

Community-Based, Low-Cost or Free Medical Resources

The community-based medical resources provided herein were compiled from readily available websites and databases. These resources have not been vetted and are presented as a starting place to help you research possible community-based options that might assist you in meeting your medical care needs. The following resources are not endorsed by or affiliated with the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. It is your responsibility to appropriately evaluate and vet these options and the quality of care provided by each potential resource.

1. <http://www.lestonnacfreeclinic.org/>

Lestonnac Free Clinic

1215 East Chapman Avenue
Orange, CA. 92866

Lestonnac Free Clinic, founded by Sister Marie Therese in 1979, is devoted to providing free, comprehensive medical care to the poorest of the poor in Orange County, California, as well as dental care to currently established patients. Lestonnac Free Clinic is a non-profit, primarily volunteer organization working with pharmaceutical companies and local hospitals to meet the healthcare needs of low and no-income families in our community. Visit their website to learn more: <http://www.lestonnacfreeclinic.org/>.

Satellite Clinic:

Tustin Clinic

14642 Newport Ave, Suite 320
Tustin, CA 92780

Phone: (714) 368-1521

Hours:

Monday-Friday 9am-1pm

2. <http://www.rescuemission.org/MainTabs/Services/HurtFamilyHealthClinic.aspx>

Hurt Family Health Clinic

Hurt Family Health Clinic provides highly accessible, preventative, primary and specialized healthcare to homeless and underserved families through a full-service medical, dental, vision, mental health, chiropractic, and health education facility.

Scope of Services

- Preventative Care: Immunizations, physicals (school, sports, and employment), breast and cervical cancer screenings, Mammograms, laboratory exams excluding drug testing, assist patients with Medi-Cal applications.

- Family Medicine: Primary care, chronic disease management, diabetes, asthma, hypertension, acute care non-emergent illness care, low-cost specialty referrals as needed.
- Education: Patient and Family Chronic Illness Management, sexually transmitted disease risk reduction, smoking and addiction referrals and advice, personal hygiene and nutrition. Free and low-cost health insurance applications.
- Pediatric: Well-Child Exams, Immunizations
- Dental & Vision

Cost of Care

Ages 0-5 are free.* The rest of the Medical & Dental services are seen on the basis of a Sliding Scale Fee. The Clinic can provide enrollment for and bill to Medi-Cal, CalOptima, and Arta Western. If your client is homeless with no resources, we will still provide care/referrals.

*Funded through Children and Families Commission of Orange County

Hours of Operation

Mon-Th: 7 am - 4 pm
 Tu: 7 am - 8 pm
 Fri: 7 am - 3 pm
 Sat: 8 am - 5 pm
 Closed for lunch: 12-1 pm

Contact Us

Address: One Hope Drive, Tustin, CA 92782
 Phone: (714) 247-4348 Administration
 Fax: (714) 566-6442
 Appointments: (714) 247-0300
 Email: info@hurttclinic.org

3. Share Our Selves, <http://www.shareourselves.org/>.

Share Our Selves (SOS) Telephone: 949-270-2100
 1550 Superior Avenue
 Costa Mesa, CA 92627-3653

Share Our Selves provides comprehensive safety-net services to struggling County residents. Their programs include a Medical Clinic, Dental Clinic, Comprehensive CARE Center, SOS-EI Sol Wellness Center, and Social Services.

The SOS Medical Clinic serves people who are uninsured or underinsured and have little-to-no options for affordable health care. The clinic provides full-scope primary care, including preventive health care, chronic disease management, mental health services, and same-day appointments. For information on how to become a patient, please visit their website at: <http://www.shareourselves.org/services/prospective-medical-patients.php>.

4. Prescription Drug Assistance Programs:

- a. <http://www.pparx.org/> Partnership for Prescription Assistance

1-888-4PPA-NOW (1-888-477-2669)

What is the Partnership for Prescription Assistance?

The Partnership for Prescription Assistance helps qualifying patients without prescription drug coverage obtain the medications they need through the program that is right for them. Many will get their medications free or nearly free.

