

# The Partnership for Prescription Assistance

## An Overview

The Partnership for Prescription Assistance (PPA) delivers hope to millions of patients in need. Sponsored by America's biopharmaceutical research companies, PPA is a free, confidential service that helps connect uninsured and underinsured patients to programs that provide prescription medicines for free or nearly free. Since 2005, PPA has helped more than **10 million patients** access public and private assistance programs.



### PRESCRIPTION MEDICINES HELP PATIENTS LIVE LONGER, HEALTHIER LIVES

Right now, we are at the forefront of medical innovation. Since 2000, biopharmaceutical research companies have brought more than **500 new treatments and cures** to U.S. patients. Today, more than **7,000 medicines are in development globally**, of which 70 percent have the potential to be first-in-class – meaning they use a completely new approach to fighting disease.

These new treatments and cures have led to promising progress for patients:

- Cancer death rates are down 23 percent from their peak in 1991, and the 5-year survival rate has increased by 39 percent across all cancers.
- The U.S. death rate for HIV/AIDS death has fallen nearly 85 percent.
- New hepatitis C therapies have cure rates above 90 percent.



### PPA HELPS CONNECT PATIENTS TO THE MEDICINES THEY NEED

America's biopharmaceutical research companies invest heavily in research and development to discover innovative new medicines to help patients live longer, healthier lives. But developing these medicines is not enough if patients are unable to access them. Despite more Americans having insurance, barriers to accessing medicines still exist. This underscores the importance of PPA's platform to educate and empower patients and caregivers to obtain information about their prescription assistance options.

Luckily PPA is here to help:

- PPA offers a single point of access to information on more than **475 public and private patient assistance programs**, including nearly 200 offered by biopharmaceutical companies.
- PPA also has a section on how uninsured patients can access information about health care coverage along with interactive content on how to improve health for Americans of all ages.
- PPA member programs also offer access to more than **2,500 prescription medicines**, including a wide range of generics.



In order to use PPA, a patient or patient advocate simply completes an online form with basic information about prescription medicines, income and current prescription medicine coverage. Then PPA matches the patient with assistance programs for which they may be eligible.



Each month, more than **75,000 people** visit PPA's easy-to-use website ([www.pparx.org](http://www.pparx.org)) to find patient assistance programs and much more. Through its online free clinic finder, PPA has connected more than **one million patients with free health care clinics** across the country. As the website has evolved, the clinic finder has become a user-friendly resource that offers an interactive map and directions to nearly **10,000 free clinics throughout the United States**.



The PPA website also designates specific pages to **hearing and animal assistance programs, HIV/AIDS programs and diabetes programs and supplies**. These conditions affect millions of Americans on a daily basis and many cannot afford the help they need. Since 2005, PPA has made these programs more accessible to patients in need.



## PPA IS A THOUGHT LEADER AND VOICE IN THE HEALTH AND WELLNESS COMMUNITY

PPA has partnered with more than 1,300 of the largest and most influential national, state and local organizations in the health care industry. These include:

- American Academy of Family Physicians
- American Academy of Physician Assistants
- American Cancer Society
- American College of Emergency Physicians
- Easter Seals
- National Association of Chain Drug Stores
- United Way
- Urban League

Since 2005, PPA has helped more than **10 million patients** connect with assistance programs that offer prescription medicines for free or nearly free. Through a continued effort, PPA strives to help patients live longer, healthier lives.