

Financial Assistance Programs for IVIG and Other Medications

Option One: Ask your provider for the name of your IVIG. Once you know the name of the product you are using, call the company below to explain your situation to determine whether you qualify for assistance. Please note that most pharmaceutical companies offer similar assistance programs for virtually any medication you may be on.

GAMMAGARD

- Shire understands the challenges a patient faces when living with multifocal motor neuropathy (MMN). MylgSource is here to support patients throughout the MMN journey. To see if you qualify visit <http://www.myigsource.com> or call 1-855-250-5111.

GAMUNEX

- Grifols has various patient assistance programs. You may qualify for assistance that can help with your deductibles, copayment, coinsurance, loss of insurance or underinsurance. Call **1-888-MYGAMUNEX** (1-888-694-2686) to see if you qualify.

CARIMUNE, HIZENTRA, PRIVIGEN

- If you are currently taking Carimune, Hizentra or Privigen you may qualify for assistance. To learn more call 1-877-355-IGIG (4447).

Option Two: If you are receiving home infusions the home infusion company may be able to offer assistance. Speak to your infusion nurse, case manager or visit the company's website for additional information.

Option Three: Talk to your provider or pharmacist about your drug costs. Ask your provider or pharmacist if they know any offers through the pharmaceutical company. Your provider's office may have samples or savings cards especially when beginning a new medicine.

Option Four: There may be a government program that can offer assistance:

- **Medicare** – Medicare is the US government's health insurance program for people over 65. Some people under the age of 65 with certain disabilities may be able to get coverage through Medicare. There are two program options: Medicare Prescription Drug Plan (Part D) or Medicare Advantage (Part C) that can help pay for prescription drugs. You will need to enroll during certain times of the year. www.medicare.gov

- **Medicare Extra Help** – If you are covered under Medicare and meet certain income guidelines, you may be eligible for the Social Security Administration’s Extra Help program. This program will help with the cost of monthly medical fees and medicines. www.ssa.gov/medicare/prescriptionhelp
- **Veterans Affairs** – With veteran’s benefits, you may be able to get your medications for free or for just a small copayment. Copayment (copay) is the amount an insured person will pay for a healthcare service or medicine at the point of care. www.va.gov
- **Medicaid** – Medicaid is a health insurance program sponsored by states. It is for low income US residents of any age. Your state may have a different name for Medicaid. Each state has different rules that must be followed. www.medicaid.gov
- **Other State Programs** – Many states have prescription drug programs that are not part of Medicaid. These programs may be able to help you afford your medicine. Sometimes, a state program is linked to Medicare’s Part D drug plan. www.medicare.gov/pharmaceutical-assistance-program/state-programs.aspx

Option Five: There are many other programs and organizations that can help you with access to IVIG and/or other medications.

- **Patient Services Incorporated (PSI)** – The nonprofit PSI specializes in health insurance premium, pharmacy co-payment and co-payment waiver assistance for people with chronic illnesses. www.patientservicesinc.org
- **Partnership for Prescription Assistance (PPA)** – PPA brings together biopharmaceutical companies, providers, patient advocacy organizations and community groups to help qualifying patients who are uninsured or underinsured get free or nearly free medicines through the program that’s right for them. www.pparx.org
- **NeedyMeds** - A non-profit organization that maintains an extensive database of information about patient assistance programs, state assistance, drug discount programs, and free or low-cost medical care. You can search their database for free on their web site. The site also has information on thousands of programs to help consumers through the application process. www.needymeds.org
- **The Assistance Fund** - The Assistance Fund is an independent charitable patient assistance foundation that helps patients and families facing high medical out-of-pocket costs by providing financial assistance for their copayments, coinsurance, deductibles, and other health-related expenses. <https://tafcares.org>
- **Patient Advocate Foundation** – Helps patients with access to care, maintenance of employment and preservation of their finances. www.patientadvocate.org or www.copays.org.

- **Good Days** - At Good Days our mission is to ensure no one has to choose between getting the medication they need and affording the necessities of everyday living. Good Days offers financial assistance, premium assistance and travel assistance. www.mygooddays.org
- **Healthwell Foundation** - When health insurance is not enough, HealthWell fills the gap. We help patients living with chronic and life-altering illnesses pay their share of prescription drug copayments, deductibles, and health insurance premiums. www.healthwellfoundation.org
- **Medmonk** - Medmonk helps pharmacists obtain funding for patients who cannot afford their out-of-pocket pharmaceutical expenses. <https://medmonk.com>
- **RxAssist** – Offers a comprehensive online database of drug company programs that provide free or affordable drugs and co-pay assistance. www.rxassist.org
- **Center for Benefits** - Provided by the National Council on Aging, this shares information about assistance programs for low-income seniors and young people with disabilities. www.ncoa.org/centerforbenefits
- **Patient Access Network Foundation (PAN)** – PAN Foundation helps patients suffering from certain cancers, chronic illness and rare diseases through more than 50 disease specific financial assistance programs. Assistance includes covering out-of-pocket and medical expenses. www.panfoundation.org
- **RxHope:** A web-based resource where you can search by medication to locate assistance programs. They also offer help with the application process. www.rxhope.com
- **National Association of Counties (NACo): Prescription Card Discount Program** – Through a partnership with CVS Caremark, NACo provides a free prescription discount card exclusively for NACo member counties to offer to their residents. The card will give discounts on prescriptions for residents who are uninsured, seniors or pet owners. A list of participating counties is listed at www.naco.org/programs/residents/pages/pdcp.aspx.
- **RxOutreach:** A non-profit charity that provides medicine for people who cannot afford it. They offer more than 500 medications through their mail order pharmacy with support from generous donors. www.rxoutreach.org
- **National Council on Aging (Benefits Check Up)** – This nonprofit service and advocacy organization offers adults over the age of 55 help in paying for prescription drugs, health care, utilities and other basic needs. www.benefitscheckup.org