

# FamilyWize Overview



## Increasing Access to Affordable Prescription Medications

FamilyWize Community Service Partnership helps improve the health and well-being of individuals, families and communities.

We are a grassroots, community based program that has national and local partnerships with United Way, American Heart Association and more than 100,000 community organizations, government agencies, pharmacies, health systems and businesses.

Together, we are making prescription medications more affordable and more accessible for millions of Americans.

# Why is FamilyWize Needed?

More than  
**80 million**  
**Americans**

are uninsured or  
underinsured

- **31 million working adults** are underinsured<sup>1</sup>
- **31.8 million** people with no health insurance<sup>2,3</sup>
- **7.7 million** Medicare eligible beneficiaries without a drug plan<sup>4</sup> and 9% of Part D hit the donut hole<sup>5</sup>
- **35 million** people did not fill a needed prescription in 2014 because of cost<sup>6</sup>
- **57% of Americans** surveyed reported taking potentially dangerous steps to curb high medication costs<sup>7</sup>
- **71% of non-elderly, uninsured adults** live in a family with a full-time worker<sup>8</sup>
- **8.6 million** people purchased insurance with a high deductible from an Exchange<sup>3</sup>
- Average employer deductible doubled from **\$584 in 2006 to \$1,217 in 2013**<sup>9</sup>
- **2 out of every 5 households** do not have enough liquid assets to pay a midrange deductible<sup>10</sup>

# How the Program Works

## The FamilyWize Approach

- FamilyWize brings together millions of uninsured and underinsured consumers into a big buying pool
- We negotiate with the pharmacies for volume discounts just like large insurance companies and employers
- 100% of the negotiated discounts are passed on to consumers/patients
- All program funding is provided by a portion of the dispensing fee included in the cost of the medicine
- Free FamilyWize Prescription Savings Cards are easily available
  - On [www.familywize.org](http://www.familywize.org)
  - Via FamilyWize app
  - By texting *family* to 700-700
  - Through over 100,000 partners including United Way

# Not Just for the Uninsured



## Individuals and Families Who:

- Have high deductibles or long waiting periods
- Need medication that is not covered by their plan
- Have a co-pay higher than the FamilyWize discount
- Have a limited or catastrophic plan

## Seniors Who:

- Are in the Medicare Part D “Donut Hole”
- Are not enrolled in Medicare Part D
- Are enrolled in Medicare Part D Have a prescription plan without a MediGap Plan

# FamilyWise Drug Price Lookup Tool

## Drug prices vary by pharmacy

- ✓ Individuals simply enter the name of their medication and zip code to see which local pharmacy has the best FamilyWise price prior to filling their prescription.
- ✓ FamilyWise's Drug Price Lookup Tool is provided free of charge on familywise.org and via the free FamilyWise app.

Enter your information below to find a new drug.

Drug Name: Acyclovir  
Zip Code: 19333  
FIND DRUG PRICE

Pharmacy	Distance	Generic Price	Brand Price
CVS	0.72 mi.	\$18.24	\$271.30
KMART	1.82 mi.	\$12.54	\$264.29
RITE AID	2.12 mi.	\$12.29	\$264.04
WALGREENS	1.72 mi.	\$14.29	\$270.80
WALMART	3.02 mi.	\$9.51	\$271.94
TARGET	4.68 mi.		

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