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800.331.2020
[PreventBlindness.org](https://www.preventblindness.org)

Financial Assistance Information

Eye Exams, Vision Care, and Treatment

The American Academy of Ophthalmology EyeCare America® Program

P.O. Box 429098
San Francisco, CA 94142-9098
Phone: (877) 887-6327
Fax: (415) 561-8567
Email: eyecareamerica@aao.org
<https://aao.org/eyecare-america>

**Resource for:
Those who qualify**

EyeCare America provides eye care to US citizens and legal residents through volunteer ophthalmologists, often at no out-of-pocket cost to those who qualify. Visit <https://aao.org/eyecare-america> to find out if you or someone you know qualifies for eye care. More than 90 percent of care provided is at no out-of-pocket cost to EyeCare America patients. Complete an online form to see if you or someone you know is eligible: <https://secure.aao.org/forms/ecareferral>

American Glaucoma Society Cares

American Glaucoma Society

655 Beach Street
San Francisco, CA 94109
Phone: (415) 561-8587
Fax: (415) 561-8531
Email: ags@aao.org

Resource for: Glaucoma

<https://www.americanglaucomasociety.net/patient-family-resources/ags-cares>

AGS Cares is a public service program of the AGS Foundation that is dedicated to providing surgical glaucoma care at no cost to uninsured patients who qualify for such care. The glaucoma care is provided by members of a national network of volunteers comprising glaucoma surgeons who are AGS active or provisional members.

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The Assistance Fund

8427 Southpark Circle, Suite 100
Orlando, FL 32819
Phone: (855) 845-3663
Monday–Friday, 8am–7pm ET
<https://enroll.tafcares.org>

Resource for:
Those who qualify

Resource for:
Macular degeneration

Resource for:
Inherited retinal disease,
neurotrophic keratitis,
thyroid eye disease
(TED), uveitis

The Assistance Fund's (ATF) mission is to provide underinsured people living with life-threatening, chronic, and rare diseases access to critical treatment through financial assistance, education, and advocacy. Some vision conditions where assistance is provided are: inherited retinal disease, macular degeneration, neurotrophic keratitis, thyroid eye disease (TED), and uveitis.

Association of Schools and Colleges of Optometry

143 Rollins Ave #2046
Rockville, MD 20847
Phone: (301) 231-5944
Fax: (301) 770-1828
<https://opted.org>

Resource for: Anyone

Many optometry schools offer low-cost care to people willing to be treated by supervised students. They may also provide free care to people who join research studies.

Eye Want 2 Know

<https://eyewant2know.com>

Resource for:
Inherited retinal disease

As part of its commitment to the inherited retinal disease (IRD) community, Spark Therapeutics operates Eye Want 2 Know, a website aiming to provide those living with an IRD the knowledge and resources they need to get started with genetic testing to determine the genetic cause of their condition. Eye Want 2 Know also includes an enhanced ID YOUR IRD® gene testing initiative that tests for variants in approximately 250 genes known to cause IRDs and includes optional genetic counseling, both available at no charge.

Foundation Fighting Blindness: My Retina Tracker® Program

<https://www.fightingblindness.org/open-access-genetic-testing-program>

Resource for:
Inherited retinal disease

The My Retina Tracker Program provides individuals affected by Inherited Retinal Disease (IRD) this no-cost program offering access to high-coverage diagnostic testing, genetic counseling, and connection to a growing IRD registry.

Good Days

2611 Internet Blvd, Suite 105
Frisco, TX 75034
Toll-free Patient Info: (877) 968-7233
Main: (972) 608-7141
<https://mygooddays.org>

Resource for:
Those who qualify

Good Days provides financial support by covering prohibitively costly co-pays for those with life-altering conditions, allowing them to receive treatment without destroying their finances.

