INTRODUCTION

Medications are expensive, but the cost may be reduced. Many state agencies, health departments, private organizations, online coupons, and drug companies offer prescription assistance programs to help patients afford the medication they need. This booklet is designed to help patients find that information. Phone numbers and websites of programs in Virginia and of the major drug companies are given so that you may call directly or find more information online. The programs have different eligibility requirements and give different amounts of aid, so look through the booklet and find which programs will work best for you.

STATE AGENCIES

VA Department of Medical Assistance Services (855) 242-8282 https://www.dmas.virginia.gov/

The DMAS website links to information on statewide company sponsored prescription drug assistance programs, Medicare Discount Cards programs, regional programs, and membership programs. Helpful resource links on DMAS website: Client Services, Pharmacy Services.

VA Department of Social Services (804) 726-7000 www.dss.virginia.gov

The Department of Social Services determines eligibility for Medicaid.

FAMIS (Family Access to Medical Insurance Security Plan) (855) 242-8282

https://www.coverva.org/en/famis

FAMIS is Virginia's health insurance program for children providing health benefits for children who are uninsured, but who are not eligible for Medicaid.

Care Connection for Children www.vdh.virginia.gov/care-connection-for-children/

CCC, sponsored by the Virginia Department of Health, is a statewide network of regional programs that provides health care services, community support and resources to children with special health care needs. The University of Virginia joint sponsors the Charlottesville center. CCC is for children who live in Virginia, are under age 21, and have special health care needs. For more information go to the website or call one of the local offices:

Bristol	(276) 645-4900
	(800) 704-1285 (toll free)
Charlottesville	(434) 924-0222
	(866) 596-9367 (toll free)
Roanoke	(540) 985-8470
	(866) 906-2999 (toll free)
Richmond	(804) 827-1795
	(866) 737-5965 (toll free)
Falls Church	(703) 698-2450
	(866) 222-0372 (toll free)

Norfolk	(757) 668-7132
	(800) 864-8903 (toll free)
Northern Va.	(703) 698-2490

Virginia Health Care Foundation (804) 828-5804 www.vhcf.org

VHCF is dedicated to helping Virginians receive the medications they need, but can't afford. To do so, VHCF has launched a number of medication access initiatives and partnerships that are increasing access to prescription medicines.

HEALTH DEPARTMENTS

Contact your community health department for patient assistance programs. **The Virginia Department of Health** web page <u>www.vdh.virginia.gov</u> has links to the websites of all of the local health districts.

Blue Ridge Health District (434) 972-6200 www.vdh.virginia.gov/blue-ridge

Charlottesville/Albemarle Health Department (434) 972-6200

Neither the Health District nor the Charlottesville free clinic has a patient assistance program. Call Care Connection for Children at (434) 924-0222, or call the Epilepsy Foundation of Virginia at (434) 924-8669 for one-time medication assistance.

Crater Health District (804) 863-1652 www.vdh.virginia.gov/crater A patient assistance program exists for eligible patients at this clinic: Petersburg Health Department (804) 863-1652

Fairfax Health District (703) 246-2479/ (703) 246-2411 www.fairfaxcounty.gov/health

A patient assistance program exists for eligible patients at these clinic locations:

Falls Church (703) 534-8343 Alexandria (703) 704-5203 Reston (703) 481-4242

Hampton Health District (757) 727-1172

A patient assistance program exists for eligible patients. The co-pay depends on income.

Richmond Health District (804) 482-5500 <u>www.vdh.virginia.gov/richmond-city</u> The Richmond Health District will refer you to Social Services for eligibility for Medicaid.

Roanoke Health District (540) 283-5050 <u>www.vdh.virginia.gov/roanoke</u> A patient assistance program exists for eligible patients. The co-pay depends on income.

Other sources for patient assistance: **Roanoke Free Clinic (540) 344-5156 Roanoke Area Ministries (540) 345-8850 Southeast Presbyterian (540) 982-2911**

PRIVATE ORGANIZATIONS

United Way (703) 836-7112 www.unitedway.org

The United Way does not have a prescription drug assistance program, but some of the local affiliates have useful information about other programs. From the national website, you can get the number of the United Way in your area. The following are a few examples:

Abingdon (276) 628-2160 www.chamberofcommerce.com/united-states/virginia/abingdon

CHIP Program increases access to primary medical care and health education to improve children's health and Family self-sufficiency.

