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PRESCRIPTION ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS **QUICK OVERVIEW**

The N.H. Insurance Department has compiled a quick overview of various types of assistance available when researching or purchasing prescription drugs. In today's economy, bills for medications can be quite costly with and/or without insurance. There are assistance programs and research tools available to assist you in finding; the different prices of your medication, financial assistance for your medications, and medical information on your prescription. This is a guide to assist you in becoming a more informed consumer.

These are typically on a financial need basis.

❖ **N.H. MEDICATION PRESCRIPTION PROGRAM**

www4.egov.nh.gov/Medicine-Cabinet/

Offers various assistance options:

- **NH Drug Listing and Price Lookup** – Lookup tool to find out what your prescription would cost at different pharmacies in the area you select.
- **Partnership for Prescription Assistance** -- PPARxNH is a program that connects qualified, low-income people with discount prescription drugs direct from the pharmaceutical manufacturer.
- **NH Pharmacy Locator** – Find out where you can have your prescription filled in an area you select.
- **Top 25 Drug Listing** -- Wondering what drugs were the highest used for the last 30 days? This listing will display those in order for you.
- **Medical RX Information** -- Can't remember where you put the sheet of information that came with your prescription? Don't worry! You can find this information and more at this site.
- **Medicare Web Site** -- For the first time ever, everyone with Medicare, regardless of income, health status, or prescription drug usage, will have access to prescription drug coverage. Find out more!
- **CanadaDrugs.com** -- Interested in what drug costs are in Canada? At CanadaDrugs.com you can lookup prices and purchase online.

❖ **NH MEDICATION BRIDGE PROGRAM 603-225-0900**

<http://www.healthynh.com/fhc/initiatives/access/medicationbridge.php>

This program is sponsored by the Foundation for Healthy Communities and assists individuals with lower incomes who do not have insurance coverage for prescription drugs. Income limits may vary widely depending upon the medication and manufacturer.

❖ **SERVICELINK RESOURCE CENTER 1-866-634-9412**

<http://www.nh.gov/servicelink/>, A statewide network of community-based resources for seniors, adults with disabilities and their families. There is no cost related to use *ServiceLink* and it is available to anyone who needs assistance, advice or help with an issue relating to a senior or disabled adult living in the community.

❖ **MEDICAID 1-800-852-3345, ext 4344**

<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/home/medicaid.asp>, Medicaid is a state administered program and each state sets its own guidelines regarding eligibility and services. Read more about your state Medicaid program.

❖ **RX OUTREACH 1-800-769-3880**

<http://rxoutreach.com/>, RxOutreach is managed by Express Scripts Specialty Distribution Services, Inc. (ESSDS), a fully-licensed mail order pharmacy that is committed to making the use of prescription drugs safer and more affordable. Rx Outreach is not a prescription insurance program or an Internet pharmacy. ESSDS developed Rx Outreach to provide a safe, affordable, and easy way for people of all ages to get medicines they need. The program offers prescription medicines to uninsured individuals and families, as well as those who have limited prescription drug coverage.

**OTHER PRESCRIPTION ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS (PAP'S)
OR DISCOUNT DRUG PROGRAMS**

Research these carefully

These programs are typically sponsored by pharmaceutical companies and are designed to provide free or low-cost medication to low income, uninsured and underinsured populations. The majority of pharmaceutical companies have some form of a PAP for some or all medicines. Each company is responsible for establishing the enrollment criteria for its program.

**To find out about specific Prescription Assistance Programs
ask:**

- Doctors
- Pharmacists
- Community Clinics
- Drug Companies
- Internet: see below for PAP's or discount drug programs available on the internet

www.rxassist.org

Phone: 401-729-3284

Fax: 401-729-2955

Email: info@rxassist.org

Patient assistance programs are run by pharmaceutical companies to provide free medications to people who cannot afford to buy their medicine. RxAssist offers a comprehensive database of these patient assistance programs, as well as practical tools, news, and articles so that health care professionals and patients can find the information they need all in one place.

www.pparx.org

Phone: 1-888-477-2669

Partnership for Prescription Assistance is led mainly by the Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers Association which is the drug industry's primary trade group. **CAUTION: Discount Drug programs – research carefully.**

www.needymeds.com

Sponsored by a **non-profit company of the same name. (It is a “dot com” as the site is supported by advertisements)** The mission of NeedyMeds has been, since its inception, to make information about assistance programs available to low-income patients and their advocates at no cost. The website, NeedyMeds.com, is the face of the organization. Databases such as Patient Assistance Programs and Disease-Based Assistance, government programs and other types of assistance programs are the crux of the free information we offer online. **CAUTION: Discount Drug programs – research carefully.**