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Re-Entry Medication Acquisition Guide

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Purpose:

The purpose of this document is to provide a concise list of medication assistance programs and resources available to persons re-entering society post-incarceration. The programs/resources are listed in alphabetical order with the following information:

- Contact Information (if available)
- Mailing Address (if available)
- Website
- Brief description of the program or resource
- Application Process
- Special Program Requirements (if listed/available)

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AbbVie

Contact Number: 1-800-222-6885

Website: <http://abbviepaf.org>

Description: The AbbVie Foundation provides AbbVie medicines at no cost to people experiencing financial difficulties.

Application: Application can be downloaded from the program's website or by calling the number listed above to have an application mailed or faxed to you.

Requirements: Most people without insurance and with limited incomes qualify for this program. If you are enrolled in Medicare Part D or another insurance program, you may be eligible for assistance on an exceptional basis. Please call AbbVie to discuss additional paperwork needed for consideration.

The ADAP Advocacy Association (AAA)

Contact Number: N/A

Mailing Address:

ADAP Advocacy Association
P.O. Box 15275
Washington, DC 20003

Website: <http://adapadvocacyassociation.org/>

Description: The AAA is a national 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization incorporated in the District of Columbia to promote and enhance the AIDS Drug Assistance Programs (ADAPs) and improve access to care for persons living with HIV/AIDS. The ADAPs ensure that people living with HIV/AIDS who are uninsured and underinsured have access to medication.

Application: Send an email to info@adapadvocacyassociation.org for more information.

Requirements: Each state and territory establishes its own eligibility criteria. All require that individuals document their HIV status. Nine programs require a CD4 count of 500 or less. Fifteen states have established income eligibility at 200 percent or less of the federal poverty level (FPL). Nationally, more than 80 percent of ADAP clients have incomes at 200 percent or less of the FPL.

AZ&Me Prescription Savings Programs

Contact Number: 1-800-AZandMe (292-6363)

Mailing Address:

AZ&Me Prescription Savings Program
P.O. Box 898
Somerville, NJ 08876

Website:

www.astrazeneca-us.com/medicines/help-affording-your-medicines/azandme-prescription-savings-programs

Description: The program provides a restricted list of AstraZeneca medicines provided at no cost. A list of eligible medications can be found on the website. There is **no cost** to apply or enroll in this program. Enrollment is valid for up to one year; in order to continue receiving assistance after the year, the patient can reapply. Medications are mailed to the patient's home or physician's office. The patient, physician, or caregiver can request refills. Available for patients without insurance or with Medicare Part D, or for specific healthcare facilities.

Application: Can be submitted online, mailed, or faxed.

Requirements: A person seeking assistance with this program must provide proof of income, such as a tax transcript from the IRS, which is easy to get by calling the IRS.

Bridges to Access

Contact Number: 1-866-PATIENT (728-4368)

Mailing Address:

BRIDGES TO ACCESS®
P.O. Box 29038
Phoenix, AZ 85038-9038

Website: www.bridgestoaccess.com

Description: As described on its website, GSK believes that access to medicines is important. Consequently, GSK created "Bridges to Access," a patient assistance program that provides GSK prescription non-oncology medicines to qualified patients who need help paying for treatment.

Application: Patients may enroll in "Bridges to Access" on their own by mailing or faxing a completed application.

Requirements: Bridges to Access representatives are available to answer questions from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. ET, Monday through Friday. Assistance is available in Spanish and many other languages at 1-866-728-4368.

NeedyMeds

Contact Number: 1-800-503-6897

Email: info@needy meds.org.

Mailing Address:

NeedyMeds.org

P.O. Box 219

Gloucester, MA 01931

Website: <http://needy meds.org>

Description: NeedyMeds is a 501(c)(3) national nonprofit information resource dedicated to helping people locate assistance programs to help them afford their medications and other healthcare costs.

According to its website, NeedyMeds' mission is to be the best source of accurate, comprehensive, and up-to-date information on programs that help people facing problems paying for medications and health care; to assist those in need in applying to programs; and to provide health-related education using innovative methods.

This resource provides guidance to those in need of assistance:

- With the cost of prescription medications
- Based on diagnosis/illness
- Searching for a low-cost healthcare facility
- Searching for local state or federal government programs

NeedyMeds is funded by small grants, donations, sponsorships, subscriptions to PAPTracker, and syndication of some of its database information. NeedyMeds also works with the patient assistance programs of several pharmaceutical distributors.

Application: None.

Requirements: No registration or personal information is required.

Patient Advocate Foundation (PAF) Co-Pay Relief Program (CPR)

Contact Number: (Toll-Free) 1-866-512-3861

(Local) 757-952-0118

Website: www.copays.org/

Description: The PAF CPR currently provides direct financial support to insured patients, including Medicare Part D beneficiaries, who are financially and medically qualified for pharmaceutical treatments and/or prescription medication co-payments, co-insurance, and deductibles relative to their diagnosis.

Application: The CPR Program offers four points of entry:

- Patients may apply via the [Patient Online Application Portal](#), available 24 hours a day.
- Medical providers may apply on behalf of their patients via the [Provider Online Application Portal](#), available 24 hours a day.
- Pharmacies may apply on behalf of their patients via the [Pharmacy Online Application Portal](#), available 24 hours a day
- The program offers personal service to all patients through the use of an application specialist, who personally guides patients through the enrollment process toll-free at the number listed above (select Option 1).

