

Patient Assistance Programs: Diabetes Medications and Supplies

PATIENT/FAMILY INFORMATION SHEET

What are Patient Assistance Programs?

Patient assistance programs are offered by many pharmaceutical companies to provide diabetes medications and supplies at a reduced cost for individuals who:

- do not have private or public (such as Medicare and Medicaid) health insurance with prescription coverage;
- have an income less than 200% of the Federal Poverty Guideline

You would **not** be able to participate in these programs if:

- you are eligible for Medicare but not enrolled
- you are eligible for Medicare Part D but not enrolled

What companies provide Patient Assistance Programs for Diabetes Supplies?

The following list does not include all companies or products. Information may have changed after the company websites were reviewed. Contact the company directly for assistance, updates or changes. Greenwich Hospital cannot guarantee a person's acceptance into any assistance program.

Company and Contact Information	Assistance Available
Abbott www.abbott.com www.abottpatientassistancefoundation.org (800) 222-6885	Abbott Patient Assistance Foundation Diabetes Care Patient Assistant Program offers assistance on blood glucose testing supplies to low income patients
Bayer www.simplewins.com (800) 998-9180	Bayer provides patient assistance programs for medication, control solution, log books, batteries.
Lifescan www.lifescan.com customerservice@lifescan.com (800) 227-8862	<i>No</i> patient assistance program available at this time. Company provides rebates and trade-in allowances to reduce the cost of meters.
Roche www.roche-diagnostics.us (888) 788-7921	Roche Diagnostic Corp. Patient Assistance Program offers Accu-Chek glucose test strips at no cost for up to 90 days if financially eligible for the program.
Home Diagnostics www.prestigesmartssystem.com cs@hddiabetes.com (800) 803-6049	Need to enroll in the TRUEcare Support Program
Walmart	While not an assistance program, Walmart's ReliOn brand meters and strips are a lower cost generic option



Are Lower-cost Medications for Diabetes Available?

Yes, many commercial pharmacies offer lower-cost generic diabetes medications. The price of the medications varies from company to company and generally ranges from about \$4.00 to \$10.00. Each company has a list of the medications included in their program. Some companies charge an enrollment fee each year to participate.

The following list does not include all companies and medications and prices may change over time. Contact the company directly for assistance, updates or changes.

- CostCo
- CVS/Caremark
- ShopeRite
- Stop and Shop
- Target
- Walmart



**GREENWICH
HOSPITAL**

YALE NEW HAVEN HEALTH

What companies provide Patient Assistance Programs for Medications for Diabetes?

Company and Contact Information	Medications	Company requirements for eligibility:
Amylin Pharmaceuticals 1-800-330-7647 www.amylin.com/products/reimbursement.cfm	Exenatide (Byetta) Pramlintide (Symlin)	6-month supply at no cost; must reapply every 6 months; must be legal US citizen; must meet company-specific income guideline; pharmacy card provided for once per month use
Bayer 1-866-575-5002 Application sent to physician's office	Acarbose (Precose)	Up to 90-day supply at no cost with 3 refills; must reapply every 12 months; must be legal US citizen; must be ineligible for state and federal programs (i.e., Medicare Part D, Medicaid, etc.); must meet company-specific income guideline; medication sent to physician's office
Eli Lilly - "Lilly Cares" 1-800-545-6962 www.lillycares.com	Insulin vials (Humulin, Humalog) glucagon	Up to 120-day supply at no cost; must reapply every 12 months; must be legal US citizen; must be ineligible for Medicare Part D; must be under 65 years old; must meet company-specific income guideline; patient receives coupons for insulin; medications sent to physician's office
GlaxoSmithKline – "Bridges to Access" 1-866-728-4368 www.bridgestoaccess.gsk.com	Rosiglitazone (Avandia) Rosiglitazone/glimepiride (Avandaryl) Rosiglitazone/metformin (Avandamet)	First 60-day supply picked up at pharmacy with \$10 co-pay; up to 4 additional refills of 90-days up to 1 year supply; must reapply every 12 months; must be legal US resident; must have healthcare worker/advocate handle the process for patient; income must be ≤ 250% of poverty guideline; vouchers provided for medication
"GSK Access" 1-866-518-4357 www.gsk-access.com	Rosiglitazone (Avandia) Rosiglitazone/glimepiride (Avandaryl) Rosiglitazone/metformin (Avandamet)	Up to 1 year supply at no cost; must reapply every 12 months; must be enrolled in Medicare Part D and spent \$600 through the plan; income must be ≤ 250% of poverty guideline; pharmacy card good for 1 year provided
Merck Patient Assistance Program 1-800-994-2111 www.merckhelps.com	Sitagliptin (Januvia) Sitagliptin/metformin (Janumet)	90 day supply at no cost with 3 refills; must reapply every 12 months; must be a legal US resident; income must be ≤ 400% of poverty guideline; medication shipped to either patient or physician
Merck Prescription Discount Program 1-800-506-3725 www.argushealth.com/merck_consumer_enrollment/MerckEnrollment	Sitagliptin (Januvia) Sitagliptin/metformin (Janumet)	10-20% discount on medications; must reapply every 12 months; no income or age limits but must not have private or public prescription drug insurance; pharmacy card provided
Novartis	Nateglinide (Starlix)	Up to 1 year supply at no cost; must be legal US citizen



