



Pharmaceutical Company Patient Assistance and Cost-sharing Assistance Programs: Hepatitis

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What is a Patient Assistance Program (PAP)?

A patient assistance program (PAP) is a program run through pharmaceutical companies to provide free or low-cost medications to people with low-incomes who do not qualify for any other insurance or assistance programs, such as Medicaid, Medicare or AIDS Drug Assistance Programs (ADAPs). Each individual company has different eligibility criteria for application and enrollment in their patient assistance program.

What is a Cost-sharing Assistance Program (CAP)?

A cost-sharing assistance program (CAP) is a program run through pharmaceutical companies to offer cost-sharing assistance (including deductibles, co-payments and co-insurance) to people with private health insurance to obtain viral hepatitis drugs at the pharmacy.

Pharmaceutical Company Patient Assistance Programs

Company	Contact Information	Drugs Covered	Financial Eligibility
For Hepatitis B Virus (HBV)			
Bristol-Myers Squibb	855-898-0267 http://www.baraclude.bmscustomerconnect.com/	Baraclude	300% FPL
Gilead Sciences	800-226-2056 https://www.gileadadvancingaccess.com/	Hepsera, Vemlidy, and Viread	500% FPL
GlaxoSmithKline ¹	866-728-4368 www.gskforyou.com	Epivir	250% FPL
For Hepatitis C Virus (HCV)			
AbbVie	855-687-7503 http://www.viekirahcp.com/	Mavyret and Viekira XR	500% FPL or <\$100,000 annual household income
Bristol-Myers Squibb	800-736-0003 http://www.bmspaf.org/	Daklinza	300% FPL
Gilead Sciences ²	855-769-7284 www.mysupportpath.com	Epclusa, Harvoni, Sovaldi, and Vosevi	500% FPL or <\$100,000 annual household income
Merck and Co. ³	866-251-6013 www.merckhelps.com	Zepatier	500% FPL

¹ If seeking Epivir for the treatment of HIV (not hepatitis B), contact ViiVConnect to enroll in their PAP.

² Effective July 1, 2015, patients who are insured and who do not meet their payer’s coverage criteria will no longer be eligible for support via Gilead’s patient assistance program. This includes clients whose insurer has limited access based on: fibrosis score; step-therapy; or clinical criteria (e.g., drug and alcohol testing).

³ Effective May 18, 2016, patients who are insured and who do not meet their payer’s coverage criteria will no longer be eligible for support via Merck’s patient assistance program. This includes clients whose insurer has limited access based on: fibrosis score; step-therapy; or clinical criteria (e.g., drug and alcohol testing).

Pharmaceutical Company Cost-sharing Assistance Programs

Company	Contact Information	Drugs Covered	Assistance	Renewal
For Hepatitis B Virus (HBV)				
Bristol-Myers Squibb	855-898-0267 www.baraclude.com	Baraclude	Program participants are given a co-payment assistance card that provides up to \$400 per month for eligible patients with commercial health insurance. Card expires at the end of each calendar year.	Automatic renewal each year for enrolled patients.
Gilead Sciences ⁴	800-226-2056 www.gilead.com/us/advancing_access	Vemlidy	The co-payment coupon program will cover out-of-pocket prescription costs up to \$3,600 per year for patients with commercial insurance. Coupon can be used for 60- and 90-day prescriptions.	Automatic renewal each year for enrolled patients.
For Hepatitis C Virus (HCV)				
AbbVie	844-277-6233 or 844-865-8725 www.viekira.com/ www.mavyret.com/	Mavyret and Viekira XR	Individuals cannot have federally-funded prescription coverage. Individuals pay the first \$5 and then receive up to a maximum of 25% of the catalog price for their medication prescription.	Card expires 12 months after initial use. Reapply if additional prescriptions are needed.
Bristol-Myers Squibb	844-442-6663 www.patientsupportconnect.com/	Daklinza	The program provides participants with a co-payment card that covers costs up to \$5,000 per 28-day supply of 30mg or 60mg Daklinza or up to \$10,000 per 28-day supply of 90mg Daklinza for people who have private insurance.	Card expires at the end of each calendar year. Automatic renewal for patients with an active Daklinza prescription.
Gilead Sciences	855-769-7284	Epclusa, Harvoni,	The co-payment coupon program covers up to a maximum of 25% of the catalog price of a 12-week regimen of a Gilead HCV medication (Epclusa, Harvonia, Sovaldi, & Vosevi) after the	Reapply if another regimen is later needed.

