

# The Partnership for Prescription Assistance Help for Patients in Need



## WHAT IS PPA?

The Partnership for Prescription Assistance (PPA) is a free online resource that helps uninsured and underinsured patients find programs that provide prescription medicines for free or nearly free. Since its launch in April 2005, **PPA has helped connect nearly 10 million patients to public and private assistance programs.**



## HOW DOES PPA WORK?

Simply visit [www.pparx.org](http://www.pparx.org) and complete a questionnaire with basic information including prescription medicines, age, income and current prescription coverage (if any). Then PPA searches its database for prescription assistance programs that might be able to help and displays the results. Select the programs to apply to, and then print, complete and mail in the applications.



## WHO IS INVOLVED IN PPA?

PPA brings together America's biopharmaceutical research companies, physicians, patient advocacy organizations and civic groups to help uninsured and underinsured patients get prescription medicines for free or nearly free. Some of the groups behind PPA include the American Academy of Family Physicians, American Cancer Society, American College of Emergency Physicians, Easter Seals, United Way and the Urban League.



## DOES IT COST MONEY TO PARTICIPATE IN PPA?

**No. PPA is a FREE service.** We will never ask for your credit card or other payment information.



## HOW MANY PATIENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS ARE IN PPA'S NETWORK?

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.



## HOW CAN I FIND A FREE OR LOW-COST CLINIC NEAR ME?

PPA provides information on nearly **10,000 free health care clinics** throughout the United States, and has connected more than **one million patients** with clinics and health care providers in their communities.



## WHO MAY QUALIFY FOR PRESCRIPTION ASSISTANCE?

Each patient assistance program has its own eligibility criteria based on factors such as citizenship status, household income and size and current prescription benefits. Complete the application process to see if you are eligible for one or more patient assistance programs.



## HOW DO PATIENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS FIT INTO THE EXISTING HEALTH CARE SYSTEM?

Patient assistance programs have been part of the health care system for many years, **providing millions of people with prescription medicines for free or nearly free.** While these programs are an important safety net for uninsured and underinsured patients, they are not the only solution. It is critical that all partners in the health care industry work to develop more long-term options to increase access to and affordability of health care for all Americans.



## WHAT ROLE DO HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS PLAY IN PPA?

Health care providers play a crucial role in spreading the word that patients in need may qualify for free or nearly free prescription medicines. Physicians, nurses and other health care providers can also log on to [www.pparx.org](http://www.pparx.org) to get information on patient assistance programs. Finally, physicians are responsible for signing patient application forms, adding patient prescription information and, depending on the program, mailing or faxing the application on behalf of the patient.