

Prescription Access Options

Can't afford your prescriptions? There may be some resources available for you.

STEP ONE - FOR IMMEDIATE NEEDS:

Try \$4 Drug List

See if your medications are on the \$4 list at Fred Meyers, Walmart, Costco or Target. Medications on this list are \$4 for a 30-day supply or \$10 for a 90-day supply. You can look at a list of qualifying medications at this link or call one of the pharmacies listed above.

Visit:

www.fredmeyer.com/generic/Pages/default.aspx

STEP THREE – FOR FUTURE NEEDS

Discount Drug Cards

For future discounts at participating pharmacies you can apply for free programs:

- Washington Prescription Drug Program discount card at www.rx.wa.gov/ or 1-800-913-4146
- Needy Meds Drug Discount Card at www.needymeds.org
- Rx Relief Pharmacy Discount Card at www.rxreliefcard.com or 1-855-872-2416
 - Call 855-251-3690 for questions
- Community Assistance Program Prescription Drug Discount Card at 1-732-443-4192 or www.caprxprogram.org/REA

STEP TWO - FOR LONGER TERM NEEDS:

Try Prescription Assistance Programs (PAPs)

Check to see if the pharmaceutical company has a donated or discount program for your drug. This is called a Prescription Assistance Program (PAP). You can do this at www.needymeds.org.

How to use Needymeds.org

1. Under the "Patient Savings" tab, click on **Brand Name Drugs** or **Generic Name Drugs**. An alphabetical listing appears that contains all the drugs available through PAPs.
2. Click on the first letter of the name of your medicine in the alphabet bar.
3. Next, click on the name of your medicine to access the eligibility and contact information for the program(s).
4. Print the applications and fill them out. In most cases, your doctor will have to fill out a portion of the application.
5. Submit your application to the drug company sponsoring the program
6. Pay attention to how long your PAP is good for. You may have to continue re-applying over time.

If you are unable to access these programs on your own:

WAHA staff can:

1. Mail you a copy of the \$4 list
2. Mail you a discount drug card application
3. Look for Prescription Assistance Programs for up to 5 medications per person, per week. WAHA will mail the applications to you. Once received, you (or a support person) will need to be responsible for sending in the applications and re-applying when the PAP runs out.



**For questions contact us at 360-788-6594
or email us at waha@hinet.org**

What if it's an emergency?

None of these programs can provide emergency access to medications. Whatcom Alliance for Health Advancement (WAHA) does not provide funding to pay for medications. If you have an urgent need for a medication and cannot wait, please contact your doctor.

Please Note

WAHA Access Counselors are happy to educate clients about and connect them to health care access options. They are not medical providers or case managers. This means that staff cannot help clients to manage their medications or track the status of PAP applications and renewals.