



**Q: What are patient assistance programs (PAPs)?**

A: PAPs are programs offered by drug companies, states or other organizations to provide free or low-cost medications to patients who cannot afford their prescriptions. They may also be called medication assistance programs.

**Q: What drugs are these programs for?**

A: Medications that are frequently prescribed will most likely be found in these programs.

**Q: Who is eligible for these programs?**

A: Each program has its own rules for who is eligible. Typically, you will have to make less than a certain amount of money to qualify.

**Q: Where should I start?**

A: Most drug companies have a PAP. To find out if there is a program for specific your medication(s), call the company who makes it, visit their Web site or ask your healthcare provider (HCP) or pharmacist.

Here are some other PAP resources you may want to check out:

- **BI Cares Foundation**  
[http://us.boehringer-ingelheim.com/our\\_responsibility/patients\\_families.html](http://us.boehringer-ingelheim.com/our_responsibility/patients_families.html)  
1-800-556-8317
- **The Partnership for Prescription Assistance (PPARX)**  
[www.PPARX.org](http://www.PPARX.org)  
1-888-4PPA-NOW (1-888-477-2669)

You can also ask your HCP or pharmacist to recommend other PAPs you may be qualified for. You may be able to sign up for more than one.

**Q: How do I sign up?**

A: Each PAP works a little differently—be sure to follow the instructions for the program you choose. You can also call the phone number for the PAP and they can answer any questions you have.

You will probably need to fill out some forms, and you may need to get your HCP's signature. Most programs require proof that you qualify, too—be prepared to share information on your income and savings.