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Start Saving Today with Copay Cards

HERE'S YOUR CHANCE TO MAKE YOUR MEDICATIONS MORE AFFORDABLE

Copay cards are special discount cards that can help you **pay less** for your medications. They're easy to use and can help make your **prescription costs lower.**

How to use your copay card

Copay cards are easy to get and easier to use:



Get the card

There are several ways you can get a copay card:

- **Ask your doctor.** Talk to your doctor to learn if there are any copay cards for the medications prescribed for you.
- Visit the company's website or call. Many medicine companies have copay cards online, or you can call them to ask. You can download the information for using the card or call the telephone number listed on the website.
- **Check with your pharmacy.** Some pharmacies might have information about copay cards for different medications.
- Online search. Type the drug name and then "copay card" in the search bar.



Show your card

When you go to the pharmacy to get your medicine, **show them your card.** Note that **some pharmacies do not accept** copay cards.

Copay card benefits

There are many benefits of using a copay card and include:

- Lower costs You can pay less for your medications and save money overall
- No fees A copay card is usually free and has no added fees
- Lots of options There are cards available for many different prescription medications

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Copay card FAQs: your guide to savings!

What is a copay card?

A copay card is a special discount card from the drug company that helps you pay less for your medications. They're also known as:

- · Copay savings programs
- · Copay coupons
- Patient assistance programs
- Copay assistance cards

These programs¹ help people pay for costly prescription medications by reducing their out-of-pocket costs.

How do I get a copay card?

You can get a copay card from your doctor, the medicine company's website or you can ask at your pharmacy. Sign up online or call the program to join. Once you're enrolled, you will usually get a card that you can print out and take to the pharmacy. Copay cards are usually **free to get and use.**

How do I use a copay card at the pharmacy?

When you order your medicine **tell the pharmacy** you have a copay card. They'll apply the discount. Please note that some pharmacies **do not accept** copay cards. AcariaHealthTM Specialty Pharmacy and UC Pharmacy **do offer** copay cards.

Can I use a copay card for any medicine?

No. **Not all medications** have copay cards, but **many popular ones do.** Check with your doctor or pharmacy or the medicine company. When you sign up for a copay card, make sure to read the rules carefully. If you have any questions, you can always call the medicine company for help. Please note that some copay cards have **expiration dates** or limits on how many times you can use them, so make sure to ask the pharmacy.

How much money can I save with a copay card?

The amount you save can vary, but copay cards **can lower your out-of-pocket costs.** The value of the card won't count toward your deductible or out-of-pocket maximum. The actual amount you paid out of pocket is what is applied to your out-of-pocket costs.

Can copay cards be used for purchasing brand name medications?

No. In 2017, California made a law that says you **can't use copay cards to buy brand-name medications** if there are cheaper generic versions available.

Can copay cards be used with federal health plans like Medicare, Medicaid?

No. Copay cards **are not allowed** for government health insurance, like Medicare or Medicaid. You must have private or commercial insurance to get a copay card.

Important copay card tips:



- Check if you qualify Be sure you qualify for the copay card.
- Watch for expiration dates Some copay cards can expire or have limits on how many times you can use them.
- Ask your pharmacist If you have any questions about using a copay card, ask your pharmacist for help.

¹Manufacturer coupons may work only for one fill whereas a copay card may work for multiple fills.