



Who to call to help pay for meds

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Many drug companies -- often in response to activist pressure -- have set up programs to help people who cannot afford medications. These programs can help with reimbursement problems and can sometimes supply free drugs if a person qualifies (although most require enrollment through a physician). Anyone who calls the numbers below can obtain eligibility information.

Drug by manufacturer	brand name	used against
Abbott		
Clarithromycin: 800.441.4987	Biaxin	Mycobacterial infections
Ritonavir: 800.659.9050	Norvir	HIV
Amgen: 800.272.9376		
G-CSF	Neupogen	Neutropenia
Astra: 800.488.3247		
Foscarnet	Foscavir	CMV
Bristol-Myers Squibb: 800.272.4878		
d4T	Zerit	HIV
ddl	Videx	HIV
Megestrol acetate	Megace	Wasting, weight loss
Fujisawa: 800.366.6323		
Aerosolized pentamidine	Nebupent	PCP
GlaxoWellcome: 800.722.9294		
Acyclovir	Zovirax	Herpes
Atovaquone	Mepron	PCP
AZT	Retrovir	HIV
Pyrimethamine	Daraprim	Toxoplasmosis
TMP/SMX	Septra	PCP
3TC	Epivir	HIV
Hoffmann-La Roche: 800.285.4484		

ddC	Hivid	HIV
Ganciclovir	Cytovene	CMV
Interferon alpha-2A	Roferon	Kaposi's sarcoma
Saquinavir: 800.282.7780	Invirase	HIV
TMP/SMX	Bactrim	PCP
Immunex: 800.466.8639		
GM-CSF	Leukine	Neutropenia
Janssen: 800.544.2987		
Itraconazole	Sporonox	Fungal infections
Ketoconazole	Nizoral	Fungal infections
Merck: 800.850.3430		
Indinavir	Crixivan	HIV
Ortho Biotech: 800.553.3851		
Erythropoietin	Procrit	Anemia
Pfizer		
Fluconazole: 800.869.9979	Diflucan	Fungal infections
Azithromycin: 800.646.4455	Zithromax	Bacterial infections
Pharmacia & Upjohn: 800.366.5570		
Rifabutin	Mycobutin	MAC
Roxane Labs: 800.274.8651		
Dronabinol	Marinol	Wasting, weight loss
Sequus: 800.375.1658		
Doxorubicin	Doxil	Kaposi's sarcoma

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