

# PRESCRIPTION HELP

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Programs for those without or with limited coverage in the Columbus 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 you for more details about the store's program. Here are the costs as of Feb. 2023.

- CVS** Willing to find discount prescription coupons. Have ExtraCare Rewards program that can save on prescriptions.
- Giant Eagle** Provides savings on pet prescriptions.
- Kroger** Accepts a number of prescription discount cards.
- Meijer's** Free selected antibiotics and pre-natal vitamins. Blood glucose testing for \$4, and free testing for blood pressure, BMI, and diabetes risk assessment. Pet prescriptions go towards mPerks for future pharmacy discounts.
- Sam's Club** Available for Plus Card Members, \$4 for a 30 day supply for generic medication. Free select generic medications.
- Target (CVS)** Utilizes discount prescription coupons.
- Walgreens** Free shipping on prescription refills.
- Wal-Mart** \$4 for a 30-day supply and \$10 for a 90-day supply for limited medications.

### Costco Pharmacy - Costco Member Prescription Program

**About the program:** Prescription discount card that provides discounts over Costco's regular prices for those with or without insurance for certain medications, medical devices, and vaccines.

**To qualify:** Must be a Costco member. A member's pets and dependents under 18 can also be included in the program.

**How to use:** Members just present their Costco card at the pharmacy and request the CMPP price. Can be used at all Costco pharmacies and some additional local pharmacies.

**For more information:** go to <https://www.costco.com/cmpp>, call 425-416-4115, or email [cmpp@costco.com](mailto:cmpp@costco.com). There are links on the page that direct you to a list of savings examples and a list of covered medications.

## DISCOUNT CARDS

### Franklin County Prescription Discount Card

**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 up to 80% on generics and 40% on name brand prescription medications. Participants can also save on diabetes supplies, dental care, eye care and eye wear and hearing aids. 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, to print the card, or to get a complete list of Franklin County pharmacies that accept the card, please go to <https://livehealthycard.com/print-a-card/participating-counties>

### Good Rx

**About the program:** Prescription discount program that allows participants to compare prices of different medications through their mobile app and receive discounts on medication with their discount card. Accepted at many area pharmacies. Discounts can only be applied for prescriptions used off insurance. Anyone can qualify regardless of whether they have insurance or no insurance.

**To use this program:** Sign-up at <https://www.goodrx.com/> or by calling 855-268-2822. Potential savings on specific medications and accepting pharmacies can also be found on their website.

## DRUG ASSISTANCE PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY HELP

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

### 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 visit <http://www.needymeds.org/index.htm>

### Medicare Drug Assistance

**About the program:** Medicare members may qualify for the *Extra Help* program that assists with paying for premiums, deductibles, and copays.

**You qualify if:** Medicare members enrolled with a Medicare prescription drug provider

**To use this program or to apply:** Call 1-800-772-1213

## 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 have an income less than 400% of federal poverty level.

**To apply:** Call 1-888-796-1234 or go to <https://rxoutreach.org/> for an application and to view the list of medications that can be purchased.

## 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 <https://www.coaaa.org/cms/> and search under Services for Medicare Education and Outreach

**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

To qualify for MBIWD, a person must:

- Be 16 to 64 years old
- Be disabled as per the Social Security Administration or as determined by Ohio Medicaid or eligible under the MBIWD medically improved category
- Be employed in paid work (includes part-time and full-time work)
- Pay a premium (if applicable)
- Meet certain basic requirement found here: <https://medicaid.ohio.gov/families-and-individuals/coverage/who-qualifies/who-qualifies>

You must also meet these financial requirements:

- Have a monthly income less than or equal to 250% of the federal poverty level (\$2,831 for one person, \$3,814 for a two person household, \$4,797 for three person household, and so on)\*

\*Some deductions may apply.

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

**Or apply by phone**, call the Medicaid Consumer Hotline at (800) 324-8680.

## OTHER DISCOUNT PROGRAMS

### The Breathing Association

**About the program:** Mobile Lung Health Clinic helps people with lung disease in need of an inhaler, testing (including allergy and TB testing), immunizations, and other medical supplies working to provide savings on prescriptions for these.

**More information** can be found at <https://breathingassociation.org/lung-health-clinic/>

**You qualify if:**

- You are Franklin County resident
- Cannot afford to pay for healthcare
- Have or do not have insurances

### Equitas

**About the program:** While Equitas focuses on service towards the LGBTQ community, the Equitas pharmacy is a full service pharmacy, open to all members of the community, offering pick up and free home delivery to Ohio residents (some restrictions may apply). They offer HIV treatment expertise and prevention services at two locations:

- **1033 North High St. in the Short North** - Phone: (614) 304-6776
- **736 Long St.** - Phone: (614) 300-2334 or call toll free at 1-800-517-7725

### Charitable Pharmacy of Central Ohio, Inc.

**About the program:** Provides medication, health screenings, health and wellness education, medication counseling, and social program referrals at no cost for low-income, uninsured and underinsured Franklin County residents.

**Call to see if you qualify:** All new patients are being qualified over the phone. You may schedule your phone appointment at the link below to go through the intake process. You will receive a phone call at the scheduled appointment time. If possible, please schedule your appointment at least three business days before you run out of medicine, as the filling process during COVID-19 takes a few days. You may also schedule an appointment online. (Website listed below).

**Phone:** 614-227-0301

**Hours:** 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. (Closed on Wednesdays)

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

**For more information, visit** <http://www.charitablepharmacy.org/>

### J.O.I.N.

**About the program:** Assist individuals from 0 to older than 60. Ages 0-60 receive \$100 and over 60 receive \$200.

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

**To apply:** Call or walk in -- Monday-Friday, 10-11:30 a.m. and 1-2 p.m.

**If you call in with a prescription, please note that CVS and Walmart do not participate in this program.**

**Phone:** 614-241-2530

**Location:** 578 E. Main St., Columbus

### Trio Pharmacy

**About the program:** Immunizations, free prescription delivery, easy adherence bubble packaging, drug interaction checks, free prescription counseling, Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, and Orthotics. Educational and clinical services include Diabetes Self-Management Education, Tobacco Cessation, Medication Therapy Management including Comprehensive Medication Review, and other wellness education services. Additional services available include free blood pressure and blood sugar screenings. Accepts most insurances including private insurances and Medicaid plans.

**Phone:** 614-298-8180

**Hours:** Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

**Location:** 1570 Cleveland Ave. Columbus, Ohio 43211

**For more information, visit** <https://www.triopharmacy.com/>