#### **Prescription Drug Assistance Program:**

Our program helps those who find it difficult to afford their expensive medicines gain access to them through Patient Assistance Programs.

Prescription Assistance Programs (PAP's) are programs offered by major pharmaceutical companies that disburse prescription drugs in the United States. In essence, these programs offer free brand name drugs to people who do not have adequate healthcare coverage. Each PAP has its own set of policies and guidelines for the free prescription drugs. Because each pharmaceutical company has different procedures for acceptance, it is extremely difficult for the average American citizen to complete the required paperwork with a high degree of accuracy. Because of the extensive paperwork, many Americans fail to qualify for the medication. This is where the **Patient Advocates** at Regional Healthcare Foundation (RHF) can provide assistance.

RHF has a very knowledgeable staff of **Patient Advocates** who understand each pharmaceutical company's guidelines and know how to work with the patient, the doctor, and the pharmaceutical company. Our **Patient Advocates** use a sophisticated software program that helps ensure all clients are properly enrolled in the prescription assistance programs in order to receive their medications. RHF is a service driven, non-profit foundation whose vision is "healthy people living in healthy communities."

Let our Patient Advocates help YOU!

## **Prescription Drug Assistance Program**

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# Are you without Prescription Drug coverage?

Need help paying for medications?



## Regional Healthcare Foundation offers

#### **Prescription Drug Assistance**

There are **NO FEES** charged to patients or providers for this program.

### Prescription Drug Assistance

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#### Do I Qualify?

You may qualify to receive free name brand medications through our Prescription Drug Assistance program if you (1) cannot afford to pay for your medications, (2) do not have prescription drug coverage or are underinsured and (3) meet the income guidelines determined by the pharmaceutical companies.

Federal Income guidelines change from year to year. Please call our office to see if you qualify.

#### How do I apply?

Applications may be printed from our website at <a href="https://www.regionalhf.org">www.regionalhf.org</a>. Mail completed application and all required documents to:

Regional Healthcare Foundation 1420 Hope Dr. Dexter, MO 63841

You may also call and request an application packet be mailed to you or stop by the office to pick one up.

All services are confidential and HIPAA compliant.

#### How the Program Works

Once your completed application is received, you will be assigned a *Patient Advocate* who will discuss with you one-on-one how the program works.

Regional Healthcare *Patient Advocates* have years of experience and expertise. They are familiar with the required process and will

- check the appropriate drug manufacturers for availability and requirements;
- complete the necessary paperwork and submit your application;
- forward the necessary paperwork to the doctor for verification of prescriptions, information and signature;
- track the status of your application and resolve any problem that may arise;
- order your refills, as needed.

#### **Patient Responsibilities**

You must have a primary care provider.
Fill out application completely.
Provide necessary documents.
Notify RHF when medication(s) received.
Notify RHF of any changes.

#### Upon Approval

Once the manufacturer has approved the submitted application, you will receive a supply of medication delivered either to your home or to your healthcare provider. RHF does not handle or distribute any medications.

#### **PLEASE NOTE:**

The Prescription Drug Assistance program is not a substitute for those who are eligible for Medicare Part D, Medicaid or Health Insurance.

You may qualify for assistance if medications are not covered by these programs or if you have high Medicaid spenddown, have high co-pay on prescription insurance or have reached Medicare Part D coverage gap (Donut Hole).

- 1. Know the medicines you are taking.
  - 2. Call 573-624-1607 for more information.
    - 3. Speak with a trained Patient Advocate.