

Pharmaceutical Assistance
Compliments of Senior Living Advisors
Western Pennsylvania Resource Guide

We are a free service to help families choose an appropriate Independent Living apartment with services, Personal Care Home, or Assisted Living community for their loved one that matches the medical needs, financial capabilities, and geographic preferences.

With the family's permission, we will assess the candidate at home, at the skilled rehab unit, or at the hospital. After obtaining an accurate report to determine the scope of care the individual requires, we make appropriate recommendations of communities that fit the parameters of medical, financial, and geographic needs.

Senior Living Advisors will accompany the family and prospective resident on tours to help them through the process. Our skilled representatives will always make recommendations as if it were pertaining to our own Mom, Dad, or other loved one. We answer seven days a week.

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Pharmaceutical Assistance

\$4/\$10 Generic Drug Program

Certain grocery and retail stores offer generic prescription medications at low cost (usually \$4 for a month medication or \$10 for three months). Usually there are no income guidelines or restrictions regarding insurance coverage. Check your local pharmacist for details.

Allegheny County Rx

National Association of Counties (NACo)
(877) 321-2651 or (877) 321-2651
www.caremark.com/naco

This prescription discount card offers an average savings of 22% off the retail price of commonly prescribed drugs. The program is free to Allegheny County residents regardless of age, income, or existing health coverage. More than 300 pharmacies in the county take part in this program, and a national network of more than 60,000 pharmacies honor the NACo prescription discount card. Cards are available at county offices, libraries, senior centers, Goodwill stores and many pharmacies.

American Kidney Fund (AKF)

(800) 795-3226
www.kidneyfund.org

The AKF's program provides financial assistance to qualified dialysis patients who are referred by their physicians and social workers. Safety Net Grants are provided for treatment-specific expenses such as transportation, over-the-counter expenses, medication co-payments, and kidney donor expenses.

Medicare Part D grants and the Genzyme Patient Assistance Program grants are also available. For details, visit the above website or contact the social worker at your dialysis center.

Breathe Pennsylvania

(800) 220-1990
(724) 772-1750

The Emergency Assistance Program is a one-time-only grant for respiratory medications, including oxygen. It is non-renewable and is payable to the pharmacy. Call for an application.

As part of our commitment to helping people with lung disease, Breathe Pennsylvania offers an income-based patient assistance program for respiratory patients with an immediate need for medication, pulmonary rehabilitation or a nebulizer.

The following qualifications must be met:

- The patient must have a respiratory diagnosis confirmed by a healthcare worker who has agreed to work with Breathe Pennsylvania.
- Patients must provide proof of income in the form of a 1040 tax form or social security statement of benefits. All income from all adults in the household must be provided.
- Referrals must come from a health care provider that can verify the patient's diagnosis. All referrals are approved based on program guidelines at the discretion of Breathe Pennsylvania's Director of Adult Lung Education.

If you or someone you know in southwestern Pennsylvania* has a respiratory condition and needs support, call us at (724) 772-1750.

*Service area includes Allegheny, Armstrong, Beaver, Butler, Fayette, Greene, Indiana, Lawrence, Washington and Westmoreland counties.

Good RX – Prescription Savings

(855) 213-1275

www.goodrx.com

AARP Prescription Discount Program

(800) 456-2277

BenefitsCheckUp

www.benefitscheckup.org

This is an online screening tool for prescription drug assistance programs. This screening provides a confidential report of public and private programs that can help you save money on prescription drugs, healthcare, utilities, and other services.

Leukemia and Lymphoma Society

Patient Financial Aid Programs

(412) 395-2873 or (800) 726-2873

LLS offers two financial assistance programs for treatment of certain types of blood cancer. The locally based Patient Financial Aid Program helps to reimburse costs related to travel to treatment centers, as well as certain medications. A \$100 stipend applies; you do not have to qualify financially to take part in this program. Call the above phone numbers to learn more.

The second program is the Co-Pay Assistance Program. This offers assistance to patients who qualify toward private health insurance premiums and co-pay obligations, such as Medicare Supplementary Health Insurance and Medicare Advantage premium or co-pay obligations. To register for this national program, call LLS's office at (877) 557-2672.

Medicare Prescription Discount Card

(800) 377-1614

Medicare Part D Prescription Drug Coverage

(800) 633-4227

www.medicare.gov

Pennsylvanians have the option of choosing from a variety of prescription drug plans. Most plans will have a premium about \$27 a month, as well as deductible, cost-sharing and co-pays for medications. Medicare enrollees can contact the APPRISE Program's insurance counseling service at (412) 661-1438 for free, unbiased advice about whether to enroll in the Medicare Part D benefit.

PA Medi Program

(412) 661-1438 or (800) 783-7067

Medicare enrollees can contact the PA Medi Programs, a free health insurance counseling service for Seniors at for free, unbiased advice about whether to enroll in the Medicare Part D benefit. One can also receive general information regarding affordable insurance programs.