GREENWICH HOSPITAL

YALE NEW HAVEN HEALTH

<p>Novo Nordisk 1-866-310-7549 www.NovoNordisk-us.com</p>	<p>Insulin vials or flex pens (Novolin, NovoLog) Levemir, Victoza, Glucagen Hypokit Repaglinide (Prandin) Repaglinide/metformin (PrandiMet)</p>	<p>Up to 90 day supply at no cost with 3 refills; yearly proof of income required; income must be $\leq 200\%$; must be legal US resident; must be ineligible for state and federal programs (i.e., Medicare Part D, Medicaid, etc.) or private prescription coverage; if older than 65, must be ineligible for Part D; must provide proof of denial for Low Income subsidy (LIS) from Social Security Administration or are enrolled in Part D Plan and reached “donut hole”; medication sent to physician’s office</p>
<p>Company and Contact Information Pfizer 1-866-706-2400 www.pfizerhelpfulanswers.com</p>	<p>Medications Glipizide (Glucotrol) Glipizide XL (Glucotrol XL) Miglitol (Glyset) Chlorpropamide (Diabinese)</p>	<p>Company requirements for eligibility: Up to 90 day supply at no cost; must be legal US citizen; income $\leq 200\%$ of poverty guideline; most medications must be sent to physician’s office. Discount program also available: use discount card with up to 32% off if income $\leq 300\%$ poverty guideline and up to 15% off if income $> 300\%$ of poverty guideline</p>
<p>Sanofi Aventis 1-800-221-4025 www.patientassistanceprogram.sanofi-aventis.us</p>	<p>Insulin vials or SoloStar pens (Lantus, Aprida) Glimepiride (Amaryl)</p>	<p>Up to one year supply depending upon medication; must be legal US resident; income must be $\leq 250\%$ of poverty guideline; medication sent to physician’s office</p>
<p>Takeda 1-800-830-9159 www.tpna.com/responsibility</p>	<p>Pioglitazone (ACTOS) Pioglitazone/metformin (ActoPlus Met) Pioglitazone/glimepiride (Duetact)</p>	<p>90 day supply; must be legal US resident; income must be $\leq 300\%$ of poverty guideline; shipped to either patient or physician</p>
<p>Additional Assistance Programs: Needy Meds (www.needymeds.com) RxAssist (www.rxassist.org) Patient Assistance (www.patientassistance.com) Partnership for Prescription Assistance Program (1-888-477-2669 or www.pparx.org/en)</p>		

Reprinted with permission from the Diabetes Care and Education Dietetic Practice Group of the American Dietetic Association: *On the Cutting Edge*, Spring 2010, Vol. 31, No. 2, Walker, J. Patient Assistance Programs for Diabetes Medications

For more Patient Fact Sheets, see the Greenwich Hospital web site at www.greenwichhospital.org and Click on Patient Education