

## **PRESCRIPTION ASSISTANCE**

We understand that prescription medications that we prescribe can be costly, especially since the anticoagulants Xarelto and Eliquis will not be available as a generic until sometime in 2021 (estimated).

Medicare regulations strictly govern our ability to provide sample quantities to our patients. If you are in a situation where your anticoagulation is unaffordable due to a high coinsurance or by being in either a deductible or “donut hole” period, please visit the sites below.

### **Xarelto (rivaroxaban)**

There are several options for savings from the manufacturer of Xarelto. There are options to have a reduced monthly copay for commercially-insured patients, an option to have a one-time 30-day supply as a Medicare or Medicare replacement insured patient, and a program that limits the copay to \$85 monthly with some qualifications. If you call 1-888-XARELTO (1-888-927-3586) they will attempt to qualify you for all of the programs to find the best one to fit your qualifications.

More information is found here: <https://www.xarelto-us.com/xarelto-cost>

Johnson & Johnson Patient Assistance Foundation

Many medications fall under coverage from the Johnson & Johnson Patient Assistance Foundation, and Xarelto is one of them. While there are income requirements in order to qualify, Medicare insured patients should apply, especially if you're on a fixed income such as Social Security.

Call 1-800-652-6227 to apply or visit <https://www.jjpaf.org>

### **Eliquis (apixaban)**

The manufacturer of Eliquis also has similar savings opportunities as above, and by calling 1-855-ELIQUIS (1-855-354-7847) from 8 am- 8 pm M-F, or 9 am – 6 pm on the weekend, a specialist will be able to fit you with the best program for your qualifications, or visit <https://www.eliquis.bmscustomerconnect.com/afib/savings-and-support>

Bristol Myers Squibb Patient Assistance Foundation

This foundation provides assistance for several medications in addition to Eliquis. Visit <https://www.bmspaf.org/#home> or call them at 1-800-736-0003

### **Savaysa (edoxaban)**

This manufacturer has savings support for commercially-insured patients that can be found here <https://savaysa.com/savaysa-support> or call them at 1-877-267-2440 between 8 am and 8 pm M-F.

### **Pradaxa (dabigatran etexilate)**

This manufacturer has prescription assistance for commercially-insured patients as well as offering a 30-day supply (one use) for government-funded insured patients.

Apply here: <https://www.pradaxa.com/pradaxa-savings> or call 1-877-481-5332 between 8 am and 8 pm M-F or 9:30 am – 6 pm on the weekend.

### **Pennsylvania PACE and PACenet Prescription Assistance Programs**

These state-funded programs have income eligibility requirements and will help with all of your medications, not just single medications. To see if you qualify, visit <https://www.aging.pa.gov/aging-services/prescriptions/Pages/default.aspx> or call 1-800-225-7223 for more information. You must be a PA resident over the age of 65 in order to qualify.

### **New York EPIC Prescription Assistance Programs**

Similar to Pennsylvania's PACE/PACenet programs, but for NY seniors, more information on NY EPIC programs can be found here: [https://www.health.ny.gov/health\\_care/epic/application\\_contact.htm](https://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/epic/application_contact.htm) or by calling 1-800-332-3742

### **Social Security Administration's Extra Help Program**

This program helps with the cost of all of an eligible person's prescriptions. There are income and coverage qualifications for the Extra Help program, and you can find out if you're eligible by visiting: <https://www.ssa.gov/benefits/medicare/prescriptionhelp/> or by calling 1-800-772-1213 for help with the application.