Charlottesville (434) 972-1701 unitedwaycville.org

Prescription Assistance through the RX Relief Program (434) 972-1701

Martinsville (276) 638-3946.

Med Assist of Martinsville, Henry and Patrick Counties www.healthycommunitymhc.org

A medication assistance program provides eligible residents of these counties the ability to apply locally for access to free medications offered by major pharmaceutical companies.

Norfolk (757) 853-8500 www.unitedwayshr.org

Infoline (800) 230-6977

Beach Health Clinic (757) 428-5601

A private charity, staffed by volunteer physicians and nurses, which provides free medical services and medications to uninsured, low income families.

Richmond (804) 771-5820 www.yourunitedway.org

Virginia Drug Card.com www.virginiadrugcard.com

As a resident of Virginia, you and your family have access to a free prescription drug card program. Download your Prescription Drug Card and receive savings of up to 75% at more than 50,000 national and regional pharmacies.

Roanoke (540) 777-4200 www.uwrv.org

Familywize Prescription Drug Discount Card

This is not insurance. It is a free resource that offers immediate discounts on prescription drugs at participating pharmacies. The card is for anyone without health insurance or prescription drug coverage. It covers prescriptions for everyone in the family, including pets.

Winchester (540) 536-1610 www.unitedwaynsv.org

Familywize Prescription Drug Discount Card

This is not insurance. It is a free resource that offers immediate discounts on prescription drugs at participating pharmacies. The card is for anyone without health insurance or prescription drug coverage. It covers prescriptions for everyone in the family, including pets

Local churches and Salvation Army Chapters often have medication assistance programs.

Free clinics have been established in many areas of Virginia. For a list call the Virginia Association of Free Clinics in Richmond at (804) 340-3434 or go to <u>www.vafreeclinics.org</u>

The Epilepsy Foundation of Virginia has a one-time medication assistance program and continually looks for resources in communities. Call (434) 924-8669 or go to www.epilepsyva.com

MEDICARE

If you are a Medicare beneficiary, you are eligible for Medicare prescription drug coverage, regardless of your income, health status, or current prescription expenses.

There are 2 types of Medicare plans that provide prescription drug coverage:

Medicare Prescription Drug Plans

These plans add prescription drug coverage to Original Medicare and certain types of Medicare Health Plans. If you have limited income and resources, you may get extra help to pay for your Medicare drug plan costs.

Medicare Health Plans

Some of these plans cover both health care and prescription drugs.

For more information, call 1-800-MEDICARE or go to www.medicare.gov

ONLINE MEDICATION COUPONS

With prices of medications steadily increasing, prescription medications can become more of a burden on consumers. This is especially problematic for consumers with limited or no prescription coverage. This problem has produced multiple new avenues to help with the rising costs of medication. The websites and resources found below are fantastic tools to be used for those that struggle with keeping up with the expensive nature of medications.

GoodRx www.goodrx.com

This is a free service that can be utilized on their website or through their phone application available on the apple store or google play. The search functionality allows you to search via drug name, quantity, and strength of the medication. From here, GoodRx searches through all pharmacies in your area to find you the cheapest price. This may be the true cash price or a discount that is provided free through their website or application.

This discount is applied in place of any insurance and is not used in conjunction with existing coverage. GoodRx discounts can equate to up to 80% or more.

WebMDRx www.webmd.com/rx

This is a free service that can be utilized on their website or through their phone application available on the apple store or google play. This resource is very similar to GoodRx in that you may search for the lowest prices in your area based on the medication name. It will also include the store hours and provide you with specific discount cards for your particular medication.

In similar fashion to GoodRx, this discount is applied in place of any insurance and is not used in conjunction with existing coverage.

PATIENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

Many pharmaceutical companies have patient assistance programs to provide low cost or no cost medications. Your doctor's office can help you locate programs for the medications you are taking. The chart below lists anticonvulsant drugs, their makers, and their customer service numbers and information regarding patient assistance programs. The numbers and policies of the patient assistance programs change often. Contact the manufacturer for updated information. At the bottom of the list are the names, numbers and websites of medication assistance programs that provide discounts on prescription medications. Also included are websites that can help you locate assistance programs for specific medications.

