



# fact sheet

## The PPA Program

- Helps patients in need who lack prescription coverage find ways to access prescription medicines.
- Offers a single point of access to 475 public and private patient assistance programs, including more than 180 programs offered by pharmaceutical companies. Many patients may qualify to get prescription medicines for free or nearly free.
- Provides assistance for more than 2,500 brand-name medicines, including a wide range of generics.
- Helps patients contact government programs such as Medicaid, Medicare and SCHIP.
- Assists Medicare beneficiaries with information about the Medicare Prescription Drug Benefit.
- More than 40 of the assistance programs focus on the medication and health care needs of children.
- Informs patients about free health care clinics in their communities.

## Helping Millions of Patients

- Since its launch in April 2005, the Partnership for Prescription Assistance (PPA) has helped connect nearly four million people to patient assistance programs that provide free or nearly free prescriptions.
- The patients helped through the PPA join the millions of other patients who have contacted individual company programs directly over the years.

## The Partners

- America's pharmaceutical research companies are working with doctors, pharmacists, other health care providers, patient advocacy organizations and community groups.
- More than 1,300 leading national, state and local organizations have joined forces with the PPA.
- The groups behind the PPA include the largest and most influential in health care.
- Groups include the American Academy of Family Physicians, American Cancer Society, American College of Emergency Physicians, Easter Seals, National Association of Chain Drug Stores, United Way and the Urban League.

## National Outreach

- The PPA launched state-based chapters in all 50 states, Washington, D.C. and Puerto Rico.
- The PPA has two "Help is Here Express" buses traveling across the country, stopping in all 50 states and more than 1,200 cities to educate low-income, uninsured and underinsured patients about drug assistance programs.
- Montel Williams joined forces as the national PPA spokesman in January 2006.
- Mayte Prida was named PPA spokeswoman for Hispanic outreach efforts in June 2006.
- Both Montel Williams and Mayte Prida participate in "Help is Here Express" events around the country and also appear in PPA advertising campaigns and public service announcements.

## Web Site

- A user-friendly Web site ([www.pparx.org](http://www.pparx.org)) enables patients to find programs for which they may be eligible.
- The PPA has dedicated a Web site to make it easier for patients to learn about help available for children, (<http://kids.pparx.org>).
- Patients can download and print out applications immediately.

## Toll-free Phone Number

- Patients can call toll free (**1-888-4PPA-NOW**) to talk with a trained specialist who will guide them through the application process.
- The call center accepts calls in English, Spanish and approximately 150 other languages.