

South Dakota Comprehensive Cancer Control Program

The South Dakota Comprehensive Cancer Control Program (SD CCCP) is dedicated to bringing together individuals, organizations, health care providers, and agencies in order to reduce the burden that cancer places on the people of our state.

Our goal is to reduce the human and economic impact of cancer on South Dakotans through the promotion and support of collaborative, innovative, and effective programs and policies for cancer prevention and control.

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Do you need help paying for Cancer Treatment Drugs?

CANCER TREATMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS



If you are experiencing problems finding ways to pay for cancer treatments, the following three steps will help you find financial assistance from drug companies to help pay for treatment.

1 Write down the names of drugs prescribed and the names of the manufacturers.

Check your medication list to confirm the names, if possible, or ask your pharmacist or healthcare providers what medications you are taking.

2 Contact the following websites or helpline numbers to see if you are eligible for help with drug costs.

These organizations will help you search for financial assistance programs offered by drug companies.

- **RxAssist** www.rxassist.org/patients
- **Partnership for Prescription Assistance**
<https://www.pparx.org/en/gethelp>
Helpline: 1-888-477-2669
- **NeedyMeds** www.needymeds.org/indices/pap.htm
- **Benefits Checkup** www.benefitscheckup.org/
Helpline: 202-479-1200

Check if drug discount cards are available. Cards can be printed or ordered from the websites listed below:

- **Rx Hope Savings Card**
www.rxhopesavings.com/index.aspx
Helpline: 1-877-821-6409
- **Needy Meds Discount Card**
www.needymeds.org/drugcard/index.htm
- **Together Rx Access**
www.together-rxaccess.com/p/prescription-savings/
Helpline: 1-800-444-4106

Also, ask your local pharmacies. Some pharmacies now offer their own drug discount cards at no cost to you.

Remember, each financial assistance program has its own requirements so be sure to read them carefully. Some drug discount cards are free, but may have shipping, annual and processing fees. Find out this information before you sign up for a card.

3 Apply for an assistance program if you think you are qualified!

Some tips for applying for financial assistance:

- Get copies of the application forms for each assistance program you wish to apply to.
- Follow the instructions on each form carefully.
- Ask your healthcare provider (i.e., doctor) to help fill in medical information on the forms. They play a key role in your getting accepted.
- Make a copy of all application documents and mail the applications to the assistance program.
- Re-apply for refills.

If you need help in determining your eligibility or filling out application forms, ask your healthcare providers, pharmacist, trusted family or friends for help. Many of these programs offer a help line phone number for additional assistance.

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