# Foundation for Ichthyosis & Related Skin Types, Inc.

# **Medicine Assistance**

Many programs exist to help individuals find their medications at reduced cost or free-of-charge. Some offer their services at no cost; others ask for a small processing fee or a monthly membership fee, and others charge a small fee per medication. Most connect the consumer to patient assistance programs offered by the drug manufacturers. Many drug manufacturers who operate in the U.S. offer patient assistance programs for some of their prescription products; these are called pharmaceutical manufacturers patient assistance programs. You and your doctor can access the pharmaceutical manufacturers' patient assistance programs on your own. However, some people find the paperwork required to apply to these programs overwhelming. The program listed below help you identify which programs you may be eligible for and help you navigate through the paperwork.

#### Free Medicine Foundation

P.O. Box 125 Doniphan, MO 63935 1-573-996-3333

www.freemedicineprogram.com

Prepares materials for you and your doctor to send to the appropriate drug manufacturer. \$5.00 processing fee. Fee is refunded if you are turned down for assistance.

\*\* Lac-Hydrin, Accutane, Soriatane

#### Medical Discounts International

We Care Medical Mall 3431 Pomona Boulevard, Unit B Pomona, CA 91768 1-888-380-6337 www.wecaremedicalmall.com

Offers low cost mail order medicines \*\* No skin care products

> Lawson Health Care Foundation (under the umbrella of Medical Discounts Int'l) Connects patients to pharmaceutical manufacturers' patient assistance programs. \$5.00 per medicine processing fee. Fee is refunded if you are turned down for assistance

## Partnership for Prescription Assistance

1-888-477-2669

www.pparx.org

"Offers a single point of access to more than 475 public and private patient assistance programs including more than 150 programs offered by pharmaceutical companies." A trained specialist will help identify specific programs for which you may qualify. No fee.\*\* Lac-Hydrin, Lacticare HC

## Rx Assist

The Web's most current & comprehensive directory of Patient Assistance Programs A Program of Volunteers in Health Care

111 Brewster Street Pawtucket, RI 02860 401-429-3284

E-mail: info@assist.org Web: www.RxAssist.org

Provides information needed to access pharmaceutical companies patients assistance programs. No fee.

\*\* Lac-Hydrin, Tazorac

Rx Outreach

Express Scripts Specialty Distribution Services, Inc. P.O. Box 66536 St. Louis, MO 63166-6536 1-800-769-3880

www.RxOutreach.com

Charges a small fee for each supply of medicine. Available to individuals and families with incomes up to 250% of federal poverty level or approximately \$48,000 for a family of 4.

\*\*Limited medications list; no skin care products.

\*\* Products that may be of interest to individuals with ichthyosis.

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