescription assistance programs and their qualification requirements.

Pfizer Helpful Answers

(866) 706-2400

www.pfizerhelpfulanswers.com

Pharmaceutical company program offering several options for free or reduced cost prescriptions of Pfizer products through doctors and community health centers for low-income patients. Must be an uninsured American who can meet set income limits or lost a job since 1/1/09 and currently on a Pfizer drug for 3 months or more.

Together Rx Access

(800) 444-4106

www.TogetherRxAccess.com

This program can offer savings of 25-40% on over 300 brand-name prescriptions. Must meet specific income levels and have no prescription drug coverage. Must also be a legal resident of the US or Puerto Rico and not be eligible for Medicare.

Welvista

(803) 933-9183, Ext. 100

www.welvista.org

Twelve pharmaceutical companies have donated over 170 name-brand medications to be dispensed to working, uninsured SC residents under the age of 65 with an income at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Level. Eligibility is for one year. There is never a charge for the medication. An application may be obtained online or by mail at: Welvista, 2700 Middleburg Drive, Suite 105, Columbia, SC 29204.

South Carolina Drug Card

www.southcarolinadrugcard.com

All residents are eligible to get pharmacy discounts through this program. The program can be used to supplement most health insurance plans including Health Savings Accounts (HSA) and High Deductible Plans. It can also be used as a Medicare Part D supplement by providing discounts on non-covered drugs. There are no enrollment forms, no age or income requirements, no waiting periods, no eligibility required, no exclusions, covers pre-existing conditions, no claim forms to file, no annual or lifetime limits.

