

Prescription Coverage Options for New Yorkers

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PHARMACEUTICAL MANUFACTURERS PATIENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

Partnership for Prescription Assistance (PPA)	Varies by program - generally low income with no Rx insurance.	Provides single point of access to over 475 public and private patient assistance programs - helps individuals find a program they qualify for.	Free	Varies by program	1-888-4PPA-NOW (1-888-477-2669) or www.pparx.org
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PPA Participating Programs

3M Pharmaceuticals, Abbott Laboratories, Amgen, Amylin Pharmaceuticals, Inc., Astellas Pharma US Inc., AstraZeneca Pharmaceuticals, LP, Aventis Pharmaceuticals Inc., Bayer Pharmaceuticals Corporation, Berlex Laboratories, Inc., Boehringer Ingelheim Pharmaceuticals, Inc., Bristol-Myers Squibb Company, Celgene Corporation, Cephalon, Inc., Eisai Inc., Eli Lilly and Company, Enzon Pharmaceuticals, Inc., Genzyme Corporation, GlaxoSmithKline, Janssen L.P., Johnson & Johnson Wound Management, A Division of, Ethicon, Inc., McNeil Consumer and Specialty Pharmaceuticals, Merck and Co., Inc., Millennium Pharmaceuticals, Inc., Novartis Pharmaceuticals Corporation, Novo Nordisk Inc., Ortho Biotech Products, L.P., Ortho-McNeil Neurologics, Inc., Ortho Women's Health & Urology, A Unit of Ortho-McNeil, Pharmaceutical, Inc., OrthoNeutrogena, A Division of Ortho-McNeil, Pharmaceutical, Inc., Pfizer Inc, PriCara, Unit of Ortho-McNeil, Inc., Procter & Gamble Pharmaceuticals, Roche Laboratories Inc., Sankyo Pharma, Inc., Sanofi-Aventis, Schering-Plough Corporation, Schwarz Pharma, Inc., Scios Inc., Serono, Inc., Sigma-Tau Pharmaceuticals, Inc., Solvay Pharmaceuticals Incorporated, Takeda Pharmaceuticals North America, Inc., TAP Pharmaceuticals, Inc., Valeant Pharmaceuticals International, Vistakon Pharmaceuticals, LLC, Wyeth

Together Rx Access™	For persons with no Prescription coverage and not eligible for Medicare. Income requirements vary by family size.	Average savings of 25% - 40% off of over 275 brand name medications.	Free	Local pharmacies	1-800-444-4106 or www.togetherrxaccess.com
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Together RX Access™ Sponsors

Abbott Laboratories, AstraZeneca, McNeil Consumer & Specialty Pharmaceuticals – member Johnson & Johnson Family, LifeScan, Novartis, Pfizer, Ortho Women's Health & Urology, Bristol-Myers Squibb Company, Ortho Biotech, PriCare, sanofi-aventis, Vistakon Pharmaceuticals, Ortho Neutrogena, Takeda, Ortho-McNeil, GlaxoSmithKline, Janssen, Ortho-McNeil Neurologics, TAP Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

OTHER ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

Pharmaceutical Company-Sponsored Programs	Each of the following manufacturers of prescription medications offers its own program that allows New Yorkers to receive free prescriptions. Consult your physician for eligibility requirements. TAP Pharmaceuticals; sanofi-aventis Group; Abbott Laboratories; PfizerInc.; Wyeth; Johnson & Johnson; Roche; Novartis Pharmaceutical Corp.; GlaxoSmithKline; Merck & Co.; AstraZeneca Pharmaceuticals; Takeda Pharmaceuticals America Inc.; Amgen; Eli Lilly & Company				
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National Organization for Rare Disorders (NORD) Patient Assistance Program	Helps people obtain Rx they could not otherwise afford or that are not yet on the market.	Provides Rx on a sliding scale based on medication and income.	No fee. Provides relief for needed Rx based on patients needs.	Various	1-203-744-0100 or 1-800 999-6673 (voice mail only) or www.rarediseases.org
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PRESCRIPTION DRUG (Rx) DISCOUNT CARDS

