One Form to Rule Them All

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For uninsured HIV-positive people with low incomes, applying for free or discounted HIV meds just got a little bit easier. Seven major HIV drug-producing pharmaceutical companies have agreed to accept a single application for their individual assistance programs, ultimately doing away with the cumbersome and time-consuming multiple forms of years past.

The Common Patient Assistance Program Application was announced by Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius at July's International AIDS Conference and went into effect in September. "The last thing someone living with HIV wants to think about is filling out another form," she said. "This application streamlines and simplifies the process, reduces barriers to medication access, and speeds access to lifesaving drugs."

The form is available at: http://hab.hrsa.gov/patientassistance.

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