

# PRESCRIPTION HELP

For those without or with limited coverage

## Programs for the Columbus, Ohio area

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**Please read all the information to find the program that is best for you. If you have questions, call the listed program directly or visit its website.**

## REDUCED COST PHARMACY PROGRAMS

### Low cost medications are available at these pharmacies in Franklin County

**About these programs:** All of these pharmacies require a doctor's prescription. Ask your doctor if any generic drugs can meet your health needs. Check with the store pharmacy nearest to you for more details about the store's program. Here are the costs as of April 2012.

<b>CVS</b>	Health Savings Pass Card, join for \$15/year. After that cost is \$11.99 for 90 day supply.
<b>Giant Eagle</b>	\$4 for a 30 day supply and \$10 for a 90 day supply.
<b>K-Mart's</b>	Prescription Savings Club \$10/yr., \$10 for a 90 day supply, \$5 for a 30 day supply
<b>Krogers</b>	\$4 for a 30 day supply and \$10 for a 90 day supply
<b>Meijer's</b>	Free antibiotics and pre-natal vitamins, \$4 for a 30 day supply, free Metformin (for Type 2 diabetes)
<b>Sam's Club</b>	\$4 for a 30 day supply and \$10 for a 90 day supply
<b>Target</b>	\$4 for a 30 day supply and \$10 for a 90 day supply
<b>Walgreen's</b>	Prescription Savings Club, join for \$20/year for individual and \$35/year for a family. After that cost is \$12 for a 90 day supply
<b>Wal-Mart</b>	\$ 4 for a 30 day supply and \$10 for a 90 day supply

### Costco Pharmacy - Costco Member Prescription Program

**About the program:** Features a preferred drug list of select branded and generic medications that offer discounts over Costco's regular prices for those without insurance.

**You qualify if:** You are a Costco member or the dependent of one, (the yearly membership fee is \$55.00), and have no insurance coverage for prescription drugs.

**To apply:** Go to the store located at 1500 Gemini Place, Columbus, OH 43240. (near Polaris) or 3888 Stelzer Rd, Columbus, OH 43219 (near Easton) to join Costco at the front desk and complete the CMPP application in the Pharmacy Department. **The phone number for the pharmacy at Gemini Place is (614) 987-1909. The phone number for the one on Stelzer Road is (614) 934-6211 option 4.**

**For more information:** go to <http://www2.costco.com/Service/FeaturePage.aspx?ProductNo=11772015> or call 1-800-806-0129. There are links on the page that direct you to a list of savings examples and a list of covered medications. Non-members can use the pharmacy at Costco. Only members are eligible for the CMPP.

## DISCOUNT CARDS

### Franklin County Prescription Discount Card/ Caremark

**About the program:** Franklin County makes the free prescription drug discount cards available under a program sponsored by the National Association of Counties (NACo). Card holders can save an average of 20% off the retail price. Cards are available at all public buildings including libraries, county buildings and senior centers or can be requested online. These can be used by all Franklin County residents, regardless of age, income, or existing health coverage. They are accepted at most pharmacies. A national network of participating retail pharmacies also honors the card. Most helpful to those with no prescription coverage.

**For more information** on the card or to get a complete list of Franklin County pharmacies that accept the card, please call 877-321-2652 or go to [www.FranklinCountyOhio.gov/Rx](http://www.FranklinCountyOhio.gov/Rx)

### Ohio's Best Rx

**About the program:** Ohio's Best Rx is a prescription discount card for eligible Ohioans of any age. It includes almost all brand name and generic drugs. There is no application fee or enrollment fee. This state sponsored program is run by the Ohio Department of Aging. There are more than 2,700 participating pharmacies as well as a mail order option. Ohio's Best Rx can also be used during the Medicare Part D "doughnut hole" when prescription costs are 100% out of pocket.

#### You qualify if:

You are an Ohio resident, have no prescription drug coverage **AND:**

- You are under age 60 and you have an income of 300% federal poverty level or less (\$35,010/year for an individual, \$47,190/year for a family of 2, \$72,750/year for a family of 4 or more depending on family size), **OR**
- You are under age 60 **OR**
- You are 60 years of age or older regardless of income

**To use this program:** Call 1-866-923-7879 or go to [www.ohiobestrx.org](http://www.ohiobestrx.org) to apply, check drug pricing and find pharmacy locations.

## DRUG ASSISTANCE PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY HELP

*These programs will help you find out if you are eligible for a drug assistance program*

### Ohio Benefit Bank

**About the Program:** The Ohio Benefit Bank™ (OBB) is an on-line service that can be used to apply for over 20 different programs including prescription assistance programs like Medicare RX Extra Help, Help with Medicare Expenses and the Golden Buckeye/Ohio's Best RX program.

**You qualify if:** Anyone with access to the Internet can use the OBB free from home, library, or on the run from a mobile device. If you do not have access to the Internet, or if you need assistance using the OBB call (800) 648-1176 to find an agency with trained counselors to assist you.

To use the program: Go to [www.ohiobenefits.org](http://www.ohiobenefits.org)

### Needy Meds

**About the program:** NeedyMeds is a 501(c)(3) national non-profit information resource dedicated to helping people locate assistance programs to help them afford their medications and other healthcare costs.

**You qualify if:** Anyone can use this program

**To use the program:** Call 1-800-503-6897 or Go to <http://www.needy meds.org/index.htm>  
<http://www.needy meds.org/inclusions/helpline.htm>

### Partnership for Prescription Assistance

**About the program:** This is a FREE clearinghouse for many public and private patient assistance programs including the ones offered by drug companies for brand name and generic medicines. It provides a quick way to find out if you qualify for free or nearly-free prescription medicine. It also helps begin the application process.