AARP Health Care Options Prescription Savings Plan and Pharmacy Savings Plan	Age 50 + and AARP Member (Pharmacy Savings Plan is only for Medicare Supplement Planholders.)	Discounts up to 47% on more than 5,000 prescription drugs.	AARP membership fee of \$12.50/year plus cost of health plan insurance. Discount depends on Rx.	Mail order and participating local pharmacies.	800-523-5800 or www.aarphealthcare.com
AARP MembeRx Choice Program	Age 50 + and AARP Member not currently insured through AARP's Health Care Options.	Discounts up to 53% on more than 5,000 prescription drugs.	AARP membership fee of \$12.50/year plus \$19.95/person annual fee. Discount depends on Rx.	Mail order and participating local pharmacies.	1-877-231-6015 or www.aarp-pharmacy.com
Costco / Sam's Club Discount Pharmacies	Must be a Costco or Sam's Club member respectively.	Discounts on Rx for members.	Basic memberships start at \$50 (Costco) and \$40 (Sam's Club)	In-store pharmacy or on-line pharmacy	www.costco.com or www.samsclub.com Or visit your local store for a membership application.
RxSavings Plus / Rx Savings Plus for Women / RX Savings Plus for Seniors	Uninsured or underinsured individuals.	Up to 20% savings on Rx, more for certain oral contraceptives and hormone replacement therapy products.	No fee. Discount depends on Rx.	Local pharmacies	1-877-673-3688 or rxsavingsplus.advancrx.com
Medco Health - YOURxPLAN (enrollment Nov 15-Dec 31)	Must be enrolled in Medicare	Discounts on thousands of brand name and generic Rx.	\$100. annual deductible excluding generics. Generic copay \$5.	Local pharmacies & mail order	1-800-758-3605 or www.yourrxplan.com
Pharmacy Reward Card	Open to all	Savings on a variety of prescription drugs.	Free. Discount depends upon Rx.	Local pharmacies	www.pharmacyreward.com
Prescription Benefits Inc.	Open to all	Discounts of up to 75% depending on Rx. Average discount of 21%.	Annual fee of \$48/person or \$60/family. (60 day money back guarantee offered)	Local pharmacies	1-800-344-8134 or www.rxbenefits.com

Sources:

NYS Dept. of Health, Medicare Rights Center 2002 - Prescription Drug Resources, NY State Office for the Aging, NY State Health Care Financing Administration, Health Insurance Information, Counseling & Assistance Program, NY State Insurance Program, NY State Health Plan Association

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PUBLIC PROGRAMS					
Elderly Pharmaceutical Insurance Coverage (EPIC)	NY State residents, age 65+ who are uninsured or underinsured with previous yearly incomes of \$35,000(single) or \$50,000 (couple) or less.	State sponsored prescription plan. May be used to supplement existing health insurance. Covers most prescription medications.	<i>Fee Plan:</i> Fee of \$8 - \$300 based on income plus co-payments of \$3 - \$20 depending on Rx; <i>Deductible Plan:</i> Deductible of \$530 - \$1715 based on income plus co-payments of \$3 - \$20. Discounts received after deductible is met.	Almost any pharmacy in New York State	1-800-332-3742 or www.health.state.ny.us
Child Health Plus (CHPlus A or B)	Child under age 19, NY State resident and must not have other equivalent health insurance coverage. Also for pregnant women.	Full Rx coverage and medical services.	Free, or monthly premiums of \$9 - \$15 per child depending on family size and income. No co-payments at time of visit.	Participating pharmacies only	1-800-698-4543 or www.health.state.ny.us
Family Health Plus (FHPlus)	Lower income adults, age 19 - 64, who do not currently have coverage or qualify for other public programs such as Medicaid. Eligible income levels change annually and are based on family size.	Full Rx coverage and medical services provided through a local managed care provider.	Free	Varies based on managed care program enrollee chooses.	Personal interview needed. 1-877-934-7587 or www.health.state.ny.us
Medicare Prescription Drug Plans (Open Enrollment Nov 15-Dec 31)	Over age 65 or permanently disabled.	Varies by Rx and plan.	Monthly premiums (avg \$37/month) plus co-pays depending on Rx and plan.	Participating pharmacies	1-800-MEDICARE or www.medicare.gov 1-800-633-4227
Medigap (Medicare supplemental insurance)	Over age 65 or permanently disabled.	Covers services that are not part of Medicare benefit pkg. - 3 Medigap plans provide Rx coverage (H, I and J) with savings up to 50% off the cost of prescriptions.	Monthly premiums vary by plan and county of residence. Annual deductibles and yearly caps vary by plan.	Almost any pharmacy in New York State	Contact the Health Insurance Information, Counseling and Assistance Programs at 1-800-701-0501 or www.hiicap.state.ny.us
Medicaid	You may be covered by Medicaid if you have high medical bills, receive Supplemental Security Income (SSI) or you meet certain income, resource, age, or disability requirements.	100% Rx coverage and medical services.	Free (*some exemptions and premiums may apply depending on income and resources).	Participating pharmacies only	Contact your local Department of Social Services or the Medicaid Help line at 518-486-9057 / 800-541-2831

