

Resources: Financial

Assistance for People with Diabetes

Health Insurance

1. **NIDDK**- Publication called “Financial Help for Diabetes Care” which offers programs which may provide coverage for medical expenses for a person with diabetes. To order copies, call 800-860-8747, or the publication can be viewed online at www.diabetes.niddk.nih.gov/dm/pubs/financialhelp/
2. **Insure Kids Now!** - Every state in the nation has a health insurance program for people under 18. This website offered by the US Health and Human Services Dept. www.insurekidsnow.gov or call 877-Kids-Now
3. **www.freemedicine.com** –Provides prescription medication for people who do not have adequate insurance coverage or are experiencing financial hardship- no toll free number, but can be reached at 573-996-7300
4. **Partnership for Prescription Assistance**- Assistance program available to help offset the cost of supplies or prescription medicines. 1-888-477-2669 www.pparx.org
5. **Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services**- www.cms.hhs.gov
6. **National Drugstores and Pharmacy Chain Patient Assistance** - Speak with your local pharmacist about their prescription programs. Stores with these programs include Costco, CVS, K-mart, Rite Aid, Target, Wal-mart, and others.
7. **United Healthcare Children’s Foundation** –The Foundation provides financial assistance toward the family's share of the cost of medical services. www.uhccf.org

Companies that Donate Supplies

- **Medisense Meter**- donates free meters and strips. 800-527-3339
- **Lilly Care**- donates free insulin- a patient can apply for a 3 month supply of insulin for free. A patient must submit a new application each time he/she is applying. The patient needs the doctor's involvement or letter stating the need for insulin. 800-545-6962
- **Medic Alert**- donates free sterling silver bracelets or necklaces 800-432-5378
- **Aventis**- donates Lantus insulin- 800-221-4025
- **BD**- Money saving coupons for syringes and patients just need to call and request coupons. The company also offers a one time only coupon for a free box of syringes.
- **Lifescan**- Contact for assistance with glucose monitor supplies. 800-227-8862 or send an email request with name and address to CustomerService@Lifescan.com
- **FreeMeds.com**- 888-722-7556 You cannot have an insurance prescription card and access this program, but you can have insurance and this program.
- **ipump.org** - Provides insulin pumps and supply assistance to qualifying persons with diabetes throughout the United States.

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Savings Programs

Money-saving programs for those in need:

- You may obtain some meters, test strips and other diabetes supplies other people no longer need from the “**Angel Network**” http://www.mendosa.com/dws-free_drugs.htm
- **Diabetes-Meds** is an advocate program that works with low-income patients on a case-by-case basis with every drug manufacturer to provide nearly every medication a patient requires for chronic illness. Diabetes-Meds, a service of ElderMeds, works with over 161 pharmaceutical companies and is not confined to people of any age. Every U.S. citizen is eligible, regardless of age or medication prescribed. www.diabetesmeds.org
- **Together Rx** is a free prescription savings program for qualified individuals and families without prescription drug coverage. www.togetherrxaccess.com
- Free Prescription Drug Programs:
www.rxassist.org
www.freemedicinefoundation.com
www.needymeds.com
www.ncsl.org/programs/health/drugaid.htm

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