DRUG	MANUFACTURER	PROGRAM
acetazolamide (Diamox)	Barr Pharmaceuticals	Teva Pharmaceuticals does not have a patient assistance program for Diamox. Together RX 888-524-7141 <u>https://www.togetherrxacces.com/pharmacy/:category_uri:/diamox/?key=Diamox</u>
Brivaracetam (Briviact)	In India - Dr. Reddy's Laboratories	The BRIVIACT Patient Assistance Program may be able to help if your patients do not have health insurance or if they are a Medicare Part D recipient and cannot afford BRIVIACT. program instructions and application form New patients may be eligible for a FREE Trial Voucher with a 14-day prescription. Contact your representative to receive a patient voucher for a 14-day supply of BRIVIACT.

		Or call ucbCARES at 1-844-599-CARE (2273) or email ucbCARES@ucb.com
Cannabidiol oral solution (Epidiolex)	Jazz Pharmaceuticals	https://www.epidiolex.com/savings https://www.epidiolex.com/resources
carbamazepine (Tegretol)	Novartis Pharmaceuticals 888-669-6682 <u>www.pharma.us.novar</u> <u>tis.com</u>	RX Outreach 800-769-3880 https://rxoutreach.org/find-your-medication/ Or RX Hope 877-267-0517 https://prescriptionhope.com/medication-list/#
carbamazepine (Carbatrol ER)	Takeda (formerly Shire Care) 877-582-5332 <u>https://www.takeda.com/</u> <u>en-us/</u>	Takeda, does offer Carbatrol patient assistance through the Takeda Help At Hand Patient Assistance & Support Program. Contact Takeda for information, eligibility, and an application. RX Hope 877-267-0517 https://prescriptionhope.com/medication-list/# OR RX Outreach 800-769-3880 https://rxoutreach.org/find-your-medication/
Cenobamate (X-Copri)	SK Biopharmaceuticals	There are no are no patience assistance programs for X-Copri <u>https://www.xcopri.com/</u>
Clobazam (Onfi and Sympazan)	Breckenridge Pharmaceuticals	RX Hope 877-267-0517 https://prescriptionhope.com/medication-list/#
clonazepam (Klonopin)	Roche Pharmaceuticals 877-436-3683 https://www.roche.com/	RX Outreach 800-769-3880 https://rxoutreach.org/find-your-medication/ Or RX Hope 877-267-0517 https://prescriptionhope.com/medication-list/#
clorazepate dipotassium (Tranxene)	Lundbeck Inc. 866-337-6996 <u>www.lundbeckinc.com</u>	RX Hope 877-267-0517 https://prescriptionhope.com/medication-list/#

diazepam (Valium)	Roche Pharmaceuticals 877-436-3683 https://www.roche.com/	RX Outreach 800-769-3880 https://rxoutreach.org/find-your-medication/ Or RX Hope 877-267-0517 https://prescriptionhope.com/medication-list/#
diazepam rectal gel (Diastat)	Bausch (Former Valeant Pharmaceuticals International) 800-321-4576 <u>https://www.bauschhealt</u> <u>h.com/</u>	Bausch Health Pharmaceuticals Patient Assistance Program 800-321-4576 https://www.bauschhealthpap.com/ Or RX Hope 877-267-0517 https://prescriptionhope.com/medication-list/#
divalproex sodium (Depakote)	AbbVie Inc. (formerly Abbott Laboratories) 800-377-7790	https://www.abbvie.com/patients/patient-assistance/program- qualification/depakote-program-selection.html RX Outreach 800-769-3880 https://rxoutreach.org/find-your-medication/ RX Hope 877-267-0517 https://prescriptionhope.com/medication-list/# Together RX 888-524-7141 https://www.togetherrxacces.com/pharmacy/:category_uri:/de pakote/?key=Depakote
eslicarbazepi ne (Aptiom)	Sunovion 888-394-7377	RX Hope 877-267-0517 https://prescriptionhope.com/medication-list/#
Ethosuximide (Zarontin)	Pfizer	RX Hope 877-267-0517 <u>https://prescriptionhope.com/medication-list/#</u>

