**The cost of medicine continues to rise.  If you are struggling to afford any of your medicine, you may be eligible for programs that would decrease your medication cost.**

**PACE/PACENET**

* + For Pennsylvania residents older than 65 with an Income < $33,500 single or < $41,500 married
  + Brand name medications are no more than $15/month
  + Eliminates the Medicare deductible and the coverage gap (Donut Hole)
  + Call 1-800-225-7223 to apply over the phone (Preferred) or the website is <https://pacecares.magellanhealth.com/> to apply online.

**VA (Veterans Affairs)** - Veterans can obtain medications and hearing aids from the VA at significantly reduced cost; may still also have a Heritage Valley doctor.

**Patient Assistance Programs (PAP)** - Many manufacturers of brand name medications offer assistance programs to provide their medication at no cost to the patient. Typically, patients with Medicare Part D coverage or no prescription coverage may be eligible. The income limits are fairly high. (Some programs offer assistance with a household income up to approximately $78,880.)

* + Qualifying will mean you receive the medication for free from the manufacturer
  + Ask your doctor or pharmacist for the manufacturer name of your high cost brand medications
  + You may request a Patient Assistance Application for most expensive brand name medication from your Heritage Valley doctor’s office
  + You may also search online for the following manufacturer or call and request an application
  + The office can provide help with completing the application if needed.
    - **AZ&Me Patient Assistance Program**  1-800-292-6363
    - **BI Cares Patient Assistance Program** 1-800-556-8317
    - **Bristol Myers Squibb Patient Assistance**  800-736-0003
    - **GSK Patient Assistance Program**  1-866-728-4368
    - **Johnson & Johnson Patient Assistance Program** 1-800-652-6227
    - **Lilly Cares Patient Assistance Program** 1-800-545-6962
    - **Merck Patient Assistance Program** 1-800-727-5400
    - **NOVARTIS Patient Assistance Program** 1-800-277-2254
    - **NOVO NORDISK Patient Assistance Program**  1-866-310-7549
    - **SANOFI Patient Assistance Program** 1- 888-847-4877

**Copay Cards –** Typically available to help with high copays on brand name medications for patients with commercial coverage. Check the manufacturer website for any copay cards that may be available.

**Medicare Counseling and (MEDI)-** If you need help with Medicare counseling and choosing the best plan, contact your county Area on Aging Office 724-847-2262 (Beaver) 412-350-4234 (Allegheny)

**Ohio Residents** -Eastern Ohio Residents that may need help with Medicare, Transportation or Waiver programs, can contact Direct Home of Eastern Ohio <https://dheo.org/> Phone is 330-505-2300

\*\*Contact your Heritage Valley doctor’s office for assistance needed with any of these programs.