

# Patient Assistance Guide for High-Cost Prescription Drugs



Some patients experience difficulty paying for necessary outpatient medications after inpatient discharge. This can result in a delay of therapy initiation, nonadherence to medications or a lack of medication acquisition altogether which can increase the risk of adverse drug events and hospital readmission. Many drug manufacturers offer payment assistance plans for patients who cannot afford their medications. Below is a selected list of the most costly outpatient prescription medications in the United States as of March 2015 and web links to respective patient assistance programs<sup>1, 2, 3</sup>. More patient assistance resources can be found at: <https://www.pparx.org/>.

Drug	Manufacturer Patient Assistance Plan
Abilify	<a href="https://www.abilify.com/using-the-savings-card.aspx">https://www.abilify.com/using-the-savings-card.aspx</a>
Aricept	<a href="http://www.aricept.com/support-and-resources/health-insurance">http://www.aricept.com/support-and-resources/health-insurance</a>
Avodart	GSK offers assistance for 52 other drugs-see list at link: <a href="http://www.gskforyou.com/patient-assistance-programs/druglist.html">http://www.gskforyou.com/patient-assistance-programs/druglist.html</a>
Celebrex	<a href="https://www.celebrex.com/copay-card-download">https://www.celebrex.com/copay-card-download</a>
Cialis	<a href="http://www.cialis.com/cialis-free-trial.aspx">http://www.cialis.com/cialis-free-trial.aspx</a>
Cimzia	<a href="https://cimzia.com/signup">https://cimzia.com/signup</a>
Crestor	<a href="http://www.crestor.com/saving-and-patient/savings-card.html">http://www.crestor.com/saving-and-patient/savings-card.html</a>
Eliquis	<a href="http://www.eliquis.bmscustomerconnect.com/">http://www.eliquis.bmscustomerconnect.com/</a> or <a href="http://pfizerxpathways.com/?step=1">http://pfizerxpathways.com/?step=1</a>
Enbrel	<a href="https://www.enbrel.com/support/financial-assistance/">https://www.enbrel.com/support/financial-assistance/</a>
Flomax	<a href="https://www.4flomax.com/interstitial-welldyne">https://www.4flomax.com/interstitial-welldyne</a>
Gardasil	<a href="http://www.merckhelps.com/GARDASIL">http://www.merckhelps.com/GARDASIL</a>
Gilenya	<a href="http://www.patientassistancenow.com/info/programstoaccessmedicines/program_medicine_step_two.jsp">http://www.patientassistancenow.com/info/programstoaccessmedicines/program_medicine_step_two.jsp</a>
Humira	<a href="https://www.humira.com/humira-complete/log-in">https://www.humira.com/humira-complete/log-in</a>
Invokana	<a href="https://www.invokana.com/patient-support/about-invokana-carepath">https://www.invokana.com/patient-support/about-invokana-carepath</a>
Jublia	<a href="https://www.activatethecard.com/7143/home.html">https://www.activatethecard.com/7143/home.html</a>
Lantus Solostar	<a href="https://www.lantus.com/sign-up/savings-registration">https://www.lantus.com/sign-up/savings-registration</a>
Latuda	<a href="http://www.latuda.com/bpd/latuda-savings.html">http://www.latuda.com/bpd/latuda-savings.html</a>
Levemir	<a href="http://www.levemir.com/savings-resources/">http://www.levemir.com/savings-resources/</a>
Lipitor	<a href="http://www.pfizerxpathways.com/?step=1">http://www.pfizerxpathways.com/?step=1</a>
Livalo	<a href="https://www.livalorx.com/">https://www.livalorx.com/</a>
Mirena	<a href="http://www.mirena-us.com/how-to-get-mirena/insurance-coverage.php">http://www.mirena-us.com/how-to-get-mirena/insurance-coverage.php</a>
Myrbetriq	<a href="http://www.myrbetriq.com/cost-support/">http://www.myrbetriq.com/cost-support/</a>
Nexium	<a href="https://www.nexium24hr.com/us/coupons">https://www.nexium24hr.com/us/coupons</a>
Nexplanon	<a href="http://www.nexplanon.com/en/consumer/get-it/health-plan-coverage/">http://www.nexplanon.com/en/consumer/get-it/health-plan-coverage/</a>

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Niaspan	<a href="http://www.niaspan.com/savings/default.aspx">http://www.niaspan.com/savings/default.aspx</a>
Orencia	<a href="https://www.activatethecard.com/orencia/#">https://www.activatethecard.com/orencia/#</a>
Premarin	<a href="https://www.premarin.com/premarin-savings">https://www.premarin.com/premarin-savings</a>
Prevnar	<a href="http://www.pfizerrxpathways.com/?step=1">http://www.pfizerrxpathways.com/?step=1</a>
Prolia	<a href="http://www.prolia.com/postmenopausal-osteoporosis/help-paying-for-prolia.html">http://www.prolia.com/postmenopausal-osteoporosis/help-paying-for-prolia.html</a>
Seroquel XR	<a href="http://www.seroquelxr.com/content/WebsiteServices/us/114-seroquelxr-com/en/us/support-resources/monthly-savings.html">http://www.seroquelxr.com/content/WebsiteServices/us/114-seroquelxr-com/en/us/support-resources/monthly-savings.html</a>
Simponi	<a href="http://www.janssenprescriptionassistance.com/simponi-cost-assistance">http://www.janssenprescriptionassistance.com/simponi-cost-assistance</a>
Singulair	<a href="http://www.merckhelps.com/SINGULAIR">http://www.merckhelps.com/SINGULAIR</a>
Sovaldi	<a href="https://www.sovaldi.com/coupons">https://www.sovaldi.com/coupons</a>
Spiriva	<a href="https://www.spiriva.com/copay/step1">https://www.spiriva.com/copay/step1</a>
Stelara	<a href="http://www.stelarainfo.com/cost-savings-insurance-coverage">http://www.stelarainfo.com/cost-savings-insurance-coverage</a>
Vesicare	<a href="http://www.vesicare.com/savings-and-resources/index">http://www.vesicare.com/savings-and-resources/index</a>
Viagra	<a href="http://www.pfizerrxpathways.com/?step=1">http://www.pfizerrxpathways.com/?step=1</a>
Vimovo	<a href="http://www.vimovo.com/patient/arthritis-patient-resources/patient-assistance-program">http://www.vimovo.com/patient/arthritis-patient-resources/patient-assistance-program</a>
Xeljanz	<a href="http://www.pfizerrxpathways.com/?step=1">http://www.pfizerrxpathways.com/?step=1</a>
Xarelto	<a href="http://www.janssenprescriptionassistance.com/xarelto-cost-assistance">http://www.janssenprescriptionassistance.com/xarelto-cost-assistance</a>
Zostavax	<a href="http://www.merckhelps.com/ZOSTAVAX">http://www.merckhelps.com/ZOSTAVAX</a>
Zyvox	Pfizer offers assistance for 115 other drugs-see list at link: <a href="http://pfizerrxpathways.com/?step=1">http://pfizerrxpathways.com/?step=1</a>

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