

Prescription Options for Uninsured Residents

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Sacramento County uninsured residents with prescription needs have access to a few options that will give them a good value for their prescription needs. It's likely that many have discovered these available options, but would like to review them if they have not already been made aware. ***This table does not include those obtaining medications from FQHCs under 340(b) pricing.*** In the following table, some of the pros and cons are outlined. These are generally 1st line pharmaceuticals, advanced therapies or trade name products will generally not be available. Links for these programs are provided below.

Prescription Source	Advantages	Disadvantages
<p>Walmart (\$4/\$10) - Offers a 30 day supply of selected medications for \$4 and a 90 day supply for \$10.</p> <p>The program offers an adequate supply of medications for most disease conditions for at least the 1st line of therapy.</p>	<p>Offers first line therapy for antibiotics, allergies, cholesterol and high blood pressure, gastrointestinal health, heart medications, depression, skin conditions, thyroid and women's health.</p> <p>If medication needs are simple, this option is a good value.</p> <p>A variety of pediatric prescription items are offered.</p>	<p>Therapy options in each class represent first line therapies. If failure occurs with these agents, options in the plan are missing. Most second line agents are not available.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Diabetic supplies do not include testing strips and supplies or insulin. - No inhalers are included in the plan for asthma patients who require them. - Medications for Mental Health are very limited and primarily include antidepressants. - Pain medications are limited and the plan does not include any controlled substances. - There are no medications for seizure disorders or prostate conditions. - Blood Pressure medications do not include Angiotensin Receptor Blockers.
<p>Target (\$4/\$10) - Similar to Walmart's but contains less of an overall spectrum of medications.</p>	<p>They will match Wal*Mart pricing when asked.</p> <p>Their list does change frequently and now excludes thyroid medication.</p>	<p>See above – very similar disadvantages.</p>
<p>Sac Best Rx - Discount prescription savings card that is endorsed by Sacramento County since August of 2011. It can offer savings in some circumstances. Savings can be widely vary depending on the medication.</p>	<p>There is no cost to the user and is available at many pharmacy locations and some county offices as well as on-line. Worth checking discount possibilities when nothing else is available.</p>	<p>Pharmacies usual and customary charges vary widely. <i>Discounts are not predictable or consistent.</i> There are over 60,000 medications with some degree of discount and cover some of the medications absent from other options mentioned.</p>
<p>Patient Assistant Programs - Companies vary considerably on their programs. Some provide services to undocumented and some do not. Consider for expensive trade name pharmaceuticals.</p>	<p>Prescriptions can often be free if criteria are met. Manufacturer's websites often provide the necessary information on what is available and how to apply.</p>	<p>Medications from these programs are limited and applications may require separate forms and criteria validation from the patients.</p>

Walmart: http://i.walmart.com/i/if/hmp/fusion/four_dollar_drug_list.pdf

Target: http://static.targetimg1.com/pharmacy/pdf/030115_RxGenerics_Condition.pdf

Sac Best Rx Card: <http://www.sacbestrx.com/en/index.aspx>