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The HealthWell Foundation

P.O. Box 489

Buckeystown, MD 21717

Phone: (800) 675-8416

Fax: (800) 282-7692

<https://healthwellfoundation.org>

The HealthWell Foundation provides financial assistance to eligible individuals to cover co-insurance, co-payments, healthcare premiums and deductibles for certain treatments.

Resource for:
Those who qualify

The Hill Burton Program

Health Resources and Services Administration

5600 Fishers Lane, Room 10C-16

Rockville, MD 20857

Phone: (800) 492-0359 (Maryland residents) or (800) 638-0742

<https://www.hrsa.gov/get-health-care/affordable/hill-burton>

Participating hospitals and other healthcare facilities provide medical care for free, or at reduced cost, to those who meet eligibility requirements based on family size and income. Procedures covered vary from hospital to hospital. A list of assisting sites available in your state is located online.

Resource for:
Those who qualify

InfantSEE

Optometry Cares

The Foundation of the American Optometric Association

243 N. Lindbergh Blvd., Floor 1

St. Louis, MO 63141

Phone: (888) 396-EYES (3937)

Email: infantsee@aoa.org

<https://infantsee.org>

InfantSEE optometrists provide a no-cost comprehensive eye and vision assessment for infants between 6–12 months old regardless of a family's income or access to insurance coverage.

Resource for: Children

Lions Clubs International

Phone: (630) 571-5466 or (800) 747-4448

<https://lionsclubs.org/en>

Provides financial assistance to individuals for eye care through local clubs. On their website, go to “Find a Club” to locate your local club.

Resource for:
Those who qualify

Medicaid

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

7500 Security Blvd.

Baltimore, MD 21244

Toll-Free: (877) 267-2323

TTY Toll-Free: (800) 877-8339

<https://medicaid.gov>

Information and assistance can be found at the <https://medicaid.gov> website and the individual state Medicaid websites (Go to the menu and select “Resources for States”). Generally, the best place to start is the Medicaid office of your particular state—most of the numbers listed here are for program issues and general questions and information.

Resource for:
Those who qualify

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Medicare

Medicare Contact Center Operations

Office of External Affairs

7500 Security Blvd.

Baltimore, MD 21244

Phone: (800) MEDICARE (633-4227)

<https://medicare.gov>

Medicare beneficiaries, family members, and caregivers can visit <https://medicare.gov>, the Official U.S. Government Site for People with Medicare, for the latest information on Medicare enrollment, benefits, and other helpful tools.

Resource for:
Adults age 65+

MEDICARE: Extra Help with Medicare Prescription Drug Plan Costs

<https://ssa.gov/medicare/part-d-extra-help>

Medicare beneficiaries can qualify for Extra Help with their Medicare prescription drug plan costs. To qualify for the Extra Help, a person must be receiving Medicare, have limited resources and income, and reside in one of the 50 States or the District of Columbia.

Resource for:
Those who qualify

Mission Cataract USA

Phone: (559) 797-1629

<https://missioncataractusa.org>

Coordinated by the Volunteer Eye Surgeon's Association, it is a program providing free cataract surgery to people of all ages who have no Medicare, Medicaid, third party insurance or any other means to pay for needed cataract surgery.

Resource for: Cataract

VSP® Eyes of Hope® Program

Phone: (800) 331-2020 x126

<https://vspvision.com/eyes-of-hope.html>

The VSP® Eyes of Hope® program provides adults and children in need (families' income is at or below 200% of the federal poverty level) with access to eye care and new glasses, if needed, at no cost through a VSP network doctor in their community. Contact your local Prevent Blindness affiliate or Prevent Blindness for more details.

Resource for:
Those who qualify

Prescription Savings

Blink Health

Phone: (844) 265-6444

Email: info@blinkhealth.com

<https://blinkhealth.com>

Blink Health provides discounted prescription prices on over 15,000 medications. Pay online and pick up at any of their 35,000+ participating pharmacies nationwide, or get your Rx delivered right to your door. Online doctor visits are offered for select conditions.

