

Navigating Available Assistance Resources for Patients

The following table outlines some of the options that may be available by patient insurance type.

Available Assistance	Patient Insurance Type							
	Medicare				Medicaid	VA and/or TRICARE	Private/ Commercial	No Insurance
	Part B	Part D	Medicare Advantage (Part C + Prescription Drug Plan)	Medicare + Medicaid (Dual-eligible)				
Medicare Extra Help (Low-Income Subsidy)		✓	✓	✓				
Medicare Savings Programs	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
State Pharmaceutical Assistance Programs	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Independent Charitable Organizations	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Evaluate eligibility for other types of insurance in this chart (eg, if the patient has no insurance, check eligibility for commercial, Medicare/Medicaid, or VA/TRICARE insurance)								
Additional Coverage Options	Add a supplemental insurance (Medigap) plan	Switch Part D Plans	Switch to original/traditional Medicare (Part B) and add a Part D and a Medigap Plan					

VA=Veterans Affairs.

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Overview of terms and programs

Independent Charitable Organizations: Foundations are third-party independent 501(c)(3) organizations. Patients must meet diagnosis and coverage criteria to be eligible.¹

Medicare Extra Help (Low-Income Subsidy): Any individual who has enrolled in Medicare is eligible for Medicare prescription drug coverage. Some people with limited resources and income may also be able to get Extra Help to pay for the costs — monthly premiums, annual deductibles, and prescription copayments — related to a Medicare prescription drug plan.²

Medicare Savings Programs: State assistance for eligible patients with paying Medicare premium, deductible, coinsurance, and copayments. Available programs include the Qualified Medicare Beneficiary (QMB) Program, Specified Low-Income Medicare Beneficiary (SLMB) Program, Qualifying Individual (QI) Program, and Qualified Disabled and Working Individuals (QDWI) Program.³

State Pharmaceutical Assistance Programs: States may offer assistance in covering drug plan premiums and/or other drug costs. Eligibility may be based on financial need, age, or medical condition, and benefits may vary between programs.⁴

VA and/or TRICARE: VA medical benefits are provided by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs to retired or honorably discharged veterans who have served in the US Armed Forces. TRICARE is a government-provided insurance plan for active duty service members, National Guard/reserve members, and their families when services cannot be provided at a military treatment facility. Military retirees and their families also are eligible for TRICARE.^{5,6}

Additional resources

[ssa.gov/extrahelp](https://www.ssa.gov/extrahelp)

Information on Medicare Extra Help program for low-income patients.

www.benefits.gov/benefit-finder

A guide to help patients understand which benefit programs they may be eligible for and how to apply.

www.medicare.gov and www.medicaid.gov

Websites for the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) providing information for patients already enrolled in or seeking Medicare or Medicaid coverage.

www.cancer.gov/resources-for/patients

Information for patients and caregivers about different types of cancer, including diagnosis, treatment, latest research and clinical trials, and patient education materials.

supportorgs.cancer.gov

A list of more than 100 organizations nationwide that provide emotional, practical, and financial support services for patients with cancer and their families.

The CareASSIST Patient Support Program helps eligible patients with access and support for the treatment they've been prescribed. For more information, call 1-833-WE+CARE (1-833-930-2273), Mon-Fri, 9 AM – 8 PM, or visit SanofiCareAssist.com/hcp.

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