

# PRESCRIPTION HELP

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*Programs for individuals without or with limited coverage in the Columbus area*

**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.

All 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 January 2025.

<b>CVS</b>	Can create an online account to look for coupons and other savings. Have ExtraCare and ExtraCarePlus rewards programs that can save on prescriptions.
<b>Giant Eagle</b>	Provides savings on pet prescriptions.
<b>Kroger</b>	Accepts a number of prescription discount cards. Has Kroger Health Savings Club (\$36/year individual, \$72/year family up to six members, including pets) that reduces costs for prescriptions.
<b>Meijer</b>	Blood glucose testing for \$4 and free testing for blood pressure, BMI, and diabetes risk assessment. Prescriptions and vaccines go towards mPerks for future pharmacy discounts. Participates in a free breast pump program through its website that offers free breast pumps based on insurance plan.
<b>Sam's Club</b>	Offers free hearing tests in store. Provides prescription savings for all members, including \$4 for a 30 day supply of certain generic medications. For Plus members, 10 free select generic medications offered.
<b>Target (CVS)</b>	Utilizes discount prescription coupons.
<b>Walgreens</b>	Utilizes discount prescription coupons. Can find coupons on Walgreens' website.
<b>Wal-Mart</b>	Starting at \$4 for a 30 day supply and \$10 for a 90 day supply of limited medications.

### Costco Pharmacy - Costco Member Prescription 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.

**More information:** Go to <https://www.costco.com/cmpp> or email [cmpp@costco.com](mailto:cmpp@costco.com) for links that direct you to a list of savings examples and a list of covered medications.

## DISCOUNT CARDS

### Franklin County Prescription Discount Card

Franklin County makes the free prescription drug discount cards available under a program sponsored by the National Association of Counties. 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. Cards can be used by all Franklin County residents, regardless of age, income or existing health coverage, and are accepted at most pharmacies. A national network of participating retail pharmacies also honors the card. The card is most helpful to those with no prescription coverage.

**More information:** To print the card or get a complete list of Franklin County pharmacies that accept the card, go to <https://www.nacorx.org/print-a-card/participating-counties> or call 1-877-321-2652.

### Good Rx

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 not.

**How to use:** Sign-up at <https://www.goodrx.com/> or call 855-268-2822. Potential savings on specific medications and accepting pharmacies can also be found on the website.

## DRUG ASSISTANCE PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY HELP

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

### Needy Meds

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.

**To qualify:** Anyone can use this program.

**How to use:** Call 800-503-6897 or go to <https://www.needymeds.org/>.

### Medicare Drug Assistance

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

**To qualify:** Medicare members enrolled with a Medicare prescription drug provider

**How to use:** Call 1-800-772-1213 or apply online at <https://www.medicare.gov/basics/costs/help/drug-costs>.

## MAIL ORDER GENERIC MEDICATION PROGRAM

### Rx Outreach

A nationwide program that provides help with purchasing a list of 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.

**To qualify:** You are a U.S. citizen or legal resident and you have an income less than 400% of the 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

**For questions or assistance:** Call Medicare at 1-800-633-4227 or go to <https://www.medicare.gov/>, 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 <https://www.ssa.gov/medicare/part-d-extra-help>.

## EXPANDED MEDICAID

To qualify for Medicaid Buy-in for Workers With Disabilities (MBIWD), a person must:

- Be 16 to 64 years old.
- Be disabled 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 (\$3,037 for one person, \$4,108 for two person household, \$5,179 for three person household, and so on)\*

\*Some deductions may apply.

**Apply on-line:** <http://benefits.ohio.gov>

**Apply by phone:** Call the Medicaid Consumer Hotline at 800-324-8680.

## OTHER DISCOUNT PROGRAMS

### The Breathing Association

The Lung Health Clinic provides free medical services to all individuals regardless of health insurance status and income, including lab testing and immunizations. The Clinic also provides assistance programs on select medications. For more information, visit <https://breathingassociation.org/lung-health-clinic/>. Call 614-273-2843 to make an appointment.

### Equitas

While Equitas focuses on service for the LGBTQI+ 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.) Also assists clients with signing up for prescriptions savings programs. Offers HIV treatment expertise and prevention services at two locations:

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

### Charitable Pharmacy of Central Ohio, Inc.

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.

**To qualify:** All new patients are being qualified over the phone. Phone appointments are scheduled on the website: <https://www.charitablepharmacy.org/new-patients>. 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 can take a few days.

**Locations:** Livingston United Methodist Church, 200 E. Livingston Ave.: 614-227-0301; Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m. (Closed on Wednesday)  
Linden Community Pharmacy, 1464 Cleveland Ave.: 614-298-4190; Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. (Closed on Wednesday)

**More information:** <https://www.charitablepharmacy.org/>

### J.O.I.N.

**(614) 241-2531**

Assists individuals ages 0-60+. Ages 0-60 receive \$100 and over age 60 receive \$200.

**To qualify:** You are a low-income person with a current prescription and a serious emergency need.

**To apply:** Call for an appointment at 614-241-2531.

**Hours:** Monday-Friday from 9:30 a.m.– noon and 12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

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

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

### Trio Pharmacy

**(614) 298-8180**

Immunizations, free prescription delivery, easy adherence bubble packaging, drug interaction checks, and free prescription counseling. Educational and clinical services include diabetes self-management education, weight loss medications, medication therapy management including comprehensive medication review, and other wellness education services. Accepts most insurances including private insurances and Medicaid plans.

**Hours:** Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.– 5 p.m. Walk-ins and appointments accepted.

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

**More information** <https://www.triopharmacy.com/>

**Crosby's Drugs**

**(614) 263-9424**

Fills prescribed medications (retail pharmacy), creates compounding medications for humans and dogs, administers immunizations, provides durable medical equipment, prosthetics, and diabetes supplies (including diabetic shoes and custom orthotics). Accepts most insurances including private insurances, Medicare, and Medicaid plans.

**Hours:** Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.– 7 p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Walk-ins and appointments accepted.

**Location:** 2609 N. High St., Columbus

**More information** <https://www.crosbysdrugs.com/>