ethotoin (Peganone)	AbbVie Inc. (formerly Abbott Laboratories) 800-377-7790	Abbott Patient Assistance Application Fax or mail the completed application and documentation to: Fax: 1-866-898-1473 Phone: 1-800-222-6885 Or RX Hope 877-267-0517 https://prescriptionhope.com/medication-list/#
felbamate (Felbatol)	Viatris Pharmaceuticals 1 724-514-1800 <u>https://www.viatris.com/en/a</u> <u>bout-us/contact-us</u>	RX Hope 877-267-0517 <u>https://prescriptionhope.com/medication-list/#</u>
Fenfluramine (Fintepla)	UCB	UCB does not have a patient assistance program for Fintepla <u>https://www.briviact.com/briviact-patient-assistance-program.pdf</u>
Gabapentinn (Neurontin)	Pfizer 800-879-3477 www.pfizer.com	Pfizer Patient Assistance Program Application Or RX Hope 877-267-0517 https://prescriptionhope.com/medication-list/# Or RX Outreach 800-769-3880 https://rxoutreach.org/find-your-medication/
lacosamide (Vimpat)	UCB Pharma 800-477-7877, opt 7 <u>https://www.ucb-</u> <u>usa.com/Patients/Financial-</u> <u>Assistance</u>	UCB Patient Assistance Program <u>UCB Patient Assistance Program Online</u> <u>Application</u> OR RX Hope 877-267-0517 <u>https://prescriptionhope.com/medication-list/#</u>

lamotrigine (Lamictal)	GlaxoSmithKline 885-889-3707 www.gsk.com	GSK patient assistance application RX Outreach 800-769-3880 https://rxoutreach.org/find-your-medication/ RX Hope 877-267-0517 https://prescriptionhope.com/medication-list/# Together RX 888-524-7141 https://www.togetherrxacces.com/pharmacy/:category_ur i:/lamictal/?key=Lamictal
levetiracetam (Keppra)	UCB Pharma 800-477-7877, opt 7 https://www.ucb- usa.com/Patients/Financial- <u>Assistance</u>	UCB Patient Assistance Program UCB Patient Assistance Program Online Application Or RX Outreach 800-769-3880 https://rxoutreach.org/find-your-medication/ RX Hope 877-267-0517 https://prescriptionhope.com/medication-list/#
Lorazepam (Ativan)	Viatris Pharmaceuticals 1 724-514-1800 <u>https://www.viatris.com/en/abouus/contact-us</u>	RX Outreach 800-769-3880 https://rxoutreach.org/find-your-medication/ RX Hope 877-267-0517 https://prescriptionhope.com/medication-list/#
mephobarbital (Mebaral)	Lundbeck Inc. 866-337-6996 <u>www.lundbeckinc.com</u>	Lundbeck Patient Assistance Program
methsuximide (Celontin)	Pfizer 800-879-3477 www.pfizer.com	Pfizer Patient Assistance Program Application Or RX Hope 877-267-0517 https://prescriptionhope.com/medication-list/#
mephenytoin (Mesantoin)	Novartis 888-669-6682 <u>www.pharma.us.novartis.com</u>	Novartis does not have patient assistance programs for Mesantoin
Midazolam Nasal	Pfizer 800-879-3477 <u>www.pfizer.com</u>	Pfizer Patient Assistance Program Application

oxcarbazepine (Trileptal)	Novartis Pharmaceuticals 888- 669-6682 <u>www.pharma.us.novartis.</u> com	Together RX 888-524-7141 <u>https://www.togetherrxacces.com/pharmacy/:categ</u> ory_uri:/trileptal/?key=Trileptal RX Outreach 800-769-3880 <u>https://rxoutreach.org/find-your-medication/</u> RX Hope 877-267-0517 <u>https://prescriptionhope.com/medication-list/#</u>
Perampanel (Fycompa)	Eisai Inc.	Eisai Assistance Program Enrollment Form OR RX Hope 877-267-0517 https://prescriptionhope.com/medication-list/#
Phenobarbital	PAR (former Qualitest) 800-444-4011 <u>www.qualitestrx.com</u>	RX Hope 877-267-0517 www.rxhope.com
phenytoin (Dilantin)	Pfizer 800-879-3477 www.pfizer.com	Pfizer Patient Assistance Program Application RX Outreach 800-769-3880 https://rxoutreach.org/find-your-medication/ RX Hope 877-267-0517 https://prescriptionhope.com/medication-list/# Together RX 888-524-7141 https://www.togetherrxacces.com/pharmacy/:categ ory_uri:/dilantin/?key=Dilantin
Pregabalin (Lyrica)	Pfizer 800-879-3477 <u>www.pfizer.com</u>	Pfizer Patient Assistance Program Application RX Outreach 800-769-3880 https://rxoutreach.org/find-your-medication/ RX Hope 877-267-0517 https://prescriptionhope.com/medication-list/#

