

PATIENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM INFORMATION:

The VCMC Patient Assistance Program (PAP) attempts to get more expensive brand name medications by petitioning the various pharmaceutical programs for VCMC clinic patients.

Each patient assistance program has financial guidelines, which vary for each company.

Patients must not have prescription insurance, although MIA is NOT considered insurance. MediCal is considered insurance.

Patients that are over 65 and qualify for Medicare Part D are often rejected, as they have access to Part D.

There is an application process, and patients must submit the required financial documents to us.

DO NOT BRING PRESCRIPTIONS TO THE HOSPITAL PHARMACY TO BE FILLED. PAP medications do not come from this pharmacy and the inpatient pharmacy will not be able to fill your prescription.

The application process takes approximately 6 weeks – 2 months from the time we receive the request until the time the medication is received, labeled and bagged for the patient. The patient will NOT get the medication right away.

Once approved and accepted into the program, the patient will usually receive medications for an entire year. Re-application is necessary each year.

Most medications are received as a 90-day supply. Prescriptions should be written for a 90-day supply with 3 refills.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at (805) 652-6772.

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