

Prescription Resources

❖ The resources listed directly below assist in connecting people with Patient Assistance Programs (PAP). Of the various PAPs, each program has its own rules and has minimum requirements. For the majority of the programs, the individual applying for the program must:

- Be a U.S. citizen or Legal Resident.
- Have no prescription insurance coverage.
- Meet program income guidelines.

❖ Some Patient Assistance Programs will help those who have insurance if they meet program hardship requirements or their medication is not covered by their insurance—depends on a variety of factors.

Needy Meds

<http://www.needymeds.org>

Helpline: 1-800-503-6897

- NeedyMeds.org is an **information resource ONLY** devoted to helping people in need find assistance programs to help them afford their medications and costs related to health care.
- NeedyMeds does NOT provide financial assistance or process any applications, determine eligibility, or supply medications.
- Please check website for full details and information.

Partnership for Prescription Assistance

<http://www.pparx.org/>

1-888-4PPA-NOW (1-888-477-2669)

For assistance with children's prescription help:

<http://kids.pparx.org/>

- Offers a single point of access to more than 475 public and private programs, including more than 200 offered by biopharmaceutical companies.
- Helps connect people to patient assistance programs that may meet their needs and enables patients to find programs for which they may be eligible to apply.
- Patients can download and print out patient assistance program applications directly from the website.

Patient Assistance Program Center

<http://www.rxassist.org>

Email: info@rxassist.org

- RxAssist offers a comprehensive database of patient assistance programs (which are run by pharmaceutical companies to provide free medications to people who cannot afford to buy their medicine).

RxHope, Inc.

<http://www.rxhope.com/>

- Please ask your doctor and/or medical care provider on your next visit about this service.
- **Patients can initiate the patient assistance process online but must have a doctor in order to complete the application.**
- A patient can locate on the website all the information necessary for the doctor to request their products i.e. what drugs are available and phone #'s to call. This information is located by clicking on the Patient Assistance Information link.

❖ The resources listed directly below may assist with discounts for medications and co-pays for medications.

Free Drug Discount Card

<http://yourrxcard.com/>

Mon.-Fri. 9am-3pm CST

1-866-561-1926

Email: comments@yourrxcard.com

- If you have any questions or concerns, contacting through email will receive faster response.
- Discounts vary and can range from 0% to 75% depending on the type of prescription, brand name, generic name and the location of the specific pharmacy.

Patient Advocate Foundation—Co-Pay Relief Program

<http://www.copays.org/>

PAF Co-Pay Relief (CPR) provides direct financial assistance to qualified patients, assisting them with prescription drug co-payments their insurance requires relative to their diagnosis. CPR call counselors work directly with the patient as well as with the provider of care to obtain necessary medical, insurance and income information to advance the application in an expeditious manner.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Patient should be insured and insurance must cover the medication for which patient seeks assistance.
- Patient must have a confirmed diagnosis of the disease/illness for which they seek financial assistance.
- Patient must reside and receive treatment in the United States.
- Patient's income must fall below 400% of the **Federal Poverty Guideline** (FPG) with consideration of the **Cost of Living Index** (COLI) and the number in the household.

Please be aware that there are high numbers of companies that advertise free or reduced-cost prescriptions online. Thoroughly research any company to determine if they are a legitimate and reputable business before you decide to access their services. In addition, please be careful of any company that expects payment for their help in linking you to assistance programs.

GCPS does not endorse or recommend any of the above agencies, as this list is for informational use only. Any fees incurred are the responsibility of the parent and/or student. This is not a complete list of prescription assistance resources in Gwinnett or the Metro Atlanta Area. Please check with your insurance provider for referrals as well as with other sources of information for additional resources.

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