



# Options to overcome financial challenges

## 1. Pharmaceutical Manufacturer Assistance Programs

- Not all manufacturers offer assistance programs -

- Qualifications vary by program but typical application requirements are:
  - Proof of income
  - Valid prescription signed by prescriber
  - Patient information
  - Prescriber information
  - Financial information
  - Insurance information

- Websites help finding the information

**NeedyMeds**

<http://www.needymeds.org>



**Medicare.gov**

<https://www.medicare.gov/pharmaceutical-assistance-program/Index.a>



- **Coupons and co-pay assistance programs**

Coupons or vouchers may eliminate co-pay or reduce the cost. Qualifications are not required generally. They are often distributed by physicians or pharmacists.



## 2. State Pharmaceutical Assistance Program

Some states have a program for **Medicare recipients** with limited income and resources. As of August, 2016, 21 states and U.S. Virgin Islands offer programs. **Georgia is NOT one of the states.**

For more information,   <https://www.medicare.gov/pharmaceutical-assistance-program/state-programs.aspx>

## 3. Medicare Part D Low-Income Subsidy (also known as “Extra Help”)

Medicare recipients with limited income and resources may be able to get **Extra Help** to pay monthly premiums, annual deductibles, and co-payments for Prescription Drug Plan (Medicare Part D). The Extra Help is estimated to be worth about \$4,000 per year.

Qualifications:

- Reside in one of the 50 states or the District of Columbia
- Annual income limited to \$17,820 for an individual (\$24,030 for a married couple living together)
- Total resources must be limited to \$13,640 for an individual (\$27,250 for a married couple living together)

## 4. Other resources

### The Partnership for Prescription Assistance

A service for prescription help and low cost clinics  
<http://www.pparx.org/>



A service by [National Council on Aging](http://www.ncoa.org/) (NCOA) for adults over 55 helps paying for prescription drugs, health care, utilities, and other basic needs  
<http://www.benefitscheckup.org/>



A non-profit pharmacy providing medications at affordable prices  
<http://rxoutreach.org/patients/>

