



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
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For Hepatitis B Virus (HBV)

Bristol-Myers Squibb	855-898-0267 www.bmspaf.org	Baraclude	300% FPL
Gilead Sciences	800-226-2056 www.gilead.com/us_advancing_access	Hepsera and Viread	500% FPL
GlaxoSmithKline	866-475-3678 www.gskforyou.com	Epivir	250% FPL

For Hepatitis C Virus (HCV)

AbbVie	844-2-PROCEED or http://www.viekirahcp.com/	Mavyret and Viekira Pak XR	500% FPL
Bristol-Myers Squibb	800-736-0003 or http://www.bmspaf.org/	Daklinza	300% FPL
Gilead Sciences ¹	855-769-7284 www.mysupportpath.com	Harvoni, Sovaldi, and Vosevi	500% FPL
Genentech/Roche	888-941-3331 www.pegasysaccessolutions.com	Pegasys and Copegus	Household income <\$100,000 per year
Janssen Therapeutics	800-652-6227 www.Jjpaf.org	Olysio	500% FPL
Merck and Co. ²	866-363-6379 www.merckhelps.com	Zepatier	500% FPL

¹ 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).

² 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 or www.baraclude.com	Baraclude	Program participants are given a card that ensures coverage of the first \$200 per month of co-payments. For people who pay for their prescriptions in full, the program will also cover the first \$200 per month.	Can use card for up to 12 monthly co-pays within 1 year.
Gilead Sciences	877-627-0415 or www.gilead.com/us/advancing_access	Viread	The program starts after the first \$50 and covers up to \$200 per month co-payment for Viread for HBV treatment for patients who are uninsured or pay their prescription costs in full.	Automatically renews annually for enrolled patients.
GlaxoSmithKline	877-844-8872 or www.mysupportcard.com	Epivir	Program participants are given a card that ensures coverage of up to \$200 dollars per prescription per month and includes non-HBV drugs.	Must request a new card for each prescription.
For Hepatitis C Virus (HCV)				
AbbVie ³	844-2-PROCEED or https://www.viekira.com/about-viekira/copay-card	Technivie and Viekira Pak XR	The program covers up to up to \$7,000 for each prescription of Technivie for a maximum of \$40,000 and \$7,500 for each prescription of Viekira Pak XR for a maximum of \$45,000. Individuals must have an out-of-pocket cost greater than \$5 and must not have federally-funded prescription coverage.	No renewal; maximum twelve prescriptions per lifetime.
Bristol-Myers Squibb	844-442-6663 or www.patientsupportconnect.com/	Daklinza	The program provides participants with a coupon that covers co-payment costs up to \$5,000 for people who have private insurance per 28-day supply.	Must request a new card for each prescription.
Gilead Sciences	855-769-7284 or www.harvoni.com	Harvoni	The program covers up to a maximum of 25% of the price of a 12-week regimen after payment of first \$5 per prescription fill.	No renewal; one coupon per lifetime.

³ Mavyret was released by AbbVie and approved by the Food and Drug Administration on August 3, 2017 but had not been added to AbbVie's cost-sharing assistance program as of August 9, 2017.

Gilead Sciences	855-769-7284 or www.gilead.com/us/advancing_access	Sovaldi	Program participants are given a card that ensures coverage of up to 20% of the cost of each prescription for a maximum of \$16,800. Co-payment charges range from \$5 and \$25 per prescription. The program covers people who do not qualify for other assistance and people with a household income of up to \$100,000 per year for a household of 1 to 3 people and 500% of the FPL for households of 4 or more.	Must request a new card for each prescription.
Gilead Sciences	855-769-7284 or www.gilead.com/us/advancing_access	Vosevi	Program Participants are given a co-payment coupon that covers a maximum of \$18,690 each year. The program covers people in households up to 500% of the FPL.	If the six-month co-pay period lapses, call Gilead. Gilead will renew for up to two years.
Janssen Therapeutics	855-565-9746 or www.OLYSIO.com	Olysio	Program participants are given a card that ensures coverage of co-payments up to a maximum of \$50,000, 12 months after activation or a 12-week supply, whichever comes first. Patients pay a maximum \$5 co-payment per fill.	Must request a new card for each prescription.
Merck and Co.	866-939-4372 or www.zepatier.com	Zepatier	The program provides participants with a coupon that guarantees up to 25 percent savings of the total cost of each Zepatier prescription, on up to 4 prescriptions.	New coupon must be obtained for every 4 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.

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 Patient Assistance Programs (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 hepatitis C. Help-4-Hep can also help individuals access lower-cost testing for hepatitis C.

[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.