Primidone (Mysoline)	Bausch (Former Valeant Pharmaceuticals International) 800-556-1937 https://www.bauschhealth.com/	Bausch Health Pharmaceuticals Patient Assistance Program 800-321-4576 https://www.bauschhealthpap.com/ RX Outreach 800-769-3880 https://rxoutreach.org/find-your-medication/ RX Hope 877-267-0517 https://prescriptionhope.com/medication-list/#
rufinamide (Banzel)	Eisai Inc.	Eisai Assistance Program Enrollment Form RX Outreach 800-769-3880 https://rxoutreach.org/find-your-medication/ RX Hope 877-267-0517 https://prescriptionhope.com/medication-list/#
Stiripentol (Diacomit)	Laboratories Biocodex	https://www.biocodex.us/en/biocodex-in- usa/biocodex-by-your-side/
Tiagabine Hydrochloride (Gabitril)	Cephalon Inc.	Teva Pharmaceuticals does not have a patient assistance program for Gabitril RX Hope 877-267-0517 https://prescriptionhope.com/medication-list/#
topiramate (Topamax)	Janssen Pharmaceuticals	https://www.janssen.com/us/patient- resources/patient-assistance RX Outreach 800-769-3880 https://rxoutreach.org/find-your-medication/ RX Hope 877-267-0517 https://prescriptionhope.com/medication-list/# Together RX 888-524-7141 https://www.togetherrxacces.com/pharmacy/:categor y_uri:/topamax/?key=Topamax

trinethaione (Tridione)	AbbVie Inc. (formerly Abbott Laboratories) 800-377-7790	Abbott Patient Assistance Application Fax or mail the completed application and documentation to: Fax: 1-866-898-1473 Phone: 1-800-222-6885
Vagus Nerve Stimulator	LivaNova (former Cyberonics) 800-332-1375 https://www.livanova.com /epilepsy-vnstherapy/en-us	 VNS Therapy Access Program 1-888-867-7846 www.vnstherapy.com Eligibility: must have no insurance and meet income guidelines. Applying: Doctor must submit candidate application and secure agreement from all participating parties such as the hospital and surgeon to provide services free of charge. Doctor and patient must complete the application. Doctor will be notified of eligibility within 4-6 weeks. Doctor then instructs the hospital to order the VNS. The B.J. Wilder Therapy Program gives assistance if the patient has no insurance and cannot afford the VNS stimulator. The patient may download an application from the website, or their physician may call to have an application sent.
valproate sodium injection (Depacon)	AbbVie Inc. (formerly Abbott Laboratories) 800-377-7790	Abbott Patient Assistance ApplicationFax or mail the completed application and documentation to: Fax: 1-866-898-1473Phone: 1-800-222-6885
valproic acid (Depakene)	AbbVie Inc. (formerly Abbott Laboratories) 800-377-7790	Abbott Patient Assistance Application Fax or mail the completed application and documentation to: Fax: 1-866-898-1473 Phone: 1-800-222-6885 RX Outreach 800-769-3880 https://rxoutreach.org/find-your-medication/ RX Hope 877-267-0517 https://prescriptionhope.com/medication-list/# Together RX 888-524-7141 https://www.togetherrxacces.com/pharmacy/:category_uri :/valparin/

