

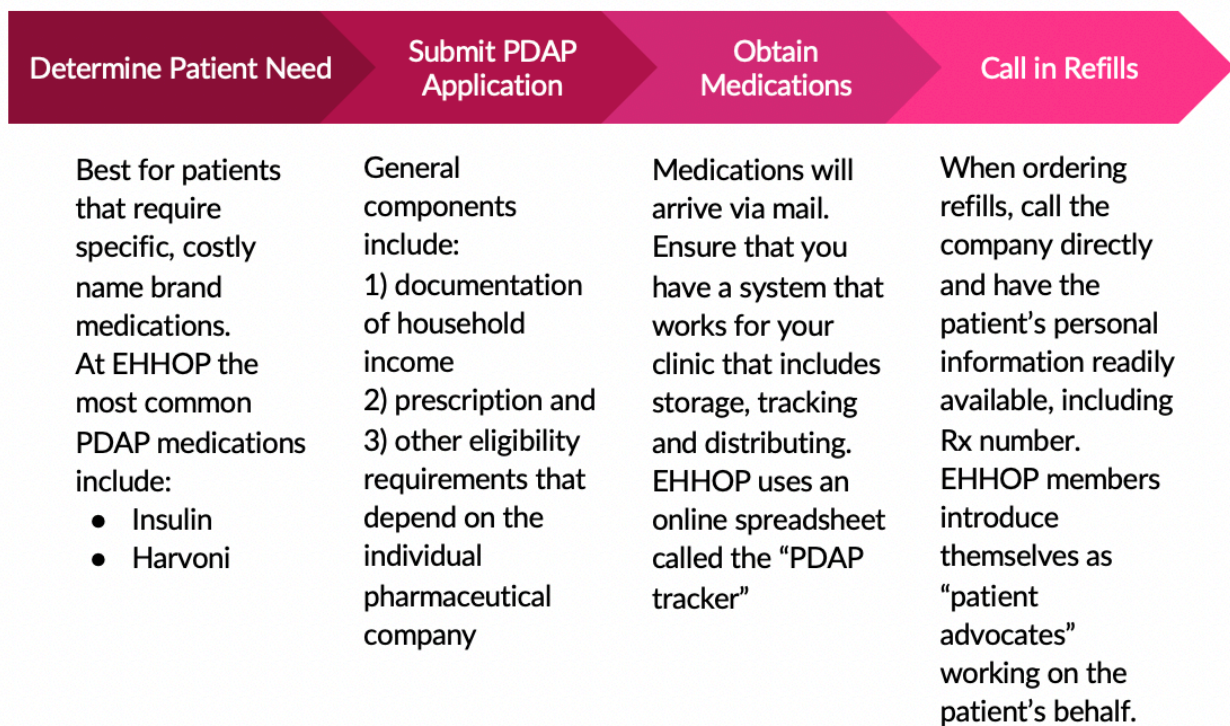
Meeting Patient Medication Needs for a SRFC

Method 1: Utilizing National Programs

* Prescription Drug Assistance Programs (PDAP)

- Eligibility criteria and application requirements vary by drug manufacturer and drug
 - Go to pharmaceutical company's website or search through a centralized PDAP database to find the specific forms needed for the patients' required medication
 - Partnership for Prescription Assistance: <https://www.pparx.org/>
- PDAP applications often require proof of income and/or proof of residency documents
 - These documents can be difficult to provide if patients are paid in cash or lack legal immigration status

PDAP Process Flow From EHHOP



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Method 2: Institutional Support

- * Getting funding and support from the school's institution
 - **Using the Employee Pharmacy**
 - Employee pricing for medications at own institution
 - Patient's prescriptions are filled by the Employee Pharmacy and patients pick up their medications at the pharmacy
 - **Pharmacy Schools**
 - Connected to the medical school or larger institution or contact nearby schools
 - Pharmacy students may be able to participate in clinic as well
 - **Ties to partners**, such as other pharmacies, companies, or manufacturers

Method 3: Developing Sliding Fee Scales

- * Determining and implementing **sliding fee scale** or **small fee** to help offset costs of medications for patients

