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Medication And More For Those In Need

(NAPSA)—There's hopeful news for those who are struggling financially and concerned about covering the cost of their medicines. There is an organization that's committed to helping financially challenged and uninsured patients find assistance programs that provide free or discounted medicines.

Since its founding four years ago, it has helped over 5.5 million qualifying patients find assistance with free or deeply discounted medicines.

Called the Partnership for Prescription Assistance (PPA), it provides information on more than 475 public and private patient assistance programs that are helping patients get the help they need. It's estimated that nearly 200 of these programs are directly sponsored by pharmaceutical research and biotechnology companies.

All patients, their families or health care and social services professionals seeking to help patients need do is call the PPA's toll free number (1-888-4PPA-NOW) or visit its easy-to-use Web site (www.PPARx.org).

There they will find over 475 public and private patient assistance programs that provide qualified patients with access to more than 2,500 brand-name and generic medicines for free or nearly free.

Additionally, because not every patient may qualify for help with free or nearly free medicine, the PPA also connects patients to a



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range of discount programs that may provide them deep price discounts on the medicines they're prescribed. The program also provides information on more than 10,000 free health care clinics and health care providers.

"Americans who've been hit hard by the economic crisis need to know that help is out there," says Billy Tauzin, president and CEO of the Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America, "and the PPA is standing by to provide that help."

For more information on the Partnership, call toll-free (888) 4PPA-NOW or visit the PPA Web site at www.PPARx.org.

For more information on America's pharmaceutical research and biotechnology companies, visit www.PhrMA.org.