Requirements:

- Patients should be insured and insurance must cover the medication they are seeking.
- Patients must have a confirmed diagnosis of the disease/illness for which they seek financial assistance.
- Patients must reside and receive treatment in the United States.
- Patients' income must fall below 400% of the [federal poverty guideline](#) (FPG) with consideration of the **cost of living index** (COLI) and the number in the household.

Patient Assistance NOW

Contact Number: 1-800-245-5356

Mailing Address:

Novartis Patient Assistance Program
P.O. Box 66556
St. Louis, MO 63166-6556

Website: www.patientassistancenow.com

Description: Patient Assistance Now is a comprehensive resource that provides up-to-date information on topics related to patients' health. At PatientAssistanceNow.com, patients can:

- Find programs that may help pay for medicines
- Stay up-to-date with U.S. healthcare reform
- Learn about diseases, medical conditions, and more

Application: None. Call the number listed above for assistance.

Requirements: None.

Rx Outreach

Contact Number: 1-800-769-3880

Hours are 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. CST Monday through Friday

Mailing Address:

Rx Outreach
P.O. Box 66536
St. Louis, MO 63166-6536

Website: <http://rxoutreach.org/>

Description: Started by Express Scripts in 2004 as the first-ever generic medication patient assistance program, Rx Outreach became an independent nonprofit organization in 2010. Since separating, the program has served more than 150,000 people and remains the first and only nonprofit organization to provide both branded and generic medications for little to no cost to people in need.

Application: Applications may be found online or downloaded here:

<http://rxoutreach.org/wp-content/forms/AppOnly.pdf> and mailed to the address listed above.

Requirements: In order to receive assistance from Rx Outreach, the patient must:

- Check if household income meets criteria (see website for details)
- Check if specific medicine desired is on the list of available meds
- Have a prescription from a physician
- Fill out an application online or mail it in

RxSavingsPlus

Contact Number: 1-877-673-3688

Website: <http://rxsavingsplus.com>

Description: This is a prescription discount program. The card provided by this program offers immediate discounts at the pharmacy. Upon presenting your RxSavingsPlus card to a pharmacist at a location that is eligible, a discount is taken off the regular retail price of the prescription. There are no claim forms to fill out and no limit to the number of times you can use the card. These discounts are available only at participating pharmacies.

Application: Enter your email address online and click on the “Print a Card” button on the RxSavingsPlus website, or call toll-free at 1-877-673-3688.

Requirements: None listed.

SCBN Prescription Advocacy

Contact Number: 1-888-331-1002

Website: www.scbn.org

Description: This program is for uninsured Americans who cannot afford their prescribed medications.

Application: Can be submitted online or via phone if assistance is needed.

Requirements: A person seeking assistance with this program must be a U.S. resident, should not have Medicaid or health insurance to cover outpatient medications, and should have income at a level that results in economic hardship when buying retail prescription drugs.

Simplefill

Contact Number: 1-877-386-0206

Email: questions@simplefill.com

Website: <http://simplefill.com>

Description: This program is intended for all Americans who have been prescribed medications they cannot afford. Simplefill is a full-service prescription assistance company that researches, qualifies, and maintains patients' enrollment in all sources of assistance available to them.

Application: Patients can start an application online at <https://secure.simplefill.com/>, or they can speak to a live person from the Simplefill team by calling the number listed above. A Simplefill representative can start an application over the phone. Offices are open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. EDT. There is no fee to apply.

Requirements: To determine if a patient is eligible for assistance, Simplefill conducts an in-depth interview over the phone with a trained specialist. If a patient is qualified for any type of assistance, the Simplefill team manages the entire process, gathering required signatures, monitoring refills, and updating enrollment with additional medication as required.

Extra Resource:

www.coverageforall.org/pdf/FHCERxAssistanceProgramsGuide.pdf

PDF PAP Guide listed by pharmaceutical company

Re-Entry Medication Acquisition Guide “Quick-Look” Chart

PROGRAM NAME	CONTACT NUMBER	APPLICATION	INSURANCE	MEDICARE PART D	INCOME REQUIREMENTS	ENROLLMENT
AbbVie	1-800-222-6885	Online, Mail, Fax	None	Limited Acceptance	Yes	None
ADAP Advocacy Association	N/A	Email	Varies by State	Varies by State	Yes	None
AZ&Me	1-800-292-6363	Online, Mail, Fax	None	Accepted	Yes	None
Bridges to Access	1-866-728-4368	Mail, Fax	None	NOT Accepted	Yes	None
Extra Resource	PDF PAP Guide listed by pharmaceutical company					
NeedyMeds	1-800-503-6897	NONE	Program Dependent	Program Dependent	Program Dependent	None
Patient Advocate Foundation	(Toll-Free) 1-866-512-3861 (Local) 757-952-0118	Online, Phone	Required	Accepted	Yes	None
Patient Assistance NOW	1-800-245-5356	Phone	Program Dependent	Program Dependent	Program Dependent	None
Rx Outreach	1-800-769-3880	Online, Mail	None	Accepted	Yes	None
RxSavingsPlus	1-877-673-3688	Online, Phone	None	Accepted	NO	None
SCBN Prescription Advocacy	1-888-331-1002	Online, Phone	Varies. Call for details	Varies. Call for details.	Yes	MONTHLY & APP FEE. Call for details.
Simplefill	1-877-386-0206	Online, Phone	None	Accepted	Interview Required	MONTHLY FEE
PDF PAP Guide listed by pharmaceutical company						