The program also helps patients contact government programs such as Medicaid, Medicare and SCHIP and assists Medicare beneficiaries with information about the Medicare Prescription Drug Benefit (Part D).

**You qualify if:** You do not have prescription drug coverage and have a limited income.

**To use this program or to apply:** Call 1-888-4PPA-NOW (1-888-477-2669) or go to <http://www.pparx.org>

### PrescriptionEase Program sponsored by the Mount Carmel Foundation.

**About the program:** PrescriptionEase will be your advocate to help you find Prescription Assistance Programs (PAPs) offered by many drug companies, handle all of your paperwork, and take care of your medication refills and program re-enrollments. This program is designed to help patients gain access to their routine, long-term medications and alleviate the administrative burden from patients and their doctor. Popular medications from the program include inhalers and insulin. PrescriptionEase can also help people apply for Medicare and Extra Help, make Medicare-D recommendations, and answer other Medicare related questions.

**You qualify if:**

- You DO NOT have government insurance (Ohio Medicaid, Buckeye, Caresource, Molina, Paramount, UHC Community Plan, or Veterans Administration)
- You have an established primary care or specialty care physician. We cannot assist with prescriptions written by emergency room or free- clinic prescribers.
- Your yearly household income is approximately \$17,000-\$29,000 for a household of one or \$23,000-\$39,000 for a household of two.
- If you are a Medicare-D patient (within income guidelines) and have reached your coverage gap or "donut hole" for the current calendar year.

**To use the program:** Have your physician's office call 614-234-3333 for information on how to send a referral. Referrals can be faxed to 614-234-8152.

## MAIL ORDER GENERIC MEDICATION PROGRAM

### Rx Outreach

**About the program:** This is a nationwide program. It provides help with purchasing a list of 300 generic and some brand name medications at a reasonable cost—prices vary. It also helps with diabetes supplies. Medicines are mailed directly to you. No insurance is accepted.

**You qualify if:**

- You are a US citizen or legal resident
- You are have an income less than \$ 35,310/yr for single person, \$47, 790/yr for a family of 2, \$60,270/yr for a family of 3, \$ 72,750yr for a family of 4.

**To apply:** Call 1-800-769-3880 or go to <http://www.rxoutreach.org> for an application and to view the list of medications that can be purchased.

### Xubex Pharmacy Services

**About the program:** Purchase generic medications. Go to website for listing of medicines and cost. Consumer pays for costs of medicines and shipping.

**No Qualifications** or income restrictions.

**Go to website to apply:** [www.xubex.com](http://www.xubex.com) or call: 1-866-699-8239

## MEDICARE PRESCRIPTION DRUG BENEFIT (PART D) INFORMATION

Numbers to call if you need help or have questions are:

**Medicare:** Call Medicare at 1-800-633-4227 or go to <http://www.medicare.gov>  
 Or COAAA at 1-800-589-7277 or go to <http://www.coaaa.org/pdf/PrescriptionGuide.pdf>  
**For help completing Medicare D paperwork, call the Ohio Benefit Bank at 1-800-648-1176** and you will be directed on where you can go for help.

**Social Security (Medicare D Low Income Subsidy):** Call Social Security at 1-800-772-1213 or go to <http://www.ssa.gov/prescriptionhelp/>

## EXPANDED MEDICAID

If your income is low and you don't have health insurance, you may qualify to get Medicaid which will help cover your health care and medication costs. Yearly income limits are listed below.

Household size	1	2	3	4	5	6
<b>Yearly Income</b>	\$16,243	\$21,983	\$27,724	\$33,465	\$39,206	\$44,947*

\*For each additional individual in the household, add \$5,741.

**You can apply on-line** by going to <http://benefits.ohio.gov>

**Or you can go** to one of the Franklin County Department of Job and Family Services Opportunity Centers to apply at one of the computer kiosks in the Center.

**If you have questions,** call the Medicaid Consumer Hotline at (800) 324-8680.

## OTHER PROGRAMS

### The Breathing Association

**About the program:** Helps people 55 years and over with lung disease, diabetes, heart and mental illness related medications. You cannot have received \$250 in assistance over the last 6 months.

**You qualify if:**

- You are 55 years of age and over
- You have been diagnosed with a chronic lung disease, diabetes, heart or mental illness.
- You must have a current doctor's prescription.
- You need assistance paying for medication or covering co-pay on medications
- Your total household income is within 200 % Federal guidelines for low-income help
- Not limited to Franklin County residents

**To apply and for additional information: call (614) 457-4570.**

### Charitable Pharmacy of Central Ohio, Inc.

**About the program:** Helps people with limited income get free medication, if it is available

**You qualify if:**

- You live in Franklin County
- Make less than \$1,961/month for 1 person, \$2,659 for 2 people, and \$3348 for 3 people.
- You are uninsured or no have no prescription coverage or your medical costs are greater than 5% of your income.

**There are no more walk-in appointments. New patients need to call 614-227-0301 to make an appointment on the days we are open.**

**Hours:** 8 am – 3:30 pm – Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. (We are closed on Wednesdays)

**Location:** Livingston Avenue United Methodist Church, 200 E. Livingston, Columbus, OH 43215

**For more information**

- Phone: 614-227-0301
- Email: [charitablepharmacy@gmail.com](mailto:charitablepharmacy@gmail.com)
- Website: <http://www.charitablepharmacy.org/>

**J.O.I.N.**

**About the program:** No more than \$50 paid directly to the pharmacy for medical supplies or prescription medicines, no opiate pain medications or over the counter drugs are allowed.

**You qualify if:** You are a low-income person, with a current prescription, and a serious emergency need.

**To apply:** Call or walk in -- Monday-Friday from 10 – 11:30 am & 1–2:00 pm.

**Location:** 578 E. Main Street, Columbus, OH 43215, (614) 241-2531.