

MediAppS Helps People Get the Prescription Medications They Need but Otherwise Cannot Afford

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If you or family members or friends have a hard time paying for needed prescription medications, Catholic Charities' Medication Application Service (MediAppS) may be able to help. MediAppS has been helping folks for many years get help with the high cost of prescription medications.

Many drug companies offer free medications to qualified applicants, but each company has their own forms and criteria. Successfully navigating the process on your own can be a daunting assignment, especially if you need several medications. That's where MediAppS can help.

The MediAppS Caseworker at Catholic Charities has the technical knowledge and expertise to complete the correct application(s), secure the required signatures, and successfully file the applications so that you can get a ninety days supply of the medications you need at no cost. When it's time to refill your prescriptions, MediAppS will help you do that too.

Here's a quick example of how MediAppS can help.

Mary (not her real name) was caught in the "donut hole" of her Medicare Part D prescription drug insurance plan. (The "donut hole" describes the costs borne by the insured after insurance pays a fixed amount for prescriptions and before insurance begins to pay again. It is a common feature of Medicare Part D plans.) The cost of two inhalers was going to be over \$600 for the next 30 days supply. The MediAppS caseworker helped Mary apply for and receive the inhalers. She is now receiving her inhalers directly from the pharmaceutical company at no cost; a situation that will remain until the end of the year when her situation will again be assessed.

High prescriptions costs can be a struggle for people like Mary who have high co-pay costs or high deductibles. MediAppS also helps people who do not have insurance for any reason, whether the cost is too high or if their employer does not offer it.

If you know anyone struggling to pay the cost of prescription medications, contact the MediAppS Caseworker at 507-454-2270 extension 245 or on the web at www.ccsomn.org Click on the MediAppS photo.

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