

Can't Afford Your Medicines?

Help is Here!



**A NeedyMeds
Patient Education Booklet**

Introduction

Are you having a problem paying for your medicine?
Do you need help affording your healthcare costs?
NeedyMeds can help.

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In this booklet we will tell you all about these programs
and how you can find help.

NeedyMeds is here to help you with your medicine and healthcare costs. We have information on thousands of programs and free clinics.

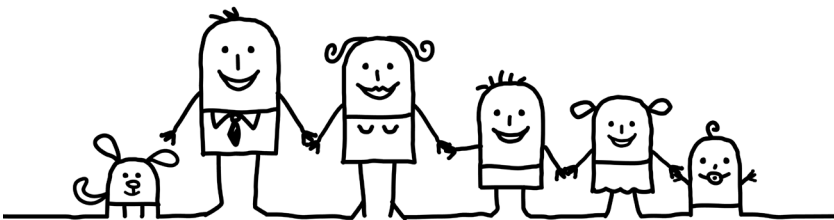
This booklet tells you about all the information we list, how to find the help you need, and how to use our website.

HAVE A QUESTION — CAN'T FIND WHAT YOU NEED?

Call our helpline at 1-800-503-6897.

If you use the Internet and want to start right away, go to our website, www.needymeds.org, and click on "Patient Savings." Then click on any of the types of help listed.

If you need more help, click on "Getting Started." From there you can find out how to use our website and find the help you need.



Patient Assistance Programs

The first place to look for help are the drug patient assistance programs (PAPs). These are programs run by drug companies that give free medicine to people who can't afford to pay for them. Not everyone qualifies, but millions of people have been helped. Every year, drug companies give away billions of dollars worth of free or discounted medicines.

You can learn about these programs on our website, www.needymeds.org. We have everything you need to know to apply to a PAP.

Click on [Getting Started](#) to find out how to find information on PAPs. You can also call our toll-free helpline at 800-503-6897 and one of our representatives will help you.

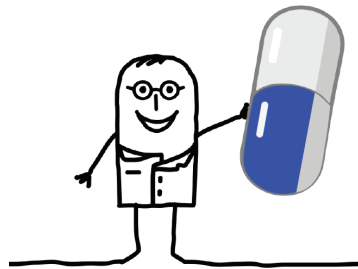
Your doctor's office may also be able to help you find the right program for you.

Remember:

- It may take 2-4 weeks for your medicine to arrive
- You will have to fill out an application
- Your doctor will have to give you a prescription

Tips for Applying to a PAP

- Don't leave blank spaces on the application. Write N/A if the question doesn't apply to you.
- Remember to sign the application everywhere it asks for your signature.
- Have your doctor complete his/her section.
- Many programs require a separate prescription.
- Always call the program if you have questions.
- Pay attention to the renewal process. Most programs require you to re-apply every year.
- Look for programs for all your medications.
- Not every medication has an active PAP, and programs may change. Check back regularly, and print a new application each time you apply to make sure it is the most current application.



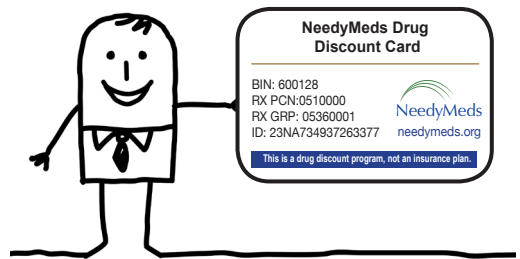
The NeedyMeds Drug Discount Card

The **free** NeedyMeds drug discount card can be used by anyone regardless of income, insurance plan, age, citizenship, or residency. It can save you up to 80% off the cash price of:

- Prescriptions
- Over-the-counter medications and supplies written as a prescription
- Pet prescriptions filled at the pharmacy

How It Works

- There is no registration.
- You do not have to apply for the card or provide your name or any other information.
- You can use the card immediately.
- The card is accepted at over 63,000 pharmacies across the country.



- Give the card to your pharmacist, along with your prescription. If your pharmacist has any questions, there's a number on the back of the card to call.
- Not every item will be discounted, and the discounts change often.
- Try to use the card every time you purchase medicines at the pharmacy.
- You cannot use the NeedyMeds drug discount card with your insurance. You can use it instead of your insurance. Patients who have Medicare, including Part D, Medicaid or any state or federal prescription insurance, will need to choose between the card or their government drug plan.

Go to the back of the book to get your own NeedyMeds drug discount card. Tear out the card on the perforation and take to your pharmacy.

