

Prescription Drugs Assistance Resources

1. RxConnect

1-800-333-2433

RxConnect is a service that helps Minnesota residents find programs that provide free or discounted prescription drugs. Most of these programs have income and eligibility requirements. Applications are provided. The service is available to all ages and is provided by the Minnesota Board on Aging through the Senior LinkAge Line®.

2. Minnesota RxConnect

Minnesota RxConnect is the state of Minnesota web site which helps Minnesotans make informed decisions regarding accessing lower cost prescription drugs both locally and from Canada. Minnesota RxPrice Compare allows consumers to compare the local Minnesota prices of 400 drugs. Consumers can link to it from the state of Minnesota web site www.MinnesotaRXConnect.com. Consumers can search for their prescription drug by city, county or zip code. Also from this web site, consumers can compare prescription drug costs if purchased from approved Canadian pharmacies. It lists a step-by-step process to access these prescription drugs and includes first-time customer application forms and a list of available drugs and their prices. Under a category called Legal Information, the site provides potential purchasers with a list of "Things you need to know before purchasing your medication from Canadian pharmacies." The site includes general safety and savings tips when using and purchasing prescription drugs.

3. Patient Assistance Programs

Many pharmaceutical companies provide reduced price or free drugs to eligible people. Two examples of Internet sites to use to look up information about patient assistance programs are www.rxassist.org and www.needymeds.com. You can check to see if your prescription drugs are available at a lower cost and if you are eligible for the programs. On the NeedyMeds web site, click on Generic Name List, or Brand Name List, or Company List to see if your drug is listed and for information about the specific prescription assistance programs. Most of the prescription assistance programs have eligibility requirements. Both of these sites also provide other helpful information regarding getting prescription drugs.

Additional prescription drug resources and information are available in the publication "Low Cost Options for Prescription Drugs" available through the Minnesota Health Information Clearinghouse, Minnesota Department of Health, (651) 201-5178 or 1-800-657-3793.



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