Method 4: Discount Programs

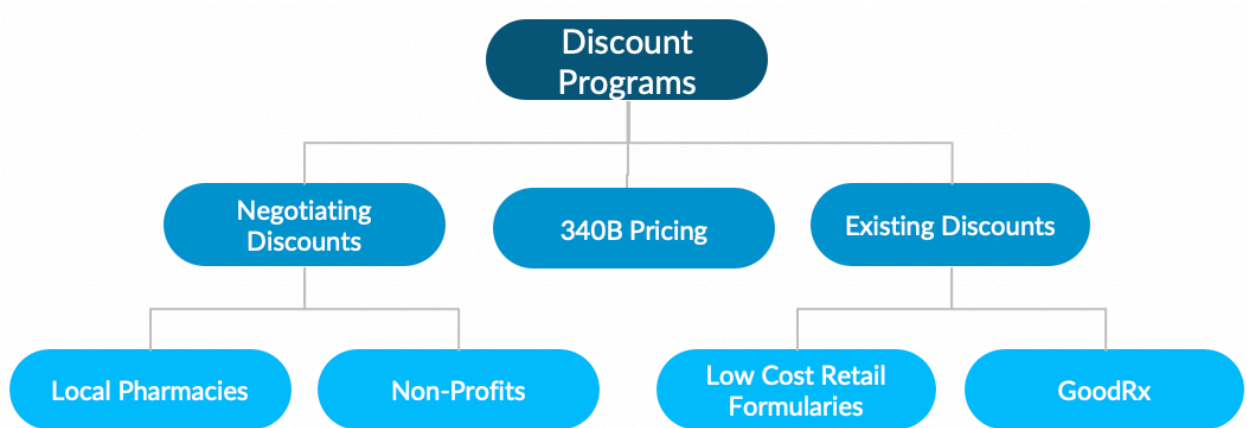
- * Soliciting discounts and donations from local pharmacies and appropriate national organizations
 - * **Local Pharmacies**
 - * They may be able to offer competitive pricing and/or give donations
 - * Locate a pharmacy invested in the community, especially an independent one, to purchase medicines at a low cost
 - * **340B Drug Pricing Program**
 - * If eligible to participate in the 340B program, you can purchase 340B discounted drugs
 - * **Discounted Medications**
 - * Low-cost formularies through certain retailers such as Target, Walmart, etc.

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Method 4: Discount Programs (cont.)

* Fundraising & Grants

- * Many grants do not cover prescriptions, but some will subsidize meds for specific conditions (e.g. diabetes)
- * Monetary donations can be used to cover the costs of prescription medications



Pros and Cons

		No Cost	No Eligibility Restriction	No Application	Customizable
1	National Programs (PDAP, AmeriCare)	×	×	×	×
2	Leveraging Institutional Relationships	✓	✓	✓	✓
3	Developing Sliding Fee Scales	×	✓	✓	✓
4	Discount Programs	×	✓	×	×

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Assistant Programs Run by Nonprofit Groups

Partnership for Prescription Assistance: A program sponsored by drug companies, doctors, patient advocacy organizations and others. It helps low-income, uninsured patients get free or low-cost, brand-name medications.

NeedyMeds: A non-profit organization that maintains an extensive database of information about patient assistance programs, state assistance, drug discount programs, and free or low-cost medical care.

RxAssist: An online database of drug company programs that provide free or affordable drugs and co-pay assistance.

Center for Benefits: Provided by the National Council on Aging, this shares information about assistance programs for low-income seniors and young people with disabilities.

RxHope: A web-based resource where you can search by medication to locate assistance programs. They also offer help with the application process.

RxOutreach: A mail-order pharmacy for people with little to no health insurance coverage.

Americares: Offers free medications to eligible free clinics

GoodRx: Compares prices at pharmacies and offers coupons for medications. Patients can use a mobile app or physical card

Other considerations

Storage

- Institutional policies on on-site medication storage vary.
 - For example, insulin requires cold storage, so it is important to ensure that clinic facilities are able to handle this.

Supply chain management

- Key to ensure adequate availability of the most utilized medications on the clinic day for distribution to patients.
 - Medications acquired through PDAP may be picked up at the clinic on the clinic day.
- An option may be to fill prescriptions for self-pickup by patients at pharmacies, however this is dependent on partnerships with local or institutional pharmacies.
- It can be helpful to have a set of dedicated volunteers to facilitate timely access and distribution to patients.
- It is important for SRFCs to develop a clinic-wide process flow for meeting your patient's medication needs in tandem with the overarching clinic flow.