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The fact that medical costs are rising more quickly than many other living expenses is certainly not news to anyone, and the cost of prescription medicine is a significant component of overall rising medical costs. For many people, especially those on fixed incomes, prescription medications take up far too large a percentage of their incomes.

To help with this problem, a number of programs have been started to make prescription medications more affordable. Listed below are some names and contact information of drug companies and organizations that offer price reductions for people who cannot afford the regular cost for prescriptions.

Please be aware that these phone numbers and Web sites may have changed since the list was last updated. Also, this list does not contain every program of this kind. You can use an Internet search engine such as the one at www.google.com to find other similar programs.

- The Medicine Program: 1-537-996-7300 www.themedicineprogram.com.
- Lilly Answers Program: 877-RX-LILLY-<http://www.lillyanswers.com>.
- The National Council on Aging: www.benefitscheckup.org.
- Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America (PhRMA): 202-835-3400-www.phrma.org.
- For a 30-day supply of any Pfizer drug for \$15: 1-800-711-2712-[Pfizer Share Card](#).
- For a discount on GlaxoSmithKline drugs: 1-866-333-9721-[Orange Card](#).
- For a discount on drugs from many pharmaceutical companies: 1-800-865-7211-[Together Rx](#).
- You can obtain information about reduced prescription costs for veterans from the Veteran's Administration, 1-877-222-VETS (8377). The Web site is www.va.gov/revenue/vetinfo/rxcopay.cfm.
- For a comparison of discount card programs: <http://www.rxassist.org/pdfs/Comparative Chart of Drug Discount Cards.pdf>.
- For available drug assistance programs, listed by state: http://www.rxassist.org/pdfs/state_programs.pdf.

Physicians sometimes receive free samples of certain medications from pharmaceutical companies. Ask your doctor if he or she might be able to supply you with free samples of medicines you need.

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