vigabatrin (Sabril) zonisamide (Zonegran)	Lundbeck 866-209-7604 Fax: 866-209-7599 www.lundbeckshare.com Eisai Inc. 888-274-2378 www.eisai.com	Lundbeck does not have a patient assistance program for Sabril. RX Hope 877-267-0517 https://prescriptionhope.com/medication-list/# Eisai does not have a patient assistance program for Zonegran. RX Outreach 800-769-3880 https://rxoutreach.org/find-your-medication/
		RX Hope 877-267-0517 <u>https://prescriptionhope.com/medication-list/#</u>
Medication Ass	istance Programs	Provide generic medications at a discount.
Express Scripts Specialty Distribution Services	RX Outreach Medications 800-769-3880 <u>www.rxoutreach.com</u>	 Provides generic medications at a discount. Medications covered: carbamazepine, clonazepam, diazepam, divalproex, gabapentin, lorazepam, lamictal, levetiracetam, oxcarbazepine, phenytoin, rufinamide, topiramate, valproic acid, and zonisamide. Eligibility: meet income requirements Applying: Patient must fill out application, sign, attach proof of income and prescription. Most medications are \$20 for 180 day supply.
Xubex Pharmaceutic als	Xubex Pharmaceuticals (407) 624 5088 www.xubex.com	 Provides generic medications at a discount. Medications covered: carbamazepine, clonazepam, clorazepate potassium, diazepam, divalproex, gabapentin, lamotrigine, lorazepam, phenobarbital, topiramate and zonisamide. Eligibility: for generic medications only, patients may have insurance coverage. Applying: Patient must fill out application, sign, and attach prescription. Medications are shipped to the patient or provider. Delivery is within 1 week. Refills are automatically sent. Fees: \$20 for 90 day supply, \$40 for 180 day supply, \$80 for 360 day supply. Tier 2: \$30 for 90 day supply, \$60 for 180 day supply, \$120 for 360 day supply. Shipping and handling fee of \$3.85 for each order.

Together RX Access	Together Rx Acces www.togetherrxacc		Provides generic medications at a discount. Medications covered: celontin,depakote, dilantin lamictal, neurontin, tegretol, topamax, trileptal, pregabalin, zarontin. Eligibility: must not have insurance coverage, not eligible for Medicare, must meet income guidelines and be a US resident. Applying: patient must fill out the application, sign and attach a prescription.
RX Hope	Program 877- 267-0517 Medicatio dilantin, f www.rxhope.com rileptal, v Eligibility Applying:		eric medications at a discount. s covered: acthar gel, celontin, depakote, diastat, lbatol, gabitril, keppra, klonopin, lamictal, lyrica, eurontin, peganone, Phenobarbital, tegretol, topamax, ium, zarontin, zonegran. must meet income requirements and be a US resident Doctor must fill out a section, sign and attach . Patient must fill out a section and sign.
Websites that	list medication assista	ance programs	8
Needy Meds	<u>www.needymeds.</u> org 800-503-6897	Helps uninsured patients find assistance programs to help them get the medications they need. Drugs included are: tegretol, carbatrol, klonopin, keppra, valium, diastat, depakote, depakene, dilantin, zarontin, peganone, felbatol, neurontin, lamictal, celontin, trileptal, Phenobarbital, mysoline, gabitril, topamax, and vimpat.	
PHRMA	<u>www.phrma.org</u> 202-835-3400	Helps uninsured patients find assistance programs to help them get the medications they need. Drugs included are: tegretol, diastat, depakote, zarontin, neurontin, trileptal, Phenobarbital, dilantin, mysoline, gabitril, topamax, lamictal, keppra, celontin, sabril, tridione, mebarol, vimpat and zonegran.	
Patient Assistance Program Center	www.rxassist.org	Helps uninsured patients find assistance programs to help them get the medications they need. Drugs included are tegretol, klonopin, tranxene, valium, diastat, depakote, zarontin, peganone, felbatol, Neurontin, lamictal, keppra, celontin, trileptal, phenobarbital, dilantin, mysoline, gabitril, topamax, zonegran, and vimpat.	
Patient Assistance. Com	www.patientass istance.com	Helps uninsured patients find assistance programs to help them get the medications they need. Sign up for a free account, look up the drug and prescription assistance programs and discount coupons will be listed. Drugs included are tegretol, carbatrol, klonopin, tranxene, valium, zarontin, dilantin, mysoline, depakene, peganone, mebaral, celontin, felbatol, neurontin, lamictal, keppra, trileptal, lyrica, gabitril, topamax, and zonegran.	