Resource for: Anyone

Prescription Savings *(continued)*

Cost Plus Drug Company

Email: info@costplusdrugs.com

<https://costplusdrugs.com>

Resource for: Anyone

Cost Plus Drug Company offers hundreds of prescription medications at affordable prices. Find out if your medication is available by searching the name of the drug at <https://costplusdrugs.com/medications>.

GoodRX

<https://goodrx.com>

Resource for: Anyone

GoodRx keeps up with changes in prescription prices across 70,000 pharmacies in the U.S., so you know you are always paying the best price either through GoodRx coupons, manufacturer copay cards, or insurance.

NeedyMeds, Inc.

50 Whittemore St.

Gloucester, MA 01930

Helpline: (800) 503-6897

Fax: (206) 260-8850

Email: info@needymeds.org

<https://needymeds.org>

Resource for:
Those who qualify

NeedyMeds provides information obtained directly from the drug manufacturers regarding special programs to assist people who cannot afford to buy the drugs they need.

RxAssist

Email: info@rxassist.org

Resource for: Anyone

RxAssist is an online resource center that provides information about free and low-cost medicine programs and other ways to manage your medication costs. Visit <https://rxassist.org> to print a prescription discount card and browse the database of patient assistance programs.

RxHope

<https://rxhope.com/home.aspx>

Resource for:
Those who qualify

RxHope provides help to people in need in obtaining critical medications that they would normally have trouble affording. RxHope acts as your advocate in making the patient assistance program journey easier and faster by supplying vital information and help.

Rx Outreach

Phone: (888) 796-1234

<https://rxoutreach.org>

Resource for:
Those who qualify

Rx Outreach offers more than 1,000 medications via mail order that cover most chronic diseases for 30, 60, 90, or 180 days at a time. Rx Outreach is available to qualifying individuals and families whose income is at or below 400% of the Federal Poverty Level. Patients can quickly check their eligibility online. Patients can be on Medicare, Medicaid, or other health insurance and still qualify for Rx Outreach.

SingleCare

Phone: (844) 234-3057, 24/7 except major holidays

Email: support@singlecare.com

<https://singlecare.com>

Resource for: Anyone

SingleCare is a free-to-use prescription discount service. You can search for coupons for your medications, print a prescription discount card, or download the app at <https://singlecare.com>

Affordable Eyeglasses

New Eyes

PO Box 332
830 Morris TPKE, Suite 401
Short Hills, NJ 07078
Email: info@new-eyes.org

Resource for:
Those who qualify

New Eyes provides a basic pair of single or lined bifocal lenses. A New Eyes voucher is for individuals who have no other resources with which to obtain a basic pair of eyeglasses. Applicants must have an eyeglasses prescription dated within the last 24 months, including their pupillary distance (PD) measurement. For more information, go to <https://new-eyes.org/application>

OneSight's Eyeglass Referral Program

Phone: (888) 935-4589
<https://onesight.essilorluxottica.com>

Resource for:
Those who qualify

Through OneSight's Eyeglass Referral Program, eligible patients can receive glasses free of charge. The patient should:

1. Have their financial need verified by a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization (such as a school, church, Lions Club, Prevent Blindness, Red Cross, or United Way).
2. Obtain a referral letter from the nonprofit (letter should be on company letterhead and include the Tax ID# for the nonprofit).
3. Take the referral letter and referral card issued by the nonprofit as well as a valid prescription to a participating Luxottica Retail Location (LensCrafters or Target Optical store) to receive a pair of glasses at no charge.
4. If the patient does not already have a valid prescription (one that is less than 1 year old) he or she can be referred to Prevent Blindness for assistance.

ReSpectacle

Email: help@respectacle.org
<https://respectacle.org/index>

Resource for: Anyone

ReSpectacle is a nonprofit organization that offers quality, used eyeglasses to underserved communities worldwide. The glasses are free, but shipping & handling charges do apply. If you have a current prescription, you can browse available glasses and submit your order online.

