

Medication Copayment and Patient Assistance Programs



We're here to help.

We understand that there are many financial burdens that come along with a cancer diagnosis. The goal of this booklet is to inform you about the different programs that can help you pay for the medication or infusion your doctor has prescribed. Let's start with the basics.

What type of medication am I using for cancer therapy?

Medications are often split into generic and brand name drugs. Generic drugs are typically cheaper and have better coverage by insurance companies. Brand name drugs are often newer, more expensive, and are manufactured by a specific pharmaceutical company. For example, Zyrtec® is a brand name, and it has a generic name of cetirizine. Cancer treatment often utilizes both generic and brand name drugs for treatment. The following information is provided in order to help you cover the costs of your brand name medication, by utilizing the various financing programs that different pharmaceutical companies offer.

What are the financing programs offered by different pharmaceutical companies?

In general, large pharmaceutical companies have two ways of providing financial assistance directly to patients.

- (1) Copayment Programs.
- (2) Patient Assistance Programs.

Which type of financing program do I qualify for?

If you have commercial insurance and your insurance company has approved and agreed to pay for your medication, you will qualify for **(1) copayment programs**. In general, when a commercial insurance company grants prior authorization and agrees to pay for your medication, you are still responsible for a copayment. This copayment can range from \$5 - \$1000's of dollars. Once you apply, the pharmaceutical company will issue you a "Copayment Card" that acts similarly to a debit card that can cover the copayment cost of the medication whenever it is filled by the pharmacy. This will almost always leave you with a \$0 or \$5 copayment.

If you have **commercial insurance that has completely refused to authorize payment of this medication, or if you have Medicare Part D plan that has refused to authorize payment or authorizes the medication with a high copayment**, you are likely eligible for the **(2) Patient Assistance Programs**. Patient Assistance Programs are programs that will provide medication to the patient 100% free of charge, provided that you show proof that you need assistance. Companies may ask for: proof of insurance coverage denial, proof of insurance, and income. While this process is slightly more cumbersome, it can be very useful in the long run.

How To Use This Guide:

1. Under the specific type of cancer diagnosis, find the medication(s) your doctor has prescribed for you.*
2. Understand who the pharmaceutical manufacturer is. You may choose to double-check this with a quick internet search.
3. Follow the guide explaining how to sign up for these programs.
Each is specific to the manufacturer.

*If your medication is not listed, you can still use this guide. Simply search up the name of your medication online and find its manufacturing company. Then, refer back to this guide to search for the manufacturer program.

Breast Cancer Treatment



Brand Name (Generic Name)	Pharmaceutical Manufacturer
Herceptin (trastuzumab) Perjeta (pertuzumab)	Roche/Genentech
Lynparza (olaparib)	AstraZeneca/Merck
Tykerb (lapatinib) Kisqali (ribociclib)	Novartis
Keytruda (pembrolizumab)	Merck & Co.
Prolia/Xgeva (denosumab)	Amgen
Verzenio (abemaciclib)	Eli Lilly
Nerlynx (neratinib)	Puma Biotechnology
Margenza (Margetuximab)	MacroGenics
Trodelvy (sacituzumab)	Gilead Sciences
Tukysa (tucatinib)	Seagen
Talzenna (talazoparib) Ibrance (palbociclib)	Pfizer

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Lung Cancer Treatment



Brand Name (Generic)	Pharmaceutical Manufacturer
Tagrisso (osimertinib) Imfinzi (durvalumab) Imjudo (tremelimumab)	AstraZeneca
Xalkori (crizotinib) Lorbrena (lorlatinib) Vizimpro (dacomitinib)	Pfizer
Tecentriq (atezolizumab) Gavreto (pralsetinib) Rozlytrek (entrectinib)	Roche/Genentech
Alimta (pemetrexed) Cyramza (ramucirumab) Retevmo (selpercatinib)	Eli Lilly
Yerboy (ipilimumab) Opdivo (nivolumab) Abraxane (nab-paclitaxel) Cyramza (ramucirumab) Krazati (adagrasib)	Bristol-Myers Squibb
Keytruda (Pembrolizumab)	Merck
Libtayo (Cemiplimab)	Sanofi
Zykadia (Ceritinib) Tabrecta (Capmatinib)	Novartis
Rybrevant (Amivantamab) Lazcluze (lazertinib)	Janssen Pharmaceuticals
Lumakras (Sotorasib)	Amgen

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Colorectal Cancer Treatment

Brand Name	Pharmaceutical Company
Avastin (Bevacizumab)	Roche/Genentech
Cyramza (Ramucirumab)	Eli Lilly
Erbitux (Cetuximab)	Eli Lilly & Merck
Vectibix (Panitumumab)	Amgen

Prostate Cancer Treatment

Brand Name	Pharmaceutical Company
Lynparza (olaparib)	AstraZeneca/ Merck
Orgovyx (relugolix)	Myovant Sciences / Pfizer
Xtandi (enzalutamide)	Astellas Pharma/ Pfizer
Erleada (apalutamide)	Janssen Pharmaceuticals
Nubeqa (darolutamide)	Bayer Dendreon
Provenge (sipuleucel-T)	Dendreon Pharmaceuticals Pfizer
Talzenna (talazoparib)	Pfizer
Zejula (niraparib)	GSK (GlaxoSmithKline)

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Manufacturer Financing Programs

Now that you have identified the manufacturer of the medication you've been prescribed, use the following guide to see your options. Please refer to the first page of this booklet to determine whether you would be eligible for **(1) Copayment Program** or **(2) Patient Assistance**.

