More Help for Uninsured Patients

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Together Rx Access, a multicompany collaborative patient assistance program that provides discounts on prescription drugs for people without health insurance, has widened its eligibility criteria so that 90 percent of uninsured Americans will qualify.

As the number of uninsured Americans has risen in the past decade, so has the number of people living with HIV who do not have access to affordable treatment—including those who do not qualify for Medicaid or AIDS Drug Assistance Programs (ADAP). For these individuals, there are company-led patient assistance programs. But income limits for these programs resulted in many people falling through the cracks.

The Together Rx Access program, which provides savings on prescription medications—including, but not limited to antiretroviral treatments—reports it has increased its income limits. Cooperating companies that make HIV medications include Abbott, GlaxoSmithKline, Pfizer and Tibotec. Now, a single person making up to $45,000 per year qualifies for the program, up from $30,000 per year. For a family of two, the limit has increased from $40,000 to $60,000. For a family of three, the limit has increased from $50,000 to $75,000.

People interested in applying for the program can call 1-800-966-0407 or visit TogetherRxAccess.com.

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