- b. http://www.nami.org/Template.cfm?section=about_medications&Template=/ContentManagement/contentDisplay.cfm&ContentID=19169

Patient Prescription Drug Assistance Programs

Free or low-cost medications provided by pharmaceutical companies

Some pharmaceutical companies offer medication assistance programs to low-income individuals and families. These programs typically require a doctor's consent and proof of financial status. They may also require that you have either no health insurance, or no prescription drug benefit through your health insurance. Please contact the pharmaceutical company directly for specific eligibility requirements and application information.

Note: Some of these companies may prefer to speak directly with your doctor.

- c. <http://www.aafp.org/fpm/2002/1100/p51.html>

d. State and local programs

Visit www.rxassist.org to find a quick-reference chart that lists drug assistance programs by state. The downloadable chart may be found at the following website, www.rxassist.org/pdfs/state_programs.pdf, and notes the population served by each program (some only provide assistance to elderly or disabled patients), as well as contact information. This website was developed by Volunteers in Health Care (VIH).

Visit the Medicare website, at www.medicare.gov/prescription/home.asp, to locate information regarding public and private programs that offer discounted or free medication, as well as Medicare health plans that include prescription coverage. By entering your ZIP code, you can search a database to identify any drug assistance programs in your area. The site provides a basic description of each program, including general eligibility requirements, covered services and contact information.

Community health centers may offer prescription assistance to low-income patients. To locate a center in your area, contact the Health Resources and Services Administration at 888-ASK-HRSA (888-275-4772).

e. Discount cards

Certain pharmaceutical companies offer drug discount cards to qualified Medicare recipients. Each of the phone numbers listed below is set up to take calls from patients.

GlaxoSmithKline Orange Card: 888-672-6436.

Eli Lilly and Company's LillyAnswers Card: 877-795-4559 or www.lillyanswers.com.

Novartis Care Card: 866-974-2273 or www.careplan.novartis.com.

Pfizer for Living Share Card: 800-717-6005 or www.pfizerforliving.com.

TogetherRx Card, a joint drug discount card that offers savings on selected medications offered by Abbott Laboratories, AstraZeneca, Aventis Pharmaceuticals, Bristol-Myers Squibb Company, GlaxoSmithKline, Janssen Pharmaceutica Products, Ortho-McNeil Pharmaceutical, and Novartis: 800-865-7211 or www.together-rx.com.

f. Patient assistance programs

RxAssist (www.rxassist.org): This site is sponsored by Volunteers in Health Care, a nonprofit, national resource center funded by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation that provides assistance to programs serving the uninsured. RxAssist is a comprehensive, searchable database that allows you to search for information by company, brand name, generic name or therapeutic drug class. Detailed program information and application forms are available, as well as information on other strategies for accessing free and low-cost medications.

NeedyMeds (www.needymeds.com): This site was founded by a social worker and a family physician in 1997. NeedyMeds allows you to search for information by program or drug name. It includes detailed program information, forms, news and other useful tools. NeedyMeds also offers a printed manual for purchase.

Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America (PhRMA) (www.phrma.org): This site includes a directory of PAPs offered by participating PhRMA members. The directory includes links to application forms and information on program operations.

RxHope (www.rxhope.com): RxHope is a privately held company that has received funding from several sources, including PhRMA. This site includes detailed PAP information and application forms. RxHope is unique because a

small number of companies allow physicians to submit PAP applications electronically through this site.

The Association of Clinicians for the Underserved (ACU) offers a booklet titled *Handbook 4: Pharmaceutical Assistance Programs* that explains how PAPs work. The booklet costs \$5 for nonmembers. Visit their Web site at www.clinicians.org/opa/booklets/opabookdex.asp for more information.

Volunteers in Health Care is creating a practical, how-to guide for using PAPs that will be available in January of 2003. For more information about this product and other VIH resources on pharmaceutical access, visit www.volunteersinhealthcare.org or call 877-844-8442.

g. Other resources

Visit www.rxassist.org/pdfs/rx_pt_packet.pdf to download a free patient information packet listing a variety of resources for obtaining free and low-cost medications.