

Programs that Assist with Medication Co-pays

Some organizations offer to help insured patients that are having difficulty paying the co-pays for their medications or their insurance. These programs are for very specific diseases or medications. Some of these programs include:

Caring Voice Coalition was established early in 2003 to serve comprehensive needs of all individuals affected by serious and chronic disorders, through collaborative efforts and partnerships with organizations established to serve those patient populations. Current programs include: Insurance Reimbursement and Advocacy, Vital Relief (need based financial assistance limited to certain disorders or medical conditions), Compassionate Care (counseling and counseling referrals) and Public Advocacy. (*Caring Voice assists individuals affected by idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis and Alpha 1*). Visit <http://caringvoice.org/>

The Chronic Disease Fund, a non-profit organization founded in 2003. Its focus is to provide assistance to those under-insured patients who are diagnosed with chronic or life altering diseases that require the use of expensive, specialty therapeutics. (The Chronic Disease Fund assists individuals affected by: Adult Growth Hormone Deficiency, Ankylosing Spondylitis, Asthma Pediatric Growth Hormone Deficiency, Myelodysplastic Syndrome (MDS), Psoriasis, Psoriatic Arthritis, *Rheumatoid Arthritis*)

Visit: www.cdfund.org

The HealthWell Foundation, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization established in 2003 to address the needs of individuals who cannot afford their insurance copayments, premiums, coinsurance, or other out-of-pocket health care costs. (*HealthWell Fnd assists individuals affected by: Acute Porphyrias, Anemia associated with Chronic Renal Insufficiency/Chronic Renal Failure, Chemotherapy Induced Anemia/Chemotherapy Induced Neutropenia, Colorectal Carcinoma, Cutaneous T-Cell Lymphoma, Head and Neck Cancer, Hodgkins Disease, Immunosuppressive Treatment for Solid Organ Transplant Recipients, Iron Overload as a Result of Blood Transfusion, Moderate to Severe Asthma, Multiple Myeloma, Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma, Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer, Secondary Hyperparathyroidism, Wilm's Tumor*) Visit: www.healthwellfoundation.org

The National Marrow Patient Assistance Program and Financial Assistance Fund. The Marrow Foundation is the fund-raising partner of the National Marrow Donor Program (NMDP). Funds from this program help patients pay for searching the National Marrow Donor Program (NMDP) Registry and/or some post-transplant costs. Applications for Patient Assistance Program funds must be submitted by an NMDP transplant center. Eligible patients may ask their transplant center coordinator to apply for one or both programs. Call 1 (888) 999-6743 or email patientinfo@nmdp.org.

Visit: www.marrow.org/PATIENT/financial_assistance.html

The Patient Advocate Foundation, a national non-profit organization that seeks to safeguard patients through effective mediation assuring access to care, maintenance of employment and preservation of their financial stability. The Patient Advocate Foundation's Co-Pay Relief (CPR) Program provides direct co-payment assistance for pharmaceutical products to insured Americans who financially and medically qualify. The Program offers personal service to all patients through the use of CPR call counselors. (*Patient Advocate Fnd assists individuals affected by: Autoimmune Disorders, Breast Cancer, Colon Cancer, Diabetes, Kidney Cancer, Lung Cancer, Lymphoma, Macular Degeneration, Prostate Cancer, Sarcoma*) Visit: www.copays.org

Patient Services Incorporated, developed in 1989, is a non-profit charitable organization primarily dedicated to subsidizing the high cost of health insurance premiums and pharmacy co-payments for persons with specific chronic illnesses and rare disorders. PSI is committed

to assisting persons with chronic medical illnesses in accessing health insurance and pharmacy co-payment assistance. Families requiring assistance in maintaining the high cost of their health insurance premiums or co-payments are offered assistance based upon the severity of medical and financial need. PSI offers a "safety net" for persons who have expensive chronic illnesses and for those persons who "fall through the financial assistance cracks". *(Patient Services assists individuals affected by: Bone Metastases, Chronic Myeloid Leukemia or Chronic Myelocytic Leukemia, Chronic Renal Insufficiency, Fabry Disease, Gastrointestinal Stromal Tumors, Growth Hormone Deficiency, Hemophilia, Hepatitis C, MPS-1-Hurler/Schie, Primary Immune Deficiency, Solid Organ Transplant Anti-Rejection Therapy)*

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