Company	Copayment Program	Patient Assistance Information
Amgen	Amgen Support+ will provide you with a copayment card with an easy enrollment! https://www.amgensupportplus.com/patient/copy-pay-program	The Amgen Safety Net Foundation is available. Visit https://www.amgensafetynetfoundation.com/how-to-apply.html and click the name of your medication for more information.
AstraZeneca/Merck	Visit https://www.azpatientsupport.com/ .	Visit https://www.azpatientsupport.com/ .
Bayer	Visit https://www.patientassistance.bayer.us/en/ .	Visit https://www.patientassistance.bayer.us/en/ .
Bristol Meyers Squibb	Visit https://www.bmsaccesssupport.com/patient/copy-pay-financial-support .	Visit https://www.bmspaf.org/#/about .
Dendreon Pharmaceuticals	Provenge specific; Visit https://provenge.com/provenge-financial-coverage/ .	Provenge specific; Visit https://provenge.com/provenge-financial-coverage/ .

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Eli Lilly	Visit https://oncologysupport.lilly.com/ .	If you have no insurance or if you have Medicare Part D that is not covering the majority of the cost of your medication, you are likely eligible for Lilly Cares Program. Be prepared to report how many people are in your household, your combined annual household income, your prescriber's information, and a copy of your insurance card. A simple, single online application can be used to apply for free drug. https://www.lillycareseservice.com/prweb/PRWebLilly/app/CMALillyExternalImplementation_/H8NpVlc53Fb4Hmk8z512tGitirE-iv_JzXOy81iSuCQ*/!STANDARD
Gilead Sciences	Visit https://www.gileadoncologysupport.com/patient .	Visit https://www.gileadoncologysupport.com/patient .
GSK	Visit https://www.togetherwithgskoncology.com/patient-information/ and select your medication. Click to enroll in Co-Pay Assistance.	Visit https://www.togetherwithgskoncology.com/patient-information/ and select your medication. Click to enroll in Patient Assistance Program.
Janssen Pharmaceuticals (J & J)	You can enroll through https://www.myjanssencarepath.com/user/register?flow=express&product= . Or, call 833-565-9631 (J&J). If you are currently using Rybeverant, copay assistance is available through a rebate program where you must submit your Explanation of Benefits that your insurance company sends you. See the following link: https://asset.janssencarepath.com/document/rybrevant-savings-program-overview.pdf	If you have no insurance, if you have insurance but they are refusing to cover the medication, or if your medication is covered but the out of pocket maximum is still too expensive, refer to this chart: https://www.myjanssencarepath.com/resource/1732096686000/janssen_quick_reference_guide_other_medications_other . Find your medication and see if your household size and income limit is below the listed amount. If so, you are eligible to apply for Johnson and Johnson Patient Assistance Program through https://www.myjanssencarepath.com/PatientAssistance . Your HCP can also help to enroll you through this link: https://www.janssencarepathportal.com/patient-assistance
Merck & Co.		Visit https://www.merckhelps.com/programs.aspx for more information. Merck provides a step-by-step brochure and YouTube video for filling out enrollment forms.

Novartis	Novartis Oncology Universal Co-Pay Program will issue you a copayment card with an easy online enrollment! https://www.copay.novartisoncology.com/?name=tykerb	If you are experiencing financial hardship, cannot afford the cost of your treatment, or have limited/no prescription coverage, you may be eligible to receive Novartis medications for free. Simply apply on the following website, and notify your provider that they must complete the provider form. https://patientservicesplatform.my.site.com/autosrf
Pfizer	Pfizer Oncology Together will issue you a copayment card with an easy online enrollment! https://www.pfizeroncologytogether.com/patient/signup	Visit the Pfizer Patient Assistance Program https://www.pfizerxpathways.com/our-programs or call 1866-706-2400 for more information.
Puma Biotechnology	https://sservices.trialcard.com/Coupon/nerlynx	https://nerlynxhcp.com/pdf/enrollment-form.pdf
Regeneron/Sanofi	For Libtayo, visit https://www.libtayo.com/nsclc/libtayo-surround and fill out the form.	For Libtayo, visit https://www.libtayo.com/nsclc/libtayo-surround and fill out the form.
Roche/Genentech	Visit https://www.copayassistancenow.com/ . Limited to \$25,000 per calendar year.	If you have no insurance, if you have insurance but they are refusing to cover the medication, or if your medication is covered but the out of pocket maximum is still too expensive, you will likely qualify for Genentech's Patient Assistance Program. Be prepared to report how many people are in your household, and your combined annual household income. There are 2 forms total: patient consent form, and provider form. https://www.gene.com/patients/patient-foundation/apply-for-help#patients
Seagen		Visit https://www.seagensecure.com/# and click on your medication to start. *Note that Seagen is becoming a part of Pfizer soon.

