Guide to Cheap Drugs

Rx Outreach

Qualifications:

- Income for individuals and families at or below 250 percent of the Federal Poverty Level (i.e. single person: less than $24,500/year; family of two: less than $33,000/year; family of four: less than $50,000/year)
- Does not require patients to submit tax returns and other financial documents to verify income. The patient's signature on the Rx Outreach form is attesting that the information provided is true and accurate.
- Available to those who are uninsured or underinsured
- No age restriction

Medications:

- 284 medications on formulary
- 90 day supply for $20 - $30 (covers medication, processing, shipping)
- Includes controlled substances (patient must provide copy of photo ID and social security card, prescription must provide DEA number)
  - Even though in SC prescriptions for controlled substances are limited to a 30 day supply, this program can send a 90 day supply if you order it (be careful however with 90 day supply of tricyclic antidepressants or benzodiazepines in patients at risk for overdose/suicide or young children in the home).
- Come from mail order pharmacy in St. Louis that ships medications directly to the patient
- They basically offer what the Kmart/Target/Walmart with a few exceptions:
  - Benzodiazepines: alprazolam, clonazepam, diazepam, lorazepam, temazepam
  - Cardiovascular: SR verapamil, amiodarone, XR diltiazem, gemfibrozil, labetalol, metolazone, ticlopidine
  - Diabetes: ER glipizide, glyburide/metformin
  - GI: diphenoxylate, clordiazepoxide/clidinium, omeprazole
  - Psychiatry: gabapentin, mirtazapine
  - Pulmonary: theophylline ER
  - Rheum: methotrexate, nabumetone
  - Thyroid: prophylthiouracil
  - Women’s Health: previfem oral contraceptive, tamoxifen

Process:

- Enroll on web-site at www.rxoutreach.com or call 800-769-3880
- Check formulary to see if medications (or a comparable agent) are available (always check web-formulary as list frequently changes)
- Print the application blank online
  - fill out the 5 lines that apply to the physician
  - have patient fill out their info
- Give the patient:
  - Prescriptions for 90 days supply with up to 3 refills
  - Completed application form
- Only required once a year