

**OFFICE OF RURAL HEALTH/ PRESCRIPTION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM/
MEDICATION ASSISTANCE**

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Brief Description of Program:

The Medication Assistance Program (MAP) is a safety net for uninsured, low-income individuals in the state. Participating Free and Charitable Clinics, Community Health Centers, and Rural Health Centers provide access to free and low-cost medication through pharmaceutical company programs for low income, uninsured patients who cannot afford them. This service, currently offered through 102 sites uses special software, which matches patients' eligibility with available free medications.

Grantees of this program shall use all funds awarded to support the MAP, specifically:

- Assist all low-income citizens with identifying their optimal prescription drug coverage options through public and private programs, and then provide direct assistance in obtaining medication using the special software. Grantees must specify a dispensing plan that will ensure their patients will receive the medications that are procured on their behalf.
- Collaborate closely with local public and private health care providers including pharmacists, primary care physicians, health departments, hospitals, senior centers, Area Agencies on Aging, and local SHIP coordinators to ensure the success of their efforts

In addition, the grantee may also work with Medicare eligible seniors to:

- Identify their optimal Medicare Part D coverage option
- Access public or private prescription assistance programs to cover gaps in Medicare Part D (e.g. coverage gap)
- Apply for any available public or private prescription assistance programs for seniors who do not enroll for Part D

Organizations Funded: Private Local Government Both

Source of Funds: State 100% Federal 0%