



## Charity Programs that Help Pay Your Medicare Prescription Drug Plan Copays

**Some charities pay a portion or the cost of your Medicare prescription copays.** What these charities pay **will** count towards the \$4,350 in out-of-pocket costs you must spend (not including premiums) before you get catastrophic coverage in 2009. However, for it to count, you must fill the prescription at a pharmacy in your drug plan’s network and it must be for a drug on your Medicare drug plan’s list of covered drugs (“formulary”). **These programs are also available to people who are not enrolled in a Medicare drug plan.**

**Note:** This chart is not meant to be comprehensive; it is representative of the type of resources available.

Program:	Benefits:	To be eligible...*	How do you get it?
<a href="http://www.caringvoice.org">Caring Voice Coalition</a> <a href="http://www.caringvoice.org">www.caringvoice.org</a>	May help pay for some of the cost of your prescription drugs,.	<b>You must be diagnosed with one of the following conditions:</b> pulmonary hypertension, idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis, Alpha 1 or chronic granulomatous disease.	Call <b>888-267-1440</b> for more information, or apply online at <a href="https://secure.caringvoice.org/apply.aspx">https://secure.caringvoice.org/apply.aspx</a> .
<a href="http://www.cdfund.org">Chronic Disease Fund</a> <a href="http://www.cdfund.org">www.cdfund.org</a>	The Chronic Disease Fund offers <b>Patient Financial Assistance</b> to provide copay assistance for certain drugs <b>as</b>	Helps people with some specific diseases including asthma, breast cancer, multiple sclerosis and rheumatoid arthritis. For a complete list of eligible conditions and prescriptions, go to the CDF	Call <b>877-968-7233</b> , go to one of the Chronic Disease Fund’s participating pharmacies or go online to <a href="http://www.cdfund.org">http://www.cdfund.org</a> to apply.  If you use one of the Chronic Disease Fund’s participating pharmacies, the Fund will be able to pay the pharmacy directly on your behalf. If your

**long as your drug plan covers that drug** and you cannot afford your drug plan copays.

website.

To maintain eligibility, you must also log in once a month to an online therapy management program run through the Chronic Disease Management Group.

pharmacy is not a Chronic Disease Fund participating pharmacy, you must pay for your prescription and then submit your receipts to the Fund for reimbursement. Contact the Chronic Disease Fund for more information on their participating pharmacies.

**[The HealthWell Foundation](http://www.healthwellfoundation.org)**  
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Helps you pay your drug copays if you have insurance, **or** helps to pay your monthly premium if you are eligible for insurance but cannot afford it (including your Medicare drug plan premium).

Your drug must be covered by your insurance (on the plan's formulary).

Helps people with some specific diseases including asthma, breast cancer, and Hodgkin's Disease. They frequently receive funding for new conditions. For a complete list of eligible conditions, visit the web site.

You must have monthly income under \$3,404 (\$4,564 for couples) in 2007-2008.\*

Apply online at [www.healthwellfoundation.org/hw/apply.aspx](http://www.healthwellfoundation.org/hw/apply.aspx) or call **800-675-8416**. You will need to have your address, telephone number, social security number, date of birth, health insurance cards, total household income and size, and the name and contact information for your primary care physician.

**[The National Marrow Patient Assistance Program and Financial Assistance Fund](http://www.marrow.org)**  
[www.marrow.org](http://www.marrow.org)

May help pay for some of the cost of your prescription drugs that you take when recovering from a marrow transplant.

To qualify, you must have used the National Marrow Patient Assistance Program's donor registry to find your marrow transplant donor. In addition, the transplant must have been "unrelated," meaning that your donor is not a family member.

Call **888-999-6743**, e-mail [patientinfo@nmdp.org](mailto:patientinfo@nmdp.org) or go to [www.marrow.org/PATIENT/financial\\_assistance.html](http://www.marrow.org/PATIENT/financial_assistance.html) for more information.

A social worker or health care professional must apply on your behalf if they think you may be eligible.

<p><b><u>National Organization for Rare Disorders (NORD)</u></b></p> <p><a href="http://www.rarediseases.org">www.rarediseases.org</a></p>	<p>Helps people obtain prescriptions they could not otherwise afford and can also help pay your premiums or copayments.</p>	<p>NORD's medication assistance programs help people with certain conditions. Check their website for a complete list of programs.</p> <p>Over 1,100 rare diseases are listed on NORD's Web site including HIV/AIDS, Alzheimer's Disease, Multiple Sclerosis, and Parkinson's Disease.</p>	<p>Go online to <a href="http://www.rarediseases.org/programs/medication">http://www.rarediseases.org/programs/medication</a> for contact information and offered benefits for each program.</p>
<p><b><u>Patient Advocate Foundation's Co-Pay Relief (CPR)</u></b></p> <p><a href="http://www.copays.org">www.copays.org</a></p>	<p>Pays your deductible and full copay for prescriptions covered by your insurance, as long as they are taken to treat an eligible medical condition, and if you have financial need.</p>	<p>You must be diagnosed with and taking medication(s) for specific conditions, including: diabetes, cancer and problems caused by cancer treatment, and macular degeneration. See their website for a full list. This list may change, depending on funding.</p>	<p>Call 866-512-3861 to apply. The initial application is done over the phone. CPR will then send you the completed application to sign. CPR should process your application within a day or two of receiving it back. CPR will then either pay your pharmacy directly for your prescription copays, or you can pay your copays yourself and send CPR the receipt for reimbursement.</p>
<p><b><u>Patient Services Incorporated (PSI)</u></b></p> <p><a href="http://www.uneedpsi.org">www.uneedpsi.org</a></p>	<p>PSI helps people with specific conditions to pay their prescription copayments regardless of income. Check their website for a complete list of</p>	<p>Copayment assistance for drugs that treat certain medical conditions such as hemophilia and multiple myeloma. For a full list of conditions, visit the PSI website.</p>	<p>Call 800-366-7741 (866-367-4836 for medical items) to apply. If approved, assistance will be granted for a maximum of two years depending on funding. Should you require assistance beyond the two-year period, you must contact PSI and submit a new application.</p>

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\* To decide if you are eligible, these programs may also consider your income, cost of living (dependent on your family size), and medical expenses (including insurance premiums, doctor and hospital expenses, and what you pay for your prescription drugs). You may qualify even if your income is high if your medical expenses are also high or you have a lot of people in your household. Income figures are based on the Federal Poverty Guidelines, which change every year between February and March.

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