Patient Assistance Programs

ApellisAssist® (Syfovre)

Phone: (888) 273-5547 (888-APELLIS)
from 8am–8pm ET, Monday–Friday
<https://syfovre.com/resources-for-you/ApellisAssist>

Resource for:
Geographic atrophy

Syfovre™ is a prescription eye injection, used to treat geographic atrophy (GA), the dry advanced form of AMD. The ApellisAssist® program is designed to help Syfovre™ patients along their treatment journey by providing insurance support, financial assistance for eligible patients, disease education, and ongoing product support. A dedicated Apellis Care Educator (ACE) works together with the patient to ensure the support you receive is customized for you.

Patient Assistance Programs (continued)

EYLEA4U®

Phone: (855) EYLEA4U (1-855-395-3248),
Option 4,
Monday–Friday, 9am–8pm ET
<https://eyleahd.com/patient-support>

Resource for: Wet AMD

Resource for:
Diabetic retinopathy

Resource for:
Diabetic macular edema

The EYLEA patient assistance program can help cover the cost of EYLEA HD and/or EYLEA (aflibercept) injection. To qualify, patients must be uninsured or not covered for EYLEA HD or EYLEA, be a US resident, be enrolled in EYLEA4U®, and show financial need. If approved, patients may be eligible for assistance for up to 1 year and must reapply annually. Patients with commercial insurance may also qualify for the EYLEA copay discount card. There is no annual income limit to participate in the discount card program.

Genentech Patient Support Services

Phone: (877) GENENTECH
or (877) 436-3683
6am–5pm PT,
Monday through Friday.
<https://gene.com/patients/patient-support-services>

Resource for: Wet AMD

Resource for:
Diabetic retinopathy

Resource for:
Myopic choroidal
neovascularization

Resource for:
Diabetic macular edema

Genentech patient support services provide resources for people who have been prescribed a Genentech medicine.

- Lucentis® (ranibizumab injection)
- Susvimo™ (ranibizumab injection)
- Vabysmo™ (faricimab-svoa)

myAbbVie Assist

Phone: (800) 222-6885
<https://www.abbvie.com/patients/patient-support/patient-assistance.html>

The myAbbVie Assist program provides free medication to qualifying patients. To qualify, patients must live in the United States, have limited or no health insurance coverage, and demonstrate qualifying financial need. If approved, patients may be eligible for assistance for up to 1 year and must reapply for continued assistance.

Resource for: Glaucoma

Resource for: Uveitis

Resource for:
Chronic dry eye

Resource for:
Diabetic macular edema

Patient Assistance Programs *(continued)*

NORD RareCare®

Thyroid Eye Disease Emergency Relief

Phone: (203) 275-0972

Monday–Thursday 8:30am–7:00pm ET

Friday 8:30am–6:00pm ET

Fax: (203) 267-0386

E-mail: thyroideyedisease@rarediseases.org

<https://rarediseases.org/patient-assistance-programs/financial-assistance/page/2/>

NORD's Thyroid Eye Disease (TED) Emergency Relief Program offers financial assistance to eligible individuals with a confirmed diagnosis of Thyroid Eye Disease with the costs of unexpected or emergency non-medical expenses that they cannot afford without short term assistance. NORD recognizes the burden that managing a rare disease places on a patient and his/her family. This financial burden may impact a patient's ability to afford unexpected or emergency essential (non-medical) expenses such as:

- Unexpected utility costs
- Cell phone bills
- Emergency repairs to car, furnace, home, or major appliances
- Missed rent or mortgage payment due to missed work days or other expenses

NORD's Emergency Relief Programs are designed to assist eligible individuals with these challenges.

