



Getting Medicare right

Charity programs that help pay for prescriptions

If you have Medicare coverage but still have trouble paying for your prescriptions, there are charities that may be able to help. For drugs your Medicare Part D drug plan covers, the amount these charities pay **will** count toward the \$4,750 you must spend to get catastrophic coverage in 2013. However, for it to count, the prescription must be on your plan's list of covered drugs (formulary) and you must buy it at a pharmacy in your plan's network. Some of these programs may also help pay for drugs Medicare Part B covers, such as oral anti-cancer drugs. Depending on the program, you may be able to get help even if you don't have Medicare.

Note: This chart isn't comprehensive. It's a sampling the type of resources available.

Program:	Benefits:	Eligibility*	How do you get it?
CancerCare Co-Payment Assistance Foundation www.cancercarecopay.org/	Provides copay assistance if you've been prescribed an oral or intravenous medication (chemotherapy) and can't afford the out-of-pocket cost.	You must meet certain cancer diagnosis and treatment criteria. You must be insured. You must have a limited income (up to four times the federal poverty level).	Call 866-55-COPAY to find out if you're eligible and apply
Caring Voice Coalition www.caringvoice.org	May help pay for some of the cost of your prescription drugs.	You must be diagnosed with one of the following conditions: pulmonary arterial hypertension, infantile spasms, idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis, complex partial seizures, Huntington's disease, Alpha 1 or chronic granulomatous disease.	Call 888-267-1440 for more information, or apply online at https://secure.caringvoice.org/apply.aspx .

<p>Chronic Disease Fund www.cdfund.org</p>	<p>The Chronic Disease Fund offers Patient Financial Assistance to provide copay assistance for certain drugs as long as your drug plan covers that drug and you cannot afford your drug plan copays.</p>	<p>Helps people with some specific diseases including asthma, breast cancer, multiple sclerosis and rheumatoid arthritis. For a complete list of eligible conditions and prescriptions, go to the CDF website.</p> <p>To maintain eligibility, you must also log in once a month to an online therapy management program run through the Chronic Disease Management Group.</p>	<p>Call 877-968-7233, go to one of the Chronic Disease Fund's participating pharmacies or go online to https://enrollment.cdfund.org/LeadingPages/Pages/SetupHome.aspx to apply.</p> <p>If you use one of the Chronic Disease Fund's participating pharmacies, the Fund will be able to pay the pharmacy directly on your behalf. If your pharmacy isn't a Chronic Disease Fund participating pharmacy, you must pay for your prescription and then submit your receipts to the Fund for reimbursement. Contact the Chronic Disease Fund for more information on its participating pharmacies.</p>
<p>The HealthWell Foundation www.healthwellfoundation.org</p>	<p>Helps you pay your drug copays if you have insurance, or helps to pay your monthly premium if you are eligible for insurance but cannot afford it (including your Medicare drug plan premium).</p> <p>Your drug must be covered by your insurance (on the plan's formulary).</p>	<p>Helps people with some specific diseases including asthma, breast cancer, and Hodgkin's Disease. They frequently receive funding for new conditions. For a complete list of eligible conditions, visit the web site.</p>	<p>Apply online at http://www.healthwellfoundation.org/how-to-apply.html or call 800-675-8416. You will need to have your address, telephone number, social security number, date of birth, health insurance cards, total household income and size, and the name and contact information for your primary care physician.</p>

<p>The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society http://www.leukemia-lymphoma.org/hm_lls</p>	<p>Co-Pay Assistance Program offers help paying for treatment related copays, private health insurance copays and premiums. It can also help you pay for Medicare Part B, Part D, Medigap, and private plan premiums and copays. Check the website for a specific list of what services are covered and what services are not covered.</p>	<p>You must reside in the United States or Puerto Rico and qualify both financially and medically. You must have prescription insurance coverage to qualify, and a doctor must certify that the diagnosis, drugs and/or doctors visits are being used to treat a cancer which is currently covered. Your household income must be at or within</p>	<p>For more information about the program, you can visit their website at http://www.leukemia-lymphoma.org/all_page?item_id=452658, or call 800-955-4572. You may also email your request for a Co-Pay Specialist to contact you regarding the program at copay@lls.org.</p>
<p>The National Marrow Patient Assistance Program and Financial Assistance Fund www.marrow.org</p>	<p>May help pay for some of the cost of your prescription drugs that you take when recovering from a marrow transplant.</p>	<p>To qualify, you must have used the National Marrow Patient Assistance Program's donor registry to find your marrow transplant donor. In addition, the transplant must have been "unrelated," meaning that your donor is not a family member.</p>	<p>Call 888-999-6743, e-mail patientinfo@nmdp.org or go to http://www.marrow.org/PATIENT/Plan_for_Tx/Planning_for_Tx_Costs/Financial_Assistance_for_Trans/index.html for more information.</p>
<p>National Organization for Rare Disorders (NORD) www.rarediseases.org</p>	<p>Helps people obtain prescriptions they could not otherwise afford and can also help pay your premiums or copayments.</p>	<p>NORD's medication assistance programs help people with certain conditions. Check their website for a complete list of programs.</p> <p>Over 1,100 rare diseases are listed on NORD's Web site including HIV/AIDS, Alzheimer's Disease, Multiple Sclerosis, and Parkinson's Disease.</p>	<p>Call 203-744-0100 or go online to http://www.rarediseases.org/programs/medication for contact information and offered benefits for each program.</p>

<p>Patient Advocate Foundation's Co-Pay Relief (CPR) www.copays.org</p>	<p>Pays your deductible and full copay for prescriptions covered by your insurance, as long as they are taken to treat an eligible medical condition, and if you have financial need.</p>	<p>You must be diagnosed with and taking medication(s) for specific conditions, including: diabetes, cancer and problems caused by cancer treatment, and macular degeneration. See their website for a full list. This list may change, depending on funding.</p>	<p>Apply online at https://sx2035.unicentric.com/cprportal/ForPatients.aspx or call 866-512-3861 to be guided through the process by a counselor. You will need your social security number for the application.</p>
<p>Patient Services Incorporated (PSI) www.patientservicesinc.org</p>	<p>PSI helps people with specific conditions to pay their prescription copayments regardless of income. Check their website for a complete list of conditions. This list may change, depending on funding.</p>	<p>Copayment assistance for drugs that treat certain medical conditions such as hemophilia and multiple myeloma. For a full list of conditions, visit the PSI website.</p>	<p>Call 800-366-7741 to apply or visit https://www.patientservicesinc.org/apply-for-assistance/default.aspx</p>

* To decide if you're eligible, these programs may consider your income, cost of living (dependent on your family size), and medical expenses (including insurance premiums, doctor and hospital expenses, and what you pay for your prescription drugs). You may qualify even if your income is high if your medical expenses are also high or you have a lot of people in your household. Income figures are based on the Federal Poverty Guidelines, which change every year between February and March.