

# Help with Prescriptions



## Have you heard about \$4 generics yet?

An easy way to save on prescriptions is by switching to generic. Generic medications are usually much cheaper than “brand name” drugs and may make it easier to find discounts.

Many big retail store pharmacies have started providing many generic medications for only \$4, regardless of your income or insurance status.

Smaller, local pharmacies sometimes have generous discount programs as well.

**It's a good idea to call the pharmacies nearest to you and ask about any discount programs that they offer!**

For more information call  
**1-800-965-7476**

## Can I get help getting my prescriptions?

There are a variety of ways that you may get help paying for your prescriptions:

### 1 - The “Big” Programs

There are state programs like MaineCare, ME Rx Plus, and more, which are based on household composition, income, and assets in some cases. There are also federal programs like Medicare, available to elderly and disabled people. Call our HelpLine at 1-800-965-7476 to see if you may qualify for these programs.

### 2 - Your Doctor's Office

For people who are not eligible for state or federal programs, but still need help purchasing their prescriptions, it can be confusing working through all the possible options. People in this situation should first speak with the doctors office that prescribed their medication. Depending on the provider and the prescription, they may get free samples or other help.

### 3 - The “Smaller” Programs

Some other programs that can help with the cost of prescriptions are hospital or regionally based programs, general assistance through your town office, sliding-scale health centers, local or retail pharmacy programs. Some of these programs have income or other guidelines for their help, and others do not. Call our HelpLine at 1-800-965-7476 for more information on how to access these programs.

### 4 - Community Prescription Assistance Programs

Community-based Prescription Assistance Programs can search through their databases to find other programs to help with the cost of medications - Typically this means applying for help through one of the pharmaceutical manufacturers that produce the drug that you need. Sometimes income or other guidelines are part of these programs. Staff can provide you with free information and help eligible people to apply for discounts.

**For more information,**  
on these Community-based Prescription  
Assistance Programs, please flip over this flyer.

**Community-based Prescription Assistance Programs:** You will need current prescription documentation. Some of these programs have income or other restrictions. See below for more information.

<b>Program</b>	<b>Income Guidelines</b>	<b>Area Served</b>	<b>Prescribing Dr.</b>	<b>Insurance Status</b>
<b>Bar Harbor</b> Mount Desert Island Hospital (207) 288-5081 X 7211	Vary, depending on the drug.	Resident of any Maine town.	Will accept prescriptions from out of network doctors willing to join program.	Willing to work with uninsured and underinsured patients.
<b>Bridgton</b> Bridgton Hospital (207) 647-6048	Vary, depending on the drug.	Resident of any Maine town.	Must be within their network.	Willing to work with uninsured and underinsured patients.
<b>Brunswick</b> Oasis Health Network (207) 721-9277	Vary, depending on the drug.	Brunswick, Freeport, Harpswell, the Island, all of Sagadahoc, and other towns if your doctor is part of their network.	Will accept prescriptions from doctors out of network if within the area and willing to sign on to their program.	Willing to work with uninsured and underinsured patients.
<b>Caribou</b> Cary Medical Center (207) 498-1245	Vary, depending on the drug.	Bridgewater and north.	Will accept prescriptions from doctors out of network.	Willing to work with uninsured and underinsured patients.
<b>Ellsworth</b> Maine Coast Memorial Hospital (207) 664-5631	Vary, depending on the drug.	Resident of any Maine town.	Will accept prescriptions from doctors out of network.	Willing to work with uninsured and underinsured patients.
<b>Franklin County</b> Franklin Memorial Hospital 1-888-952-2772	Vary, depending on the drug. If over income, they will try to find other programs to help.	Franklin County and surrounding towns.	Will accept prescriptions from doctors out of their network if within the area and willing to sign on to their program.	Willing to work with uninsured and underinsured patients. Depends on need and other factors.
<b>Houlton</b> Houlton Regional Hospital (207) 532-2900 X639	Vary, depending on the drug.	Houlton area.	Must be within their network.	Willing to work with uninsured and underinsured patients.
<b>Knox County</b> Knox County Health Clinic (207) 594-6996	Vary, depending on the drug.	Knox County.	Must be within their network.	Willing to work with uninsured and underinsured patients.
<b>Lewiston</b> St. Mary's Hospital (207) 755-3015	Vary, depending on the drug.	Resident of any Maine town.	Must be within their network.	Typically serves only people without prescription coverage but call to check.
<b>Rumford</b> Rumford Hosp./Swift River (207) 369-1197	Vary, depending on the drug.	Patients of River Valley, Internal Medicine, Swift River Healthcare, Ellsmore/Dixfield family Medicine.	Must be within their network.	Willing to work with uninsured and underinsured patients.
<b>Sanford</b> Goodall Hospital (207) 490-7483	May have income restrictions for services. Secondary income guidelines will vary, depending on the drug.	Resident of any Maine town.	Does not need to be in their network.	Willing to work with uninsured and underinsured patients.
<b>Skowhegan</b> Redington-Fairview Gen. Hosp. (207) 474-8329	Vary, depending on the drug.	Resident of any Maine town.	Must be within their network and willing to sign on to the program.	Typically only serves patients without insurance, but depends on situation.
<b>York</b> York Hospital (207) 438-9167	May have income restrictions, with some exceptions. Secondary income guidelines vary, depending on the drug.	Kittery, York, Eliot, S Berwick, N Berwick, Berwick, Wells, Ogunquit, Lebanon, Cape Neddick.	Must be within their network.	Typically only serves patients without insurance, but depends on situation.