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Free Medicine For Uninsured Patients

(NAPSA)—Thanks to a new patient assistance program, many Americans who have no insurance to pay for prescription drugs can now obtain some of them for free.



Uninsured patients may be eligible for a program that provides free prescription medications.

The program, available to both adults and children, is of particular value to older Americans with chronic illness as well as HIV/AIDS patients. Under the program, many of Boehringer Ingelheim Pharmaceuticals, Inc.'s products are provided free of charge to eligible patients. To qualify, patients must:

- Lack prescription coverage under a private, government or employee insurance plan;
- Be ineligible for Medicaid prescription assistance;
- Have income equal to or lower than 200 percent of the Federal Poverty Level; and
- Be a citizen or legal resident of the United States.

Drugs available under the program include Aggrenox, Atrovent Inhalation Aerosol, Combivent Inhalation Aerosol, Flomax, Mobic, Cafcit, Micardis and Viramune.

There are no co-payments or fees charged for participating in the Boehringer Ingelheim Cares program. A simple, one-page enrollment form is available by calling (800) 556-8317.