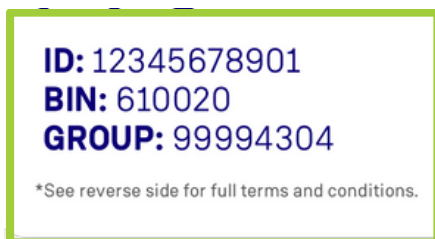
What's Next?

Approval can take anywhere between a few days to a few weeks. We recommend following up with the manufacturer by calling the number listed on their website.

Once you've been approved and enrolled for a Copayment Program or Patient Assistance Program, **what's next?**

1. Make a copy of your records and notify your healthcare team.

a. Patients who have been approved for the **Copayment Program** should receive a Copayment Card via email or a physical copy in the mail that contains the following information. If it has not been received, check with your healthcare provider, as the manufacturer may send approvals directly to your doctor. Note the ID, BIN, and Group Numbers.



b. Patients who have been approved for the **Patient Assistance Program** will receive an emailed or hard-copy letter of an approval letter, detailing the start and end dates for enrollment. The information for the manufacturer's pharmacy should also be communicated to the patient. If it has not been received, check with your healthcare provider, as the manufacturer may send approvals directly to your doctor.

2. Ask your doctor how your medication is being billed and administered to you.

a. Do you receive your medication/infusion from your doctor's office, which is then billed to you on your medical/hospital bill? This is called buy and bill.

b. Do you order your own medication through your own insurance-mandated specialty pharmacy, which is then billed directly to your insurance company?

If you are receiving medication through buy and bill:

and you've been approved for a Copayment Assistance

1. Notify your HCP that you have a copayment card that you'd like to put on file.
2. When you receive an explanation of benefits (EOB) from your insurance company detailing the costs of your medication and hospital bill, some manufacturer companies will want to see a copy of this before issuing the cost of the drug onto your copayment card.
 - a. This is similar to dispersing money onto a gift card after the manufacturer has seen proof that you've been billed for the medication.
3. Your hospital can then use the copayment card to pay for your drug-related bills.

and you've been approved for Patient Assistance Programs:

1. Notify your HCP that they should be ordering free medication directly from the manufacturer, at no cost to you. There would then be no need for your HCP to bill you (the patient) on the hospital bill.

If you are receiving medication through your insurance-mandated specialty pharmacy

and you've been approved for a Copayment Assistance

1. Notify your pharmacy immediately and have them keep the copayment assistance card on file. This should bring your out of pocket costs close to \$0 on each shipment.

and you've been approved for Patient Assistance Programs:

1. Notify your doctor that they may need to provide a new prescription to the manufacturer's pharmacy. Stop
2. ordering medication from the insurance-mandated specialty pharmacy, and order directly from the manufacturer's pharmacy instead.

For Healthcare Professionals

Copayment and Patient Assistance Programs can be tricky for patients to enroll in due to the insurance jargon that is laid out in instructions.

Common questions that patients may have that HCPs can answer include:

1. Prescribing Physician's Information

- a. National Provider Identifier (NPI)
- b. Phone Number and Practice Address

2. Type of Insurance Plan

- a. Help patients understand if they have Medicaid, Medicare Advantage, or Medicare Part D.
 - i. If Medicare Part D, help patients locate their pharmacy insurance information.

3. Medication Name, Dosage, Frequency, Route

4. Diagnosis Code

5. Explanation of Benefits

The Oncology Practice Management Guide is also a helpful resource. <https://oncpracticemanagement.com/>, specifically PSS Patient Support Services.

FAQs

1. Can my copayment card be used to pay for other items on the hospital bill?

- a. No, the copayment card can only be used to pay for the medication itself. It does not cover any expenses for administration of the medication. This is often the reason why you may need to provide an EOB (explanation of benefits) to the manufacturer before they will disperse the funds.

2. What are the limitations of a Copayment card?

- a. Each manufacturer will have a set amount that the copayment card is allowed to pay for. For example, some pharmaceutical companies may state that \$10,000 is allotted to each card for each calendar year. This amount does not roll over.

3. I'm confused about which pharmacy I am receiving my medication from, and why do I have to order from the manufacturer's pharmacy if I'm enrolled in a Patient Assistance Program? Why can't I pick it up or have it delivered from my regular pharmacy?

- a. Pharmacies can be confusing. Insurance companies often have contract deals with certain pharmacies, making it so that if you are insured under one company, you must use this specific pharmacy to fill your prescriptions. These insurance-mandated pharmacies will then bill your insurance company for the cost of the medications that you've filled. If you are approved for Patient Assistance, you are ordering directly from the manufacturer's pharmacy, and this pharmacy will NOT bill the patient nor the insurance company. This is important to know, because this will not count toward your deductible.