

Medication Cost Assistance Options for Patients

1. Drug Manufacturer Patient Assistance Programs

What are they: Programs cover the cost of medications for low-income patients. They can be used by Medicare/Medicaid patients. Patients must meet certain income and insurance coverage requirements.

Who is eligible: Anyone that meets the program specified criteria

Where you can find them: Drug manufacturer's patient assistance program website

Examples: [AstraZeneca](#), [Genentech](#), [Novartis](#), [GSK](#), [Merck Helps](#), [Viatris \(formerly Mylan\)](#), [Pfizer](#), [Sanofi](#), [Teva Pharmaceuticals](#)

2. Drug Manufacturer Coupons

What are they: Coupons that are provided by drug manufacturers

Who is eligible: Anyone with privately funded health insurance (**no Medicare or Medicaid patients**)

Where you can find them: Drug manufacturer/medication website

Examples: Trelegy, Ozempic, Monjuaro and any other brand name medication, especially if there is no generic available

3. Discount Cards

What are they: Discount cards billed at the pharmacy to reduce the cash price at the counter. They can be used at most pharmacies. However they cannot be used with insurance and as a result any cost paid towards prescriptions will not count towards deductibles or a maximum out of pocket. Some pharmacies may not take these due to financial loss.

Who is eligible: Anyone

When they can be used: It is recommended they be used when a medication is not covered by insurance, the patient has no prescription coverage, or if the discounted price is cheaper.

Where you can find them (examples): [SingleCare](#), [Good Rx](#), [ScriptSave WellRx](#), [Blink Health](#)

4. Pharmacy Discount Plans

What are they: Programs offered by pharmacies usually for a monthly fee that gives the patient access to significant discounts on medications

Who is eligible: Anyone

When they can be used: It is recommended they be used when patients don't have prescription coverage or if the combined cost of the membership and prescription is cheaper than on insurance. These work similarly to discount cards but **will not** result in a financial loss for the pharmacy.

Examples: Walgreens, Walmart, Kroger, and independent pharmacies

5. Government Assistance Programs

What are they: Programs paid for and administrated by various state and federal agencies

Programs available in Arkansas:

- [The Medicare Part D Extra Help Program](#): A federal program to help Medicare Part D recipients pay for deductibles and copays
- [Access Arkansas](#): Application portal to determine state programs a person is eligible for
- [Health Care Eligibility Quick Reference Chart](#): Outlines eligibility criteria for several state assistance programs
- [Ryan White Part B/ADAP Program \(HIV/AIDS patients only\)](#): State administered program to help those living with HIV/AIDS and have little or no coverage pay for essential HIV/AIDS medications
- [Senior Health - Arkansas Insurance Department](#): Connects seniors with free counselors that offer one-to-one in person or over the phone guidance regarding Medicare resources

6. Needy Meds

[Needy Meds](#) is a website filled with great resources and links to all of the medication cost assistance options listed above!

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