NeedyMeds

www.needymeds.com

A free information source on pharmaceutical patient assistance programs and other sources of help for people who can't afford their medication and healthcare costs. The above website also lists about 11,000 free, low-cost and sliding-scale clinics.

PACE and PACENET

(800) 225-7223

<https://pacecares.magellanhealth.com>

PACE stands for Pharmaceutical Assistance Contracts for the Elderly; PACENET stands for PACE Needs Enhancement Tier. Both are funded by the Pennsylvania Department of Aging. These programs offer comprehensive prescription drug coverage to older Pennsylvanians and cover most medications that require prescriptions, including insulin, syringes, and insulin needles. They do not cover over-the-counter medicines, medical equipment or doctor, hospital, dental or vision services. Enrollees must meet income/age guidelines to qualify.

PACE: who is eligible:

To be eligible for PACE, you must be 65 years of age or older, a Pennsylvania resident for at least 90 days prior to the date of application, and cannot be enrolled in the Department of Public Welfare's Medicaid prescription benefit. For a single person, your total income must be \$14,500 or less. For a married couple, your combined total income must be \$17,700 or less.

PACENET: who is eligible:

To be eligible for PACENET, you must be 65 years of age or older, a Pennsylvania resident for at least 90 days prior to the date of application, and cannot be enrolled in the Department of Public Welfare's Medicaid prescription benefit. For a single person, your total income must be \$27,500 or less. A couple's combined total income must be \$35,500 or less.

PACE Plus Medicare

(800) 225-7223

A Medicare Part D Companion program. PACE Plus Medicare offers eligible older Pennsylvanians one of the most generous prescription plans in the United States. Under PACE Plus Medicare, PACE/PACENET coverage is supplemented by federal Medicare Part D prescription coverage, offering older Pennsylvanians the best benefits of both programs. Older adults continue to receive the same prescription benefits while, in many cases, saving more money. Enrollees must meet income/age guidelines to qualify.

PA Rx Price Finder

(800) 835-4080

www.parxpricefinder.com

This web site allows you to compare prices of many medications at different pharmacies convenient to you. Finding the best price will help save you money on your prescription drugs so that you can take better care of your own health as well as your family's.

Medicine Assistance Tool

(888) 477-2669

www.pparx.org

Brings together America's pharmaceutical companies, doctors, other healthcare providers, patient advocacy organizations and community groups to help qualifying patients who lack prescription coverage get free or nearly free brand-name medicines. Each manufacturer has set their own eligibility guidelines.

**Pennsylvania Department of Health
Chronic Renal Disease Program**
(800) 225-7223

Provides life-saving care and treatment for adults with end-stage renal disease. The program assists with cost related to dialysis services, renal transplantation, medical management, inpatient and outpatient services, medications, and limited patient transportation. You must meet income guidelines to qualify.

US Department of Veterans Affairs
(877) 222-8387
www.va.gov / www.vfw.org

Find out if you are eligible for VA benefits, how to apply and what it will cost by visiting the above website. See VA Section of this resource binder for additional information.

VA Prescription Drug Program for Veterans
(816) 922-2456

**Pennsylvania Patient Assistance Program
Clearinghouse (PAP)**
(800) 955-0989
www.aging.state.pa.us

Provides help with finding low-cost or no-cost prescription drug assistance from pharmaceutical companies. Each manufacturer has set their own eligibility guidelines.

Rx Outreach
(800) 769-3880
www.rxoutreach.com

This fully-licensed mail order pharmacy is committed to providing a safe, affordable, and easy way for people of all ages to get the medications they need. The program offers prescription drugs to uninsured individuals and families, as well as those who have limited prescription drug coverage.

**Lilly Cares Foundation Patient Assistance
Program**
(800) 545-6962

Assists qualifying patients in obtaining certain Lilly medications at no cost. If you qualify, the Lilly Cares Foundation PAP provides free medications manufactured by Eli Lilly & Co.

Merck Patient Assistance Program
(800) 727-5400

**Novartis Medicare Drug Plan Assistance
Line**
(800) 245-5356

Pfizer RX pathways
(866) 706-0989

Extra Help for Prescription Costs through Social Security

Any person who qualifies for Medicaid may also apply for help with prescription drug costs including monthly premiums, co payments, and deductibles. Savings may include up to \$4000 a year and many people do not even realize they qualify or that this program exists.

Who qualifies:

- Reside in one of the 50 states or the District of Columbia
- For an individual resources must be under \$12,640 and a married couple under \$25,260
- Resources include bank accounts, stocks, and bonds
- Does not count home, car, and life insurance
- Annual income for an individual must be under \$16,335 and for a married couple under \$22,065
- Examples where your income may be higher but can still receive help if you or your spouse:
 - Have earnings from a job
 - Support other family members living with you
 - Living in Alaska or Hawaii

How to apply:

Complete Social Security's Application for Extra Help with Medicare Prescription Drug Plan Costs

- www.socialsecurity.gov/extrahelp
- Call 1-800-772-1213 or 1-800-325-0778 to request an application or apply over the phone
- Apply at any local Social Security Office