



## Pathway: How Can I Get Help With Prescription Drug Costs?

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<b>Options</b>	<p>Prescription help may be available but you have to put effort toward it. Below are some options to consider.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Confirm if a low cost source is affordable. For example, Walmart may have an inexpensive (&lt;\$4) option on some medications.</li><li>• <b>Doctor's Office.</b> Doctors have up-to-date information on current prescription assistance programs. Let your doctor know that you are seeking free or low-cost prescription medication, and ask for a referral.</li><li>• <b>Pharmacy Programs.</b></li><li>• <a href="#">Faith Community Pharmacy</a> is the only charitable pharmacy in Northern Kentucky providing free medications to uninsured, low income residents in need, with the exceptions of controlled substances and birth control. Interested applicants must request a referral and prescriptions from their Physician to be faxed to the pharmacy to initiate the process. Pharmacy personnel will then contact the applicant with the next steps. All applicants must present the following information:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Picture ID</li><li>○ Social Security Card</li><li>○ Residence Verification</li><li>○ Income Verification (within 200% of poverty level)</li><li>○ Proof of No Prescription Insurance (e.g. denial letter)</li></ul></li><li>• <a href="#">HealthPoint</a> has two programs to help patients obtain prescription drugs prescribed by their HealthPoint provider:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ A federal pharmacy program (named 340B) is available to any HealthPoint patient. By filling your prescription at one of these <a href="#">participating pharmacies</a>, you will benefit from reduced costs on your medications.</li><li>○ A Drug Assistance Program (DAP) is available to uninsured patients who qualify for HealthPoint's sliding fee scale. Qualified patients can obtain prescription drugs at no charge through pharmaceutical company programs.</li></ul></li><li>• <b>Local Hospitals.</b> Some hospitals offer prescription drug-assistance programs such as the <a href="#">Medication Bridge Program</a> that act as an agent for the patient and the drug companies to locate free medications. This process can take some time to get through, but the benefits can bring medication. Filling out the application completely will help prevent any slow-down in the process.</li></ul> <p><u>Government.</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Medicaid.</b> Although pharmacy coverage is an optional benefit under federal Medicaid law, all States currently provide coverage for outpatient prescription drugs to all categorically eligible individuals and most other enrollees within their Medicaid programs. Contact your state's human-services offices for information on eligibility and benefits.</li></ul> <p><u>National Non-Profits.</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The <b>Partnership for Prescription Assistance</b> helps qualifying patients without</li></ul>

	<p>prescription drug coverage get the medicines they need through the program that is right for them. Many will get their medications free or nearly free. The Partnership for Prescription Assistance will help you find the program that's right for you, free of charge. Remember, you will never be asked for money by a PPA Call Center representative, or on this Web site. <a href="http://www.pparx.org/">http://www.pparx.org/</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>NeedyMeds</b> is a 501(c)(3) non-profit information resource devoted to helping people in need find assistance programs to help them afford their medications and costs related to health care. 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. <a href="http://www.needymeds.org/">http://www.needymeds.org/</a>. Some medications may be shipped to the patient's home and others to the doctor. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Look for Patient Assistance Programs by looking up the name of your medicine.</li> <li>○ Click on Brand Name Drugs in the menu, on the left side of the page, and follow the directions.</li> <li>○ If you can't find your medicine on this list, click on the Generic Name Drugs on the left and repeat the process.</li> <li>○ If your medicine is not on either list, assistance is not currently available through a program.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p><b>Local Resources</b></p>	<p><a href="#">Faith Community Pharmacy:</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 7033 Burlington Pike Suite 4, Florence KY 41042 859-426-7837, Monday and Thursday 9:00-3:30pm (main office)</li> <li>• 437 W. 9<sup>th</sup> St., Newport 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month 1-3 pm</li> <li>• 315 E. 15<sup>th</sup> St., Covington , 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month 9-11 am</li> </ul> <p><a href="#">Healthpoint:</a> 859-655-6100</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bellevue Medical, OB/GYN &amp; Dental Office, 103 Landmark Drive, Bellevue, KY 41073</li> <li>• Covington Medical &amp; OB/GYN, 1401 Madison Ave, Covington, KY 41011</li> <li>• Florence Medical &amp; OB/GYN, 7388 Turfway Road, Suite 108, Florence, KY 41042</li> <li>• Latonia Medical &amp; Dental Office, 4307 Winston Avenue, Covington, KY 41015</li> <li>• Pike Street Clinic for the Homeless, 343 Pike St., Covington, KY 4101</li> </ul> <p>Brighton Center helps with the last \$50 towards a prescription (excluding narcotics) one time every 12 months when funding exists.</p>
<p><b>Other Resources</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">USA.gov</a> provides some general information.</li> <li>• <a href="#">Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services.</a></li> </ul>
<p><b>Other Information</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The <a href="#">340B Drug Pricing Program</a> requires drug manufacturers to provide outpatient drugs to eligible health care organizations/covered entities at significantly reduced prices. See above Healthpoint link for local participating pharmacies.</li> <li>• Avoid online scams requiring a fee to obtain a list of free prescription programs. You should never have to pay for this service.</li> <li>• If a drug has "street value" it will be difficult to get help.</li> </ul>