Three ways to get a **plastic** NeedyMeds drug discount card:

1. Visit our website at www.needymeds.org.
2. Call us at 1-800-503-6897 and request a card.
3. Send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to:
NeedyMeds, PO Box 219, Gloucester, MA 01931.

Copay Cards

Your insurance may help with the cost of your medicine, but it may not cover the entire cost. What you have to pay is called a “copay.” It’s what you have to pay when you pick up your medicine.

Some copays are only for a few dollars while others may be for \$100 or more.

Copay cards help lower the amount you have to pay when you pick up your medication. There are copay cards only for certain medicines.

How Do They Work?

You can find copay cards on www.needymeds.org. You may also be able to get one from your doctor.

Each copay card program is different, but many require that you sign up with the program before you can use the card.

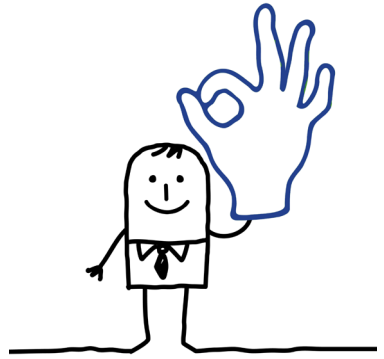
Your copay may be reduced or completely paid. However, if you have Medicare, Medicaid, or other federal or state healthcare insurance, you cannot use a co-pay card. Also, many mail-order medication programs do not accept copay cards.

Coupons, Rebates & More


Everyone loves a coupon. You may not realize that there are coupons for many medicines.

You can find coupons in the [Coupons, Rebates & More](#) section of the NeedyMeds website. This section contains offers of brand name medications (both over-the-counter and prescription) and medical supplies.

These offers come in various forms – as a printable coupon, rebate, savings card, free trial offer, or free sample. Some can be printed right from the company’s website, while others require registering first, filling out a questionnaire, or even getting a sample from your doctor’s office.



How to Find Offers on www.needymeds.org

- If you are looking in the Prescription Patient Assistance Programs (PAP) section, look for the  sign next to the name of your medication when searching for Brand Name Drugs.
- Visit the [Coupons, Rebates & More](#) section under the Patient Savings tab. You can search for offers by Product Name or by Category.

More Sources of Help

On www.needymeds.org, we have information on other types of programs that may help you save on your medications or healthcare costs.

You can find these programs under the [Patient Savings](#) tab on the NeedyMeds website.

- [Diagnosis-Based Assistance Programs](#) – These are programs that help people who have a certain diagnosis or medical condition. They help with expenses such as:
 - Insurance co-payments
 - Travel expenses
 - Drugs and medical supplies
 - Nutrition
 - Home and vehicle modifications
 - Child and respite care
 - Assistive technology equipment, and more.
- [Free/Low-Cost/Sliding Scale Clinics](#) – These are clinics that provide primary and preventive medical and dental care to area residents.
- [State-Sponsored Programs](#) – These are programs offered by state, county or local governments and provide various medical or financial services to residents.

- **Medicare Counseling** – State Health Insurance Assistance Programs (SHIP) provide health insurance counseling to people who have Medicare and their families. In some states, SHIP may be called by a different name, but they all offer the same services.
- **Help with Paperwork** – This section lists individuals or organizations that will help you complete and submit patient assistance program (PAP) applications for your medications.
- **Camps, Scholarships, and Retreats** – There are camps, scholarships, and retreats for people or family members with particular conditions.

You can also comparison shop for health insurance plans and government healthcare subsidies available in your state, plus Medicaid, Medicare and Medicare Low Income Subsidies options by visiting www.HealthCare.gov.

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NeedyMeds Drug Discount Card

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RX GRP: 05360001
ID: 23NA734937263377


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THIS IS A DRUG DISCOUNT PROGRAM, NOT AN INSURANCE PLAN.

See page 7 to order a plastic card.



If you need help paying for your medications and healthcare costs, visit www.needymeds.org or call our toll-free helpline at 800-503-6897.



We look forward to helping you!

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NeedyMeds Drug Discount Card

www.needymeds.org

Patient: Simply present this card to a participating pharmacy to receive a discount on your prescription. Patients who have Medicare, including Part D, Medicaid or any state or federal prescription insurance can only use this card if they choose not to use their government-sponsored drug plan for their purchase. The card is not valid in combination with those programs. For questions concerning the card, call 1-888-602-2978 or visit www.drugdiscountcardinfo.com.

Pharmacist: Card must be presented to receive program benefits. Clear system of prior cardholder information associated with this universal cardholder ID. For processing questions, call Argus Health Systems at 1-866-921-7286.



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