



March 2009--Prescription Help Programs

Please read all the information to find the program that is best for you.

If you have questions, call the listed program directly or visit its website.

Reduced Cost Pharmacy Programs

Low Cost Medications are available at these pharmacies in Franklin County

About these programs:

All of these pharmacies require a doctor's prescription. Ask your doctor if any generic drugs can meet your health needs. Check with the store pharmacy nearest to you for more details about their program. Here are the costs of these programs.

CVS	Pharmacy Health Saving Pass, join for \$10/year. After that cost is \$9.99 for 90 day supply.
Giant Eagle	\$ 4 for a 30 day supply
K-Mart's	\$15 for a 90 day supply
Krogers	\$ 4 for a 30 day supply and \$ 10 for a 90 day supply
Meijer's	Free antibiotics and pre-natal vitamins, \$ 4 for a 30 day supply
Sam's Club	\$ 4 for a 30 day supply
Target	\$ 4 for a 30 day supply and \$ 10 for a 90 day supply
Walgreen's	Prescription Savings Club, join for \$20/year for individual and \$35/year for a family. After that cost is \$ 12 for a 90 day supply
Wal-Mart	\$ 4 for a 30 day supply

Costco Pharmacy—Costco Member Prescription Program

About the program:

Features a preferred drug list of select branded and generic medications that offer discounts over Costco's regular prices.

You qualify if: You are a Costco member or the dependent of one, (the yearly membership fee is \$ 50.00), and have no insurance coverage for prescription drugs.

To apply: Go to the store located at 1500 Gemini Place, Columbus, OH 43240. (It is near Polaris) to join Costco at the front desk and complete the CMPP application in the Pharmacy Department. **The phone number for the pharmacy at Gemini Place is (614) 987-1909.**

For more information: go to <http://www.envisionrx.com/costco/cmpp.aspx> or call 1-800-806-0129. There are links on the page that direct you to a list of savings examples and a list of covered medications. Non-members can use the pharmacy at Costco. Only members are eligible for the CMPP.

Discount Cards

Franklin County Prescription Discount Card

About the program:

Franklin County makes the free prescription drug discount cards available under a program sponsored by the National Association of Counties (NACo). Card holders can save an average of 25% off the retail price. Cards are available at all public buildings including libraries, county buildings and senior centers or can be requested online. These can be used by all Franklin County residents, regardless of age, income, or existing health coverage. They are accepted at most pharmacies. A national network of participating retail pharmacies also honors the card.

For more information on the card or to get a complete list of Franklin County pharmacies that accept the card, please call 877-321-2652 or go to www.FranklinCountyOhio.gov/Rx

Ohio's Best Rx

About the program:

Ohio's Best Rx is a prescription discount card for eligible Ohioans of any age. It includes almost all brand name and generic drugs. There is no application fee or enrollment fee. This state sponsored program is run by the Ohio Department of Aging. There are more than 2,700 participating pharmacies as well as a mail order option. Ohio's Best Rx can also be used during the Medicare Part D "doughnut hole" when prescription costs are 100% out of pocket.

You qualify if:

You are an Ohio resident, have no prescription drug coverage **AND**:

- You are under age 60 and you have an income of 300% federal poverty level or less (\$32,490/year for an individual, \$43,710/year for a family of 2, \$54,930 for a family of three, \$66,150/year for a family of 4 or more depending on family size), **OR**
- You are under age 60 and you have a total and permanent disability as defined by the Social Security Administration, **OR**
- You are 60 years of age or older regardless of income

To use this program:

Call 1-866-923-7879 or go to www.ohiobestrx.org to apply, check drug pricing and find pharmacy locations.

Together Rx Access

About the program:

Helps qualified individuals save costs on a large list of prescription drugs. Sponsored by 19 large drug companies

You qualify if:

- You are a legal U.S. resident
- You have an income of \$30,000 for a single person, \$ 40,000 for a family of 2, \$50,000 for a family of 3
- You have no prescription drug coverage (public or private)
- You are not eligible for Medicare

To apply: Call 1-800-444-4106 or go to <http://www.togetherrxaccess.com> for an application and to see which medications are included.

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(614) 645-6450 www.publichealth.columbus.gov

How to find out if you are eligible for a drug assistance program

Benefits Check Up Rx

About the program:

This provides information about brand name and generic drug Patient Assistance Programs, Medicare Part D and Medicare Part D Extra Help. It also has information about other benefit programs.

You qualify if: Anyone can use this program but you need access to the Internet.

To use the program: Go to

https://ssl3.benefitscheckup.org/before_you_start.cfm?subset_id=39

Partnership for Prescription Assistance

About the program:

This is a FREE clearinghouse for many public and private patient assistance programs including the ones offered by drug companies for brand name and generic medicines. It provides a quick way to find out if you qualify for free or nearly-free prescription medicine. It also helps begin the application process.

