M.A.G.I.C. MEDS RX™

MEDICATION ASSISTANCE GUIDE FOR IMPROVING CARE

GLOSSARY

HOW TO USE M.A.G.I.C.

ALPHABETICAL LIST OF ALL MEDICATIONS

A-E   F-J

K-O   P-T   U-Z

PROGRAM CAVEATS
&
FEDERAL POVERTY LIMIT CUTOFFS

PATIENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS BY MANUFACTURER

PROGRAMS & MEDICATIONS BY DISEASE STATE/CONDITION

ANTI-MIGRAINE ANTITHROMBOTICS AUTO-IMMUNE

CARDIOVASCULAR DIABETES&INSULIN INFECTIOUS DISEASE (ACUTE&HIV)

INHALERS (RESPIRATORY) NEUROLOGY&PSYCHIATRY ONCOLOGY

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES (Welvista, RxOutreach, Walmart $4.00 list, Care foundations)

RE-ENROLLMENT PROCESS PER PATIENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

REFILL REQUEST PROCESS

COPAY ASSISTANCE

FREE TRIAL CARDS

Purpose/Background

Medication adherence is largely impacted by patient specific barriers, one of the most crucial being financial constraints of affording their medications. There are resources from drug manufacturers and alternative programs to eliminate financial constraint of medication adherence. The resources available include:

1. **Patient assistance program (PAP)** - Drug manufacturers provide medications completely **free of charge** for low-income uninsured or Medicare patients, shipped directly to patients' home, primary care provider (PCP) office, or other designated address (i.e. infusion medications should be mailed to infusion center where patient has confirmed follow-up), depending on program eligibility. Covers almost **ALL** medications
   a. Documentation required: program specific (none to needing income proof)
   b. Process time: 2-7 days
2. **Welvista** – state run program, has limited formulary of mediations
   a. Documentation required: requires income documentation for all members of household,
   b. Process time: 10-14 days
3. **RxOutreach** – nationwide program, has limited formulary for medications not covered by other PAP programs
   a. Documentation required: None
   b. Process time: 7-10 days
4. **Copay cards** – typically available to commercially insured patients or one-time uses in certain circumstances (outside the scope of this document)
5. **Walmart $4.00 prescription list** – limited formulary of medications available at Walmart that may be more affordable via a prescription than at other pharmacies
6. **Care foundations** – foundations set up by donors for financially constrained patients for medications not covered by other programs (limited funds available)

This document encompasses comprehensive access to patient assistance programs (PAP) for almost all medications (see additional resources for medications not included). Patient eligibility is dependent upon:

- Income level based on the federal poverty limit (FPL), which varies yearly
  o Programs will either require proof of documentation or run electronic income verification (which will **NOT** affect a patient's credit score)
- Insurance status (must be uninsured or Medicare)

This **interactive document (clickable)** will allow for uninsured and low income patients to be enrolled in a patient assistance program and provide them with up to one year of medication **free-of-charge**. Following calendar year from enrollment date, subsequent application will need submitted for re-enrollment.

Barriers to utilizing Welvista through the state of South Carolina are:

- Cumbersome enrollment process, more than a patient can understand and above the appropriate level of health literacy
- 10-14 day processing time for applications
- Limited formulary
- Requirement of proof of income for all members within the household
  o Most patients do not have available during hospitalization
- FPL threshold of $\leq$ 250% (stricter than most PAP)
  o Many patients can qualify for their individual medication with the higher threshold cutoffs for individual manufacturer PAP
- Medications also need e-scribed to Welvista or, if not originally e-scribed, will need mailed via the postal service to Welvista.

Patients are provided an expansive amount of information during their admission and at time of discharge. Many times, patients realize when they arrive at a pharmacy or arrive home, they may be uncertain of the appropriate steps to enroll in a PAP program, returning to a healthcare institution when their initial medication fill runs out. This interactive PAP