⁴ As of June 7, 2018, Gilead no longer offers co-payment assistance for Viread that is prescribed to treat hepatitis B, due to the release of a generic alternative.

	www.epclusa.com www.harvoni.com www.sovaldi.com www.vosevi.com	Sovaldi, and Vosevi	payment of first \$5 per prescription fill. Offer is valid for 6 months from the time of first redemption.	
Merck and Co.	866-251-6013 www.zepatier.com	Zepatier	Participants must pay the first \$5 and then receive savings of up to 25% of the catalog price of Zepatier per prescription, on up to four prescriptions of 28 tablets each.	New coupon must be obtained for every four prescriptions.

Foundations Providing Access to Care Assistance for People Living with HBV and/or HCV

[Chronic Disease Fund](#)

The [Chronic Disease Fund's](#) co-payment and medication assistance program provides financial assistance to eligible individuals.

[HealthWell Foundation](#)

The [HealthWell Foundation's](#) co-payment assistance program provides up to \$15,000 in financial assistance to eligible individuals for HCV treatment. Eligible patients include those who are insured and have an annual household income of up to 500% of the federal poverty level (FPL).

[Needy Meds](#)

[Needy Meds](#) offers resources that are helpful to uninsured and underinsured patients including an MRI/CAT scan discount program and medical bill mediation.

[Patient Access Network Foundation](#)

The [Patient Access Network \(PAN\) Foundation](#) offers help and hope to people with chronic or life-threatening illnesses, including HIV and hepatitis, for whom cost limits access to medical treatments.

[Patient Advocate Foundation Co-Pay Relief Program](#)

The [Patient Advocate Foundation \(PAF\) Co-Pay Relief Program \(CPR\)](#) provides direct financial support to insured patients, including Medicare Part D beneficiaries, who financially and medically need assistance paying prescription medication co-payments, co-insurance and deductibles relative to their diagnosis.

[RxOutreach](#)

[RxOutreach](#) is a mail order pharmacy for people with little to no health insurance coverage.

[Wells Specialty Pharmacy](#)

[Wells Specialty Pharmacy](#) is a mail order pharmacy that provides specialty medications for HCV at affordable prices. They also offer a PAP, CAP, and can connect patients to manufacturer discount programs.

Additional Resources

The following resources may be of interest to individuals living with viral hepatitis.

[Clinical Trials](#)

A service of the U.S. National Institutes of Health, [ClinicalTrials.gov](https://clinicaltrials.gov) is a registry and results database of publicly and privately supported clinical studies of human participants conducted around the world.

[Fair Pricing Coalition \(FPC\)](#)

As part of their advocacy work, the [Fair Pricing Coalition \(FPC\)](#) negotiates with companies to ensure that PAPs are adequately generous and easy to apply for.

[Health Insurance Marketplace](#)

The official site of the Health Insurance Marketplace, [Healthcare.gov](https://healthcare.gov) allows individuals and families to sign-up for insurance coverage through the Affordable Care Act.

[Help-4-Hep](#)

[Help-4-Hep](#) is a non-profit toll-free helpline for those with concerns about HCV. Help-4-Hep can also help individuals access lower-cost testing for HCV.

[Patient Advocate Foundation](#)

The [Patient Advocate Foundation](#) hosts a “Hepatitis C CareLine” devoted to all aspects of access to care, insurance denials, etc. for patients and providers. The hotline may be reached by calling 800-532-5274.

[Treatment Action Group](#)

[Treatment Action Group](#) collaborates with activists, community members, scientists, governments, and drug companies to make safer, more effective and less toxic treatment for viral hepatitis available.
