

## PATIENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

Patient assistance programs are run by pharmaceutical companies to provide free medications to people who cannot afford to buy their medicine. Pharmaceutical companies have a long-standing tradition of providing prescription medicines free of charge to physicians whose patients might not otherwise have access to necessary medicines. Pharmaceutical companies operate these programs, commonly referred to as patient assistance programs, voluntarily. Many drug manufacturers offer patient assistance programs, which can greatly decrease or entirely eliminate the costs of many medications.

**RxAssist Directory of Patient Assistance Programs:** RxAssist offers a comprehensive database of patient assistance programs, as well as practical tools, news, and articles so that health care professionals and patients can find the information they need. All in one place: [www.rxassist.org](http://www.rxassist.org)

### Partnership for Prescription Assistance

The Partnership for Prescription Assistance brings together America's pharmaceutical companies, doctors, other health care providers, patient advocacy organizations, and community groups to help qualifying patients who lack prescription coverage get the medicines they need through the public or private program that's right for them. Many will get them free or nearly free. Among the organizations collaborating on this program are: the American Academy of Family Physicians, the American Autoimmune Related Diseases Association, the Lupus Foundation of America, the NAACP, the National Alliance for Hispanic Health and the National Medical Association.

To access the Partnership for Prescription Assistance by phone, you can call toll-free, 1-888-4PPA-NOW (1-888-477-2669).

[www.pparx.org](http://www.pparx.org)

Please note that the requirements for program eligibility vary. Some programs may be applied for directly by the patient, whereas other program applications must be initiated by the healthcare provider (physician, pharmacist, or agency). Below are a few telephone numbers you can call to ask questions.

PRODUCT NAME	PHARMACEUTICAL COMPANY AND CONTACT INFO	TYPE
<u>Epivir HBV</u> (lamuvidine)	GlaxoSmithKline Pharmaceuticals <a href="http://www.hepatitisbhelp.com">www.hepatitisbhelp.com</a> <a href="http://www.gskforyou.com">www.gskforyou.com</a> 1-866-PATIENT (866-728-4368)	hepatitis B
<u>Hepsera</u> (adefovir dipivoxil)	Gilead Pharmaceuticals <a href="http://www.hepsera.com/reimbursement.aspx">www.hepsera.com/reimbursement.aspx</a> 800-226-2056	hepatitis B
Baraclude (entecavir)	Bristol-Myers Squibb <a href="http://www.bmspaf.org">www.bmspaf.org</a> 800-736-0003	hepatitis B
Tyzeka (telbivudine)	<u>Idenix Pharmaceuticals, Inc. and Novartis Pharmaceuticals Corporation</u> <a href="http://www.idenix.com">www.idenix.com</a>	hepatitis B

	1-877-8-TYZEKA (1-877-889-9352)	
Pegasys (Peg Interferon alfa-2a) injection Pegasys/Copegus Combination (Peginterferon alfa-2a+Ribavirin)	Roche Pharmaceuticals <a href="http://www.rocheusa.com/programs/patientassist.aspx">www.rocheusa.com/programs/patientassist.aspx</a> 1-877-75ROCHE (877-757-6243)	hepatitis B & C
Intron-A (Interferon alfa-2b recombinant) injection Rebetron (Ribavirin, capsules) Peg-Intron (Peg Interferon alfa-2b) powder for injection	Schering Pharmaceuticals <a href="http://www.hep-help.com/peg/application">www.hep-help.com/peg/application</a> <a href="http://www.beincharge.com">www.beincharge.com</a> Commitment to Care 800-521-7157	hepatitis C
RibaPak™ (ribavirin) Tablets	Three Rivers Pharmaceuticals <a href="http://www.3riverspharma.com/pat_riba.htm">www.3riverspharma.com/pat_riba.htm</a> RibaCare® 1-866-650-RIBA	hepatitis C
Infergen (Interferon alfacon-1)	Valeant Pharmaceuticals Infergent Aspire Nursing and Reimbursement Support program <a href="http://www.infergen.com/5-Aspire/6-Reimbursement.html">www.infergen.com/5-Aspire/6-Reimbursement.html</a> Toll free: 888-MOVE-FWD (888-668-3393)	hepatitis C

### **Social Security and Medicare – Prescription Drug Assistance Programs**

[www.ssa.gov/prescriptionhelp](http://www.ssa.gov/prescriptionhelp)

<https://s044a90.ssa.gov/apps6z/i1020/main.html>

To receive a copy of Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America's **Directory of Prescription Drug Patient Assistance Programs**, contact **1-800-835-3410**

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