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PUBLIC PROGRAMS CONTINUED					
Medicare/Medicaid - dual eligibility	Over age 65 or permanently disabled with low monthly incomes.	100% Rx coverage.	Free (*some exemptions and premiums may apply depending on income and resources).	Participating pharmacies only	Contact your local Department of Social Services or the Medicaid Helpline at 518-486-9057 / 800-541-2831
Managed Care Organization	New Yorkers whose companies offer MCO options, are self-employed, or who receive their health benefits through the Medicaid program.	Covers Rx and medical needs. 31 HMOs are certified by the NY's Department of Health. There are also 19 prepaid health services plans (PHSP) that are licensed by the Department of Health. Plans vary by region.	Monthly fee varies by plan. Co-pays on Rx.	Participating pharmacies.	For list of HMO's available in NY contact NY Health Plans Association at 518-462-2293 or www.nyhpa.org
Healthy NY	Working individuals whose employers do not provide health insurance and uninsured sole proprietors	\$100 deductible on prescriptions/year with co-pays of \$10 - \$20. Max benefit of \$3000 per person/year	Costs vary by region and health plan chosen	Participating pharmacies	1-866 HEALTHY (1-866-432-5849) or www.healthyny.com
TRICARE Pharmacy Program / Senior Pharmacy Program	Military retirees who have served at least 20 years or those currently on active duty. Senior Program is for uniformed services beneficiaries 65 years of age or older.	Free if filled on military base pharmacy; \$3 - \$9 co-pay if filled via mail order or network retail pharmacy. Free for all active duty members.	Free	Military base pharmacies and most retail pharmacies. National mail order pharmacy also available.	1-877-363-6337 or www.tricare.osd.mil
TRICARE Reserve Select	RC members who were called or ordered to active duty, under Title 10, in support of a contingency operation on or after September 11, 2001.		\$81.00 for TRS member-only coverage / \$253.00 for TRS member and family coverage		1-877-363-6337 or www.tricare.osd.mil
VA Health Benefits Service Center	Veteran must have been honorably discharged from the military. Must enroll with VA and be seen by VA doctor.	Free Rx for low income veterans and for those pertaining to certain diseases. Variable co-pay per Rx for all other veterans.	Free	VA hospitals and pharmacies	1-877-222-8387 or www.myhealthvet.va.gov
AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP/ADAP Plus) / HIV Special Needs Plan (HIV SNP'S)	People living with HIV/AIDS and their children up to age 19, whether or not they have HIV or AIDS, who are partially insured or have a Medicaid spenddown requirement.	100% Rx coverage on AIDS drugs.	Free	Participating Pharmacies	Contact the Dept. of Health at 1-800-542-2437 or the New York Medicaid CHOICE HelpLine at 1-800-505-5678 or www.health.state.ny.us and click on HIV/AIDS