

Medication Accessibility Resources

Medication cost assistance from pharmaceutical manufacturers (brand-name drugs only)

- 1) For patients with commercial insurance plan (ie: through employer), the pharmaceutical manufacturer may offer a **coupon** to lower the cost of the drug (*see individual manufacturer website for more information*)
- 2) For patients with Medicare, Medicaid, or no medication coverage, the drug manufacturers may offer a **Patient Assistance Program (PAP)** to provide the drug at low or no cost (*see individual manufacturer website for more information*)

In addition to visiting the pharmaceutical manufacturer website, NeedyMeds (<https://www.needymeds.org/>) is a great website where you can search for any medication by name to see if there is an available coupon or prescription assistance program and how to apply. Typically the link will direct you to the pharmaceutical company's application. The Partnership for Prescription Assistance, at <https://www.pparx.org/>, and RX Assist, the Patient Assistance Program Center, at <http://www.rxassist.org/>, operate similarly.

Copay assistance foundations (brand-name or generic drugs)

There are several non-pharmaceutical manufacturer-based foundations that offer financial assistance. Patients with Medicare can typically qualify for these. Insurance pays for part of the cost of the medication and then the foundation helps cover the remaining copay/out of pocket cost. These foundations open and close throughout the year, so check their websites frequently and join their wait list, if available. Foundations that have had funding for Parkinson's medications include:

The Assistance Fund: <https://tafcares.org/>

PAN foundation: <https://www.panfoundation.org/>

HealthWell Foundation: <https://www.healthwellfoundation.org/>

Discounted cash price medications (typically generic drugs)

Goodrx offers coupons for cash price medications at local pharmacies. You can search their database to find discounted generic drugs in your area. Website: <https://www.goodrx.com/>

Cost Plus Drugs is a legitimate online pharmacy that offers discounted prices on several drugs, primarily generics. Website: <https://costplusdrugs.com/>

APDA Minnesota financial support program

The APDA Minnesota offers a select number of scholarships through the yearly financial support program. For more information, you can visit the website:

<https://www.apdaparkinson.org/community/minnesota/local-resources-support/minnesota-financial-support-program/>

<https://www.medicare.gov/pharmaceutical-assistanceprogram/> has a database of prescription assistance programs as well.

Selecting insurance plans

Senior LinkAge Line is run by the State of Minnesota to offer non-biased free resources to help patients select the best Medicare Advantage/Part D plans for their individual needs. Website:

<https://mn.gov/senior-linkage-line/>