



Prescription Medication Assistance Resource Tool

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	Organization	When to Use:	Web Address:	Insurance Status:	Type of assistance:	Notes:
Local Agencies	Father Fred Foundation	Patient is in need of short term tide over assistance; Will not be beneficial if this medication is needed on a long-term basis but the agencies may be able to provide other assistances which would allow the patient to afford the medications.	http://www.fatherfredfoundation.com/	Any	Temporary	Direct financial assistance can be obtained after a review of individual circumstances; \$400 emergency assistance/ household; Can be used however needed including prescription assistance.
	Salvation Army (Petoskey)		http://www.sapetoskey.org	Any		Direct financial assistance can be obtained after a review of individual circumstances; Patients can spend as needed; not a sustaining financial source.
	Salvation Army (Traverse City)		http://www.satraversecity.org/	Any		Direct financial assistance can be obtained after a review of individual circumstances; Assistance can be applied to prescription medication.
	Love Inc.		http://www.loveinctraverse.org/	Any		Direct financial assistance can be obtained after a review of individual circumstances; Assistance can be applied to prescription medication.
	Kalkaska Area Interfaith Resources		http://kalkaskakairs.com/	Any		Direct financial assistance can be obtained after a review of individual circumstances; Atibiotics only - Maximum of \$200 total assistance / visit
	Helplink	Clearinghouse for local assistance; no direct financial assistance available but referring to outside sources	http://www.networksnorthwest.org/community/poverty-reduction/helplink/	Any	Agency acts as a local clearing house	HelpLink is a network of volunteer Navigators who connect people to resources in the five county area: Antrim, Benzie, Grand Traverse, Kalkaska, and Leelanau. Navigators are trained to guide individuals in need in identifying needs, suggesting options, and expediting help. (Limited hours so please check individual offices)
	Traverse Health Clinic	Must be a patient of the clinic. Patient is in need of longer term assistance and medications can be provided through Prescription Assistance Program.	http://www.traversehealthclinic.org/	Any	Longer-Term	Prescription assistance may be available if one is a patient of the Traves Health Clinic; can assist with short term medication needs. For uninsured individuals they enroll patients in pharmaceutical company sponsored patient assistance programs for longer term needs.
Clearinghouse websites for Prescription Assistance	Partnership for Prescription Assistance	Good starting resource when a patient is struggling to afford chronic medications; Assesses insurance status, medications etc., before recommending options that may provide benefit, including Medicare and Medicaid applications.	https://www.pparx.org/	Any	Search for longer-term assistance	Online search through a comprehensive clearinghouse for assistance programs including individual pharmaceutical company assistance programs; Medicare and Medicaid: Non prescription disease specific information and assistance links available as well.
	Needy Meds		http://www.needymeds.org/	Any		NeedyMeds is a national non-profit organization that maintains a website and search engine of free information on programs to assist people who can't afford medication and/or healthcare costs.
	Medicare Rights Center: PDF		Not applicable for typical chronic diseases such as DM, COPD or HTN; last line effort for atypical medication assistance	http://www.medicarights.org/pdf/copay_charities.pdf		Any
All Prescription Drug Discount Card	Family Wise	Resource for patients without insurance; ensures the lowest price for the medication	http://www.familywize.org/	Any	Longer term (does not lower copays)	FamilyWize essentially acts like a huge consumer group buying service for the uninsured and underinsured. The discounts and savings on medications are provided voluntarily th pharmacies; Your cost will be the discount price with the FamilyWize card or the pharmacy's usual and customary retail price, whichever is lower.
	Caring Voice Coalition Discount Card	Not applicable for DM, HTN; Resource for patients without insurance; provides discount; make sure the pharmacy participates. Supports a very specific and limited set of diseases	http://www.caringvoice.org/	No insurance or prescriptions processed without insurance	Longer term (does not lower copays)	There are no income, insurance or residency requirements, and no fees or registration process needed to use the card. One card can be shared with friends and family members, or individual cards can be printed. The card is active immediately and never expires. Cannot be combined with Insurance