

# Pharmaceutical Company Patient Assistance Programs and Cost-sharing Assistance Programs: **Viral Hepatitis**

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## **What is a Patient Assistance Program?**

Patient assistance programs (PAPs) are run by, or in association with, pharmaceutical companies to provide free or low-cost medications to people with low incomes who generally do not qualify for any other insurance (such as Medicaid or Medicare). Some manufacturer PAPs may be open to certain insured people with low incomes to help with affordability challenges associated with out-of-pocket medication cost-sharing requirements.

Manufacturer PAPs maintain their own eligibility criteria, electronic enrollment portals, printable/fillable applications, and may offer expedited verification processes and first-time fills via a retail pharmacy in support of rapid antiretroviral therapy initiation. The table on **Page 2** provides an overview of PAP contact information, drugs covered, and financial eligibility.

## **What is a manufacturer Cost-Sharing Assistance Program?**

A manufacturer cost-sharing assistance program (CAP) is a program operated by pharmaceutical companies to offer cost-sharing assistance (including deductibles, co-payments and co-insurance) to people with private health insurance to obtain viral hepatitis treatment at the pharmacy. Manufacturer company CAPs cannot be used by individuals covered by Medicaid or Medicare and other restrictions may apply. The table on **Page 3** provides an overview of manufacturer CAPs.

## **What other assistance is available for people requiring assistance accessing medications for hepatitis B or hepatitis C?**

Several not-for-profit foundations and other organizations are available to help provide affordable access to medications for hepatitis B and/or hepatitis C, including people who are uninsured, underinsured, or insured requiring assistance with out-of-pocket costs. The programs may provide patient assistance or cost-sharing assistance for medications not covered by manufacturer programs, or may provide support to individuals who may not be eligible to participate in manufacturer programs (e.g., Medicare or military insurance coverage). The table on **Page 4** lists several examples of these third-party assistance programs.

# Manufacturer Patient Assistance Programs

COMPANY	CONTACT INFORMATION	DRUGS COVERED	FINANCIAL ELIGIBILITY
<b>Hepatitis B</b>			
Gilead Sciences	855-769-7284 <a href="http://www.mysupportpath.com">www.mysupportpath.com</a>	Vemlidy	500% FPL
<b>Hepatitis C</b>			
AbbVie	855-687-7503 <a href="http://abbvie.com/PatientAccessSupport">abbvie.com/PatientAccessSupport</a>	Mavyret	600% FPL
Gilead Sciences	855-769-7284 <a href="http://www.mysupportpath.com">www.mysupportpath.com</a>	Epclusa, Harvoni, Sovaldi, and Vosevi	500% FPL
Asegua Therapeutics	855-769-7284 <a href="http://www.mysupportpath.com">www.mysupportpath.com</a>	sofosbuvir/velpatasvir, ledipasvir/sofosbuvir	500% FPL
Merck & Co.	800-727-5400 <a href="http://merckhelps.com">merckhelps.com</a>	Zepatier	400% FPL

# Manufacturer Cost-Sharing Assistance Programs

COMPANY	CONTACT INFORMATION	DRUGS COVERED	ASSISTANCE
<b>Hepatitis B</b>			
Gilead Sciences	855-769-7284 <a href="http://www.mysupportpath.com">www.mysupportpath.com</a>	Vemlidy	Up to a maximum of \$6,000 in cost-sharing assistance per calendar year
<b>Hepatitis C</b>			
AbbVie	855-687-7503 <a href="http://abbvie.com/patients/patient-support/patient-assistance.html">abbvie.com/patients/patient-support/patient-assistance.html</a>	Mavyret	Maximum savings of \$4,000 after the first \$5 payment every month; \$12,000 is the maximum annual savings
Gilead Sciences	855-769-7284 <a href="http://www.mysupportpath.com">www.mysupportpath.com</a>	Epclusa, Havoni, Sovaldi, and Vosevi	Maximum savings of 25% of the catalog price for three bottles in cost-sharing assistance
Asegua Therapeutics	855-769-7284 <a href="https://qv.trialcard.com/Asegua#/app/layout/home">https://qv.trialcard.com/Asegua#/app/layout/home</a>	sofosbuvir/velpatasvir, ledipasvir/sofosbuvir	

# Other Programs Providing Medication Assistance for People with Viral Hepatitis

## **The Assistance Fund (TAF)**

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The [Assistance Fund's](#) provide financial assistance for out-of-pocket costs for prescribed FDA-approved treatment, such as copays, deductibles, and coinsurance.

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## **HealthWell Foundation**

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The [HealthWell Foundation's](#) co-payment assistance program provides up to \$30,000 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).

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## **Needy Meds**

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

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## **RxOutreach**

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

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