



Can't pay for your medicine?

Talk to your doctor. Find out if you can get **free samples** of the medicine. Do you only need the medicine for a short time? Then samples may be all you need.

Will you need your medicine for a long time? Use the samples while you look for a **free or low cost drug program**. You may be able to get free or low cost medicine from the drug maker.

Are you on MediCARE? You can get free help finding a free or low cost drug program. Call your Area Agency on Aging for free at **1-877-801-0044**.

Before you call, get out all your medicine bottles. You will need to tell them what drugs you are taking.



Not on Medicare? Ask your doctor's office to help you find free or low cost drug programs. You can give your doctor this page.

Doctor can't help you? Then look for a program yourself. You can do this on the internet. You may need someone to help you.

To get free or low cost medicine from the drug maker, you must:

- Have no insurance or other program that helps pay for your medicine. But having a Medicare or other drug discount card is OK.
- Live in the United States. You do **not** have to be a citizen.
- You may have to have low income. But some drug makers give medicine no matter how much income you have.

How to look on the internet for help getting medicine

Here is how to use the website. You may need someone to help you. Don't have a computer? The public library has computers you can use for free. They will show you how to get on the internet.

1. Get out your medicine bottles.

You need to know the name of each medicine and how much you take. This is on the medicine label that has your name on it.

2. Go to www.needymeds.com on the internet. It lists all the drugs you can get from the drug makers for **FREE** or low cost.

- Look on the left side of the screen. If you take a brand name medicine, click on **Brand Name List**. If you take a generic medicine, click on **Generic Name List**. Don't know if a drug is brand name or generic? Check for the drug on both lists. Or, ask the drug store.

- You will see a long list of medicines. Look for your medicine. You can click on the letters above the list.

Example: Click on "R". It will take you to the list of medicines that start with the letter R.



Can't find your generic medicine on the list? Look up the brand name. If you can get it free, you may want to

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switch to the brand name. Not sure what the other name for your medicine is? Ask your doctor or the drug store.

- When you find your medicine, click on its name. You will see a chart. It tells you:
 - ✓ who can get the drug for free or a lower price.
 - ✓ if the drug maker sends the drug to you or to your doctor.
 - ✓ how much medicine you can get at a time.
 - ✓ how to get refills.
 - ✓ what your doctor has to do to help you.
 - ✓ how to apply. It will say if you can call and ask for an application. Sometimes the doctor has to apply for you. Sometimes you have to click on some words to get the application. **Example:** [Click here to download PDF.](#)
- When you get the application, read it. Some drug companies let you fill it out if your doctor signs it. Some drug companies only take applications if your doctor applies for you. Is your doctor applying for you? You can make it easier if you have already found the drug programs you qualify for.
- Your doctor will need to write a prescription for your medicine. Send the prescription in with your application.

Do you take more than one medicine? On the www.needymeds.com website, you will have to look up each drug. Are they made by different companies? Then you will have to apply with each company.



Don't want to go on the internet?

You can call Partnership for Prescription Assistance for free at **1-888-477-2669**. They will help you look for free or low cost **brand name** medicine programs. Most of the time, they can't find help for generic drugs.