

## What is Rx Partnership (RxP)?

RxP is an innovative public/private partnership and independent charitable organization created to increase access to prescription medications for Virginia's eligible uninsured. It is incorporated as a 501(c)3 nonprofit, tax-exempt organization. It was created with the input of manufacturers and the VA Board of Pharmacy to ensure full conformity with current regulations and OIG guidelines.

## How does it work?

*RxP* functions as an IPAP (Institutional Patient Assistance Program) where replacement drugs are tied to specific patient/dispensing data. *RxP* solicits free medications from pharmaceutical companies and arranges for their distribution directly to nonprofit, licensed affiliate pharmacies which it credentials and monitors. These pharmacies are typically operated by free clinics and community health centers.

## How does RxP ensure that the free medications go to eligible patients?

To be credentialed, each affiliate must complete a rigorous application and credentialing process to demonstrate that it utilizes a specific intake process to determine income eligibility of less than 200% of poverty level. Periodic site reviews, annual written program evaluations, monthly prescription activity reporting, training sessions and ongoing program and product audits are conducted to confirm compliance at each site.

## What are the benefits of RxP?

- Pharmaceutical companies no longer incur the substantial costs of authenticating and processing thousands of *individual* Patient Assistance Program forms or the expense of individually dispensing, packaging and mailing thousands of single prescriptions.
- All donated medications reach the intended patient, as submitted requests reflect only filled and dispensed prescriptions, thereby maintaining an auditable chain of possession.
- All *RxP* Manufacturing Partners are able to garner substantial public recognition for their important role in providing critically needed medication to Virginia's eligible uninsured.
- Manufacturing Partners gain the flexibility of distributing medications through whatever means are most convenient for them: direct from the manufacturer, through the manufacturer's foundation, or through its third party PAP administrator.
- Pharmaceutical companies keep their ability to assist health safety net providers and their uninsured patients in an efficient and secure system that addresses the current regulatory environment.

## Who is involved?

GlaxoSmithKline

Merck & Co.

Novartis

Abbott

Alcon

The Commonwealth of Virginia

Virginia Health Care Foundation

Medical Society of Virginia Foundation

Anthem Blue Cross & Blue Shield

Bedford Community Health Foundation

Bon Secours

Carilion Foundation

Centra Health Foundation

Charlottesville Area Community Foundation

The Community Foundation

The Jenkins Foundation

Medicorp - Mary Washington Hospital Foundation

Riverside Health System Foundation

Sentara Healthcare

Williamsburg Community Health Foundation

Virginia Joint Commission on Healthcare

Virginia Association of Free Clinics

Virginia Community Healthcare Association

PhRMA

Virginia Hospital and Healthcare Association

Virginia Board of Pharmacy

## How is RxP funded?

RxP is a public-private partnership, endorsed and substantially funded by the Virginia General Assembly and its Joint Commission on Health Care. Its governing Board includes the former Chair of the General Assembly's Joint Commission on Health Care, membership associations for the free clinics and FQHC community health centers, representatives of major health care systems, the state Medical Society and representatives from an array of state