**What You Should Know About Discount Drug Cards**

Discount Drug Cards offer discounts on various medical services including medicine. They are offered by state government, drug companies, non-profit and for-profit businesses. They are not a form of insurance. Some are free, while others may involve a hefty fee that ranges from $12 to as high as $100. Some companies that advertise free medicine have a "processing fee" for each prescription.

Carefully evaluate any and all costs involved, such as handling or shipping fees. The fee may add up to more than the discount. When using a free card, it is still important to consider the cost of your medicine - you should always do comparative shopping. Speak with a representative of the plan about concerns and to check if your medicine is included. If you have several plans or cards, your local pharmacist will usually tell you the least expensive way to get your medicine.

When you use your cards, make sure that a generic brand isn't available that might be more inexpensive than the drug discount card. Another important consideration is that you may pay more for some brand name medicine, even with a discount, than you would pay for the generic version or you may find the medicine for a lower cost at a different pharmacy.

The discounts offered on drug cards vary widely from 10% to 70%; depending on the program and the prescription medicine being purchased.

**Drug Company Medication Discount Cards**

[**Merck Prescription Discount Card**](http://www.merck.com/merckhelps/uninsured/about.html)

A discount card for Merck products for people with no prescription drug coverage.

[**Pfizer Pfriends**](http://www.pfizerhelpfulanswers.com/pages/programs/ProgramDetails.aspx?p=1)

A discount card for many Pfizer prescription medications for people with no prescription insurance.

[**Together RX Access Card**](http://www.togetherrxaccess.com)

A drug discount card that allows for 25-40% discount at participating pharmacies on select medications manufactured by the following drug companies: Novartis, Abbot Laboratories, AstraZeneca, Aventis, Ortho-McNeil, Bristol-Myers Squibb Company, GlaxoSmithKline and Janssen. Must not be eligible for Medicare or have any prescription drug coverage. Household income requirements are listed on website.

Contact: 1-800-444-4106 or visit their [website](http://www.togetherrxaccess.com)

**Discount Drug Card for Medicare Patients**

[**Lilly Answers Medicare Program**](http://www.lilly.com/products/access/direct_patient.html)

Qualifiers: Medicare Part D enrollees are eligible for this is card for Eli Lilly drugs.

Benefits: The LillyMedicareAnswers program provides assistance to eligible patients prescribed ZYPREXA (olanzapine).

Contact: 1-877-795-4559 or [visit their website](http://www.lilly.com/products/access/direct_patient.html).

**AZMedicine and Me**

Qualifiers: This card for AstraZeneca drugs is for Medicare Part D recipients.

Benefits: The patient must have Medicare Part D, and have an income below $30,000 for an individual (below $40,000 for a couple.) The patient must also have spent at least 3% of the annual household income on prescription drugs this year. This is a discount program with the patient paying no more that $25 for a one month supply.

Contact: Call and see if you qualify. (800) 957-6285

[**GSK Access**](http://www.needymeds.com/program_list.taf?_function=name&program_id=1109)

Qualifiers: A card that provides GlaxoSmithKline medicines for patients on Medicare Part D who have spent $600.

**Other Medication Discount Card Programs**

**Prescription Benefits Pharmacy Card**

Qualifiers:

1. Anyone can apply, acceptance is guaranteed.
2. Card is free for those 65 of age and older. If you are 64 years of age or younger there is a $48.00 annual fee for an individual or a $60.00 annual fee for a family.

Benefits: Discount card provides savings on ANY and ALL medications which require a pharmacist to dispense.

Contact: 1-800-377-1614 or [website](http://www.rxbenefits.com/)

**Wellpartner**

Qualifiers: None.

Benefits: Low cost and non-prescription medications delivered to your door. Shipping and handling is free and if you order your non-prescription items at the same time, the entire shipping and handling is free. They do accept other prescription insurance cards. Must mention Wellpartner Senior Pricing, when you call to place your order.

Contact: 1-877-935-5797

**YouRxPlan**

Qualifiers:

1. Anyone can apply. There is a $25.00 annual fee for individuals and a $40.00 annual fee for families.

Benefits: Program provides real discount on virtually all prescription drugs - both brand-name and generic. Offers greater saving when ordering by mail. There is also additional automatic cash-back bonuses on their Extra-Savings Drugs.

Contact: 1-877-733-6765 or [website](http://www.yourplan.com/)

**Non-Profit Warehouse Free Drug Discount Card**

Qualifiers:

1. No age or income restrictions.
2. No registration requirements.
3. Cannot have a prescription drug plan or who has drugs that are excluded from their plan.

Benefits: Save on medications at K-Mart locations or by using their 90 day supply mail order program. Any member of the family can also use this card. The Pharmacist will enter the information into the computer, which will then price your prescription at the negotiated rate or Kmart's Everyday Low Price, whichever is less. You pay 100% of the lowest price.

The CARD will help you pay the lowest price possible for your prescription. If you find the same prescription elsewhere for less (local competition only, no internet pharmacy prices) Kmart will match that price. That is your Kmart Low Price Guarantee.

Contact: 770-541-7777 or [website](http://www.nonprofitwarehouse.com/kscriptcard.asp)

**Seniors Only Drug Discount Card Programs**

**AARP Prescription Savings Service**

Qualifiers:

1. Must be 50 years of age or older. 2. Must be an AARP member ($12.50 annual fee)

Benefits: Discounts on medications when ordered through AARP Pharmacy. Services (mail order) or when purchased at participating neighborhood pharmacies.

Contact: 1-800-456-2277 or [website](http://www.aarp.org/) or [http://aarppharmacy.com](http://aarppharmacy.com/)

**Walgreen's Senior Dividends Card**

Qualifiers:

1. Must be 55 years of age or older.
2. Must have no other prescription insurance cards.
3. Cannot be participating in any government assistance plan.

Benefits: 10% rebate credited back to your Walgreens Senior Dividends Card on each drug purchase. There is no cost for the card or to register the card and it can be purchased at any Walgreens store.

**State and Federal Prescription Assistance Programs**

* [Medicare Prescription Drug Plan](http://www.medicare.gov/MPDPF/Public/Include/DataSection/Questions/MPDPFIntro.asp)
* Rxassist lists [drug programs by state](http://www.rxassist.org/patients/res-state-programs.cfm).
* [State Sponsored Rx Drug Discount Programs](http://www.aarp.org/bulletin/prescription/Articles/statebystate.html)
* [State Pharmaceutical Assistance Programs](http://www.rxhope.com/pap_info.asp)
* [State Pharmaceutical Assistance Programs](http://www.ncsl.org/programs/health/drugaid.htm)

**[Free Mental Health Insurance Quote Request](https://www.netquote.com/Common/Default.aspx?ProductCategory=Health" \t "_blank)**

"(Since 1989 we've assisted over 10,000,000 consumers and businesses in their search for affordable insurance. We do not sell insurance; we are a consumer service that offers you a faster and easier way to shop. Currently over 5,000 agents representing over 100 companies subscribe to NetQuote. Our goal is to provide you with as many as 5 competitive quotes from the nations insurance companies. In the rare case that we cannot help you, we will offer you other solutions, one in particular can earn you up to $250.00. While it is helpful to have your current insurance documents, it is not necessary)."

[**Medicare**](http://www.medicare.gov/)

[**American Association of Health Care Plans**](http://www.aahp.org/)

<http://www.healthyplace.com/other-info/prescription-assistance-programs/drug-discount-cards/#government>