



# PPA FACT SHEET

## The Partnership for Prescription Assistance (PPA)

- The PPA helps uninsured and financially struggling patients who lack prescription coverage get access to prescription assistance programs that offer medicines for free or nearly free.
- The PPA is free, confidential, and it is easy for patients to find programs for which they may be eligible to apply.
- Offers a single point of access to information on 475 public and private patient assistance programs, including nearly 200 programs offered by pharmaceutical companies.
- PPA member programs offer more than 2,500 brand-name medicines, including a wide range of generics.
- Helps patients contact government programs such as Medicaid and Medicare.
- More than 40 of the assistance programs focus on the medication and health care needs of children.
- The PPA provides information on nearly 10,000 free health care clinics and has connected more than a quarter of a million patients with clinics and health care providers in their communities.
- Assists patients with chronic disease in learning about the types of new medicines in development that may help them.

## Helping Millions of Patients

- Since its launch in April 2005, the Partnership for Prescription Assistance (PPA) has helped connect nearly 6 million people to patient assistance programs that may meet their needs.
- The patients helped through the PPA join the millions of other patients who have contacted individual pharmaceutical company programs directly over the years.

## Who Is The PPA?

- The PPA is sponsored by America's pharmaceutical research companies.
- These pharmaceutical research companies are working with doctors, pharmacists, other health care providers, patient advocacy organizations and community groups to educate patients about the PPA.
- More than 1,300 leading national, state and local organizations have joined forces with the PPA.
- The groups behind the PPA include the largest and most influential in health care. They include the American Academy of Family Physicians, American Cancer Society, American College of Emergency Physicians, Easter Seals, National Association of Chain Drug Stores, United Way and the Urban League.

## National Outreach

- The PPA launched state-based chapters in all 50 states, Washington, D.C. and Puerto Rico.
- The PPA has two "Help is Here Express" buses which have traveled more than 300,000 miles, visiting more than 2,500 cities in all 50 states, to educate low-income and uninsured patients about drug assistance programs.
- Montel Williams joined forces as the national PPA spokesman in January 2006.
- Mayte Prida was named PPA spokeswoman for Hispanic outreach efforts in June 2006.
- Both Montel Williams and Mayte Prida participate in "Help is Here Express" events around the country and also appear in PPA advertising campaigns and public service announcements.

## Web Site

- A user-friendly Web site ([www.pparx.org](http://www.pparx.org)) enables patients to find programs for which they may be eligible to apply.
- The PPA has dedicated a website to make it easier for patients to learn about help available for children, ([kids.pparx.org](http://kids.pparx.org)).
- Patients can download and print out patient assistance program applications immediately.

## Toll-free Phone Number

- Patients can call toll free (**1-888-4PPA-NOW**) to talk with a trained specialist who will guide them through the application process.
- The call centers accept calls in English, Spanish and approximately 150 other languages.