## Finding Help with the Cost of Medicine with NeedyMeds

Every day more and more Americans are struggling to cover their medication costs, leading to difficult choices between paying for food, housing, or prescriptions. Uninsured Americans face the most difficulty, often looking at extremely high medical bills and expenses they must cover on their own. People with insurance are also feeling the pinch with high deductibles and co-pays leading to increased out-of-pocket costs. For those struggling with the healthcare costs there are many different kinds of programs and resources across the country designed to help. Unfortunately, they can be difficult to locate and are not well advertised. NeedyMeds can help you find these often life-saving programs.

NeedyMeds is a nationwide non-profit dedicated to educating and empowering those seeking affordable healthcare. This mission is achieved by connecting people to healthcare cost savings resources – free and anonymously – through <u>needymeds.org</u> and the helpline at 800.503.6897.

The most popular healthcare cost savings programs offered are:

<u>Prescription Assistance Programs</u> that provide the most savings for brand name prescription medications. If you need help completing an application for a Prescription Assistance Program, click on the <u>Help With Prescription Assistance Applications</u> hyperlink to find a program that will help you apply for free or a nominal fee.

The <u>\$4 Generic Discount Drug Program</u> is a great resource for finding generic medications for a discounted price. You may find your prescription at a price lower than your insurance company.

If you or a loved one is in need of affordable primary and preventive care, search the <u>free/low-cost or</u> <u>sliding scale database</u> for convenient locations for medical, dental, mental health or substance addiction clinics.

The <u>Coupons & Rebates</u> section will connect you to discounted over-the-counter drugs, prescription medicines and medical supplies with a quick click of your mouse.

For help affording expenses related to a specific healthcare condition visit the <u>Diagnosis Based</u> <u>Assistance database</u>. Here you can find programs that will help you afford medical needs such as medical equipment, respite care or living expenses while receiving treatment.

Oftentimes, getting to and from a doctor or specialized facility causes a financial burden. Look for a program that can help you afford your medically related transportation or travel expenses under the <u>Medical Transportation</u> section.

Don't forget the databases that provide <u>camps</u>, <u>retreats</u>, <u>recreational programs</u> and <u>educational</u> <u>scholarships</u> for people of all ages living with a specific diagnosis.

And the <u>Government Programs</u> section is another important destination to search for Government Funded healthcare programs – and other helpful resources – in your state.

Another popular way to save on your prescription medications is with the <u>NeedyMeds Drug Discount</u> <u>Card</u> that may offer a discount of up to 80% on medications, over-the-counter drugs and medical supplies written as a prescription. The drug discount card is accepted at more than 65,000 pharmacies nationwide and is available to everyone, regardless of income level or insurance status, with no registration and requiring no personal information. For more information, visit <u>needymeds.org</u> or call the toll-free helpline at <u>800-503-6897</u>. We're here to help you afford your much needed medical expenses.