The program also helps patients contact government programs such as Medicaid, Medicare and SCHIP and assists Medicare beneficiaries with information about the Medicare Prescription Drug Benefit (Part D).

You qualify if:

You do not have prescription drug coverage and have a limited income.

To use this program or to apply: Call 1-888-4PPA-NOW (1-888-477-2669) or go to

<https://www.pparx.org/SelectMedication.php>

Programs that will help you find the medications you need and follow up on the paperwork involved (There is a reasonable cost involved with these programs)

Prescription Access

About the program:

Help with chronic medications for people 60 or over. Handles Medication Assistance Program (MAP) applications. Enrollment cost is \$ 15/year. MAP fee is \$15.00 for 3 prescriptions and \$ 1.00 for each added one over three. If there is not a MAP application available, a discounted medication program is offered. You must pay the cost of the discounted medications. (Discounts can be large).

You qualify if:

- You are 60 years of age or older
- You are a Franklin County resident
- You are at or below 200% of the poverty level (for a single person—\$1552 or less a month in income)
- You do not have prescription drug coverage
- You are not able to get any private or government (Medicaid) prescription help.
- You can show proof of income and a photo I.D.

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To apply: Call 1-888-299-3615 or go to <http://www.prescription-access.org/>

Prescription for Good Health

About the program:

Help enrolling into drug company programs that give you prescription discounts. The cost is \$ 50 for a 90 day supply regardless of the number of prescription drugs you are eligible to receive. Proof of income is required. It takes about 4-6 weeks before you get your medications.

You qualify if:

- You are a Franklin County resident
- You have an income less than \$ 20,800/yr for a single person, \$28,000 for a family of 2, \$35,200 for a family of 3 and \$42,400 for a family of 4.
- You can afford to pay \$ 50 every 3 months for prescribed medications (\$200/year)
- You do not have any prescription drug insurance

To apply: Call 1-877-223-1505 or for an application go to

<http://www.accesshealthcolumbus.org/pdf/consumers/2008%20RXFGH%20Brochure.pdf>

Prescription Hope

About the program:

This is a prescription assistance program. There is a \$ 10 service charge per medication per month. There is no application fee.

You qualify if:

- You earn \$20,800 or less per year as a single individual, or \$31,000 or less as a couple.
- You do not have prescription insurance coverage, but may have health insurance. You may have a discount prescription drug card and still qualify.
- You do not participate in Medicaid.
- HMO participants do qualify.

To apply: Call 1-877-296-HOPE (4673) or <http://www.prescriptionhope.com/index.htm>

Mail Order Generic Medication program

Rx Outreach

About the program:

This is a nationwide program. It provides help with purchasing a list of 55 generic medications reasonable cost--\$20 for a 180 day supply of many different medicines. And the medicines are mailed directly to you.

You qualify if:

- You are a US citizen or legal resident
- You have an income less than \$ 32,490/yr for single person, \$43,710/yr for a family of 2, \$54,930/yr for a family of 3, \$ 66,150/yr for a family of 4.

To apply: Call 1-800-769-3880 or go to <http://www.rxoutreach.com> for an application and to view the list of medications that can be purchased.

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Medicare Prescription Drug Benefit (Part D) Information

Numbers to call if you need help or have questions are:

Medicare: Call Medicare at **1-800-633-4227** or go to <http://www.medicare.gov> or COAAA at **1-800-589-7277** or go to http://www.coaaa.org/pdf/Rx_Guide.pdf or OSHIP at **1-800-686-1578**.

For help completing Medicare D paperwork, call the Ohio Benefit Bank at 1-800-648-1176 and you will be directed on where you can go for help.

Social Security (Medicare D Low Income Subsidy): Call Social Security at **1-800-772-1213** or go to <http://www.ssa.gov/prescriptionhelp/>

Other Programs

Breathing Association

About the program: Helps people 55 years and over get lung disease related medications.

Person can receive up to \$ 250 in assistance in a 6 month period

You qualify if:

- You are 55 years of age and over
- You have been diagnosed with a chronic lung disease
- You must have a current doctor's prescription for a breathing related condition.
- You need assistance paying for medication or covering co-pay on medications
- Your total household income is within 200 % Federal guidelines for low-income help
- You have not received more than \$400 in drug assistance from this agency over the last 6 months
- Not limited to Franklin County residents

To apply and for additional information: call (614) 457-2997.

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About the program:

No more than \$50 paid to the pharmacy for prescription medicines (no over-the-counter drugs) or medical supplies.

You qualify if: You are a low-income person with a life threatening emergency.

To apply: Call or walk in -- Monday-Friday from 9:30-11:30 am & 1-2:30 pm.
578 E. Main Street, Columbus, OH 43215, (614) 241-2531.

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