**Resource for:
Thyroid eye disease**

XALATAN Savings Card

1000 Mylan Blvd.

Canonsburg, PA 15317

Phone: (866) 562-6147

<https://www.xalatan.com/en/savings>

The XALATAN Savings Card allows eligible patients to receive brand-name XALATAN for free or for a reduced price. Patients must meet specific eligibility criteria, including insurance coverage and age requirements. For more details on eligibility, and to activate the savings card, visit <https://www.xalatan.com/en/savings>

Resource for: Glaucoma

Other

BenefitsCheckUp®

<https://benefitscheckup.org>

BenefitsCheckUp® connects millions of older adults and people with disabilities with benefits programs that can help pay for health care, medicine, food, utilities, and more. See what's available in your area by entering your ZIP code on the webpage.

**Resource for:
Older adults**

**Resource for:
People with disabilities**

Other *(continued)*

HealthWell Foundation

P.O. Box 489
Buckeystown, MD 21717
M-F 9 am - 5 pm ET
Phone: (800) 675-8416
Fax: (800) 282-7692

<https://www.healthwellfoundation.org/fund/aca-marketplace-insurance-premium-assistance>

HealthWell Foundation provides assistance with insurance premiums for coverage obtained through the Affordable Care Act (ACA Marketplace). To qualify for assistance through the ACA Marketplace Insurance Premium Fund, the following eligibility requirements must be met:

- The enrollee is enrolled in an ACA Marketplace plan (Bronze, Silver, Gold or Platinum)
- The enrollee qualifies for an ACA Marketplace subsidy
- Household income of the enrollee is within 200% of the Federal Poverty Level
- The enrollee is a resident of the United States

Resource for:
Those who qualify

National Federation of the Blind

200 East Wells Street at Jernigan Place
Baltimore, MD 21230
Phone: (410) 659-9314

<https://nfb.org>

NFB works to improve social and economic conditions of blind persons by providing evaluations of present programs and assistance in establishing new ones; awards scholarships to blind persons; has a public education program including speakers' bureau; and has several special interest divisions, including those for diabetics, educators, lawyers, parents of blind children, students and public employees. The National Federation of the Blind has affiliates in all fifty states plus Washington D.C. and Puerto Rico, and over seven hundred local chapters.

Resource for: Individuals
who are blind

Patient Advocate Foundation's TotalAssist

421 Butler Farm Road
Hampton, Virginia 23666
Phone: (866) 512-3861
Fax: (757) 952-0119
Email: totalassist@patientadvocate.org
<https://TotalAssist.org>

Resource for: Anyone

Resource for:
Rare disease

Patient Advocate Foundation's TotalAssist is the nation's largest and most comprehensive charitable patient assistance program, offering financial assistance for a broad range of diseases—from cancer and rare diseases to chronic and complex illnesses. Through these disease-specific funds, TotalAssist helps patients pay for eligible out-of-pocket healthcare costs, including:

- Medication, copays, coinsurance, and deductibles
- Health insurance premiums
- Office visit charges the day of treatment
- Administration charges related to treatment

To learn more and apply today, visit TotalAssist.org.

Other *(continued)*

Patient Advocate Foundation's Rare Disease CareLine

Phone: (800) 532-5274 (option 2)

Monday to Friday 8:30am to 5:00pm ET

<https://raredisease.pafcareline.org>

The Patient Advocate Foundation's Rare Disease CareLine provides support and assistance to patients with chronic, debilitating diseases to help access care and treatment recommended by their doctor. Case managers can help patients navigate potential roadblocks to treatment such as problems with insurance coverage, transportation and nutritional needs, and financial challenges.

**Resource for:
Rare disease**

Patient Advocate Foundation Co-Pay Relief Fund

<https://copays.org/funds/thyroid-eye-disease>

Apply for assistance for thyroid eye disease (TED) expenses from:

- Co-pay, co-insurance, and deductibles
- Office visits and administration charges related to treatment
- Medical Insurance premiums

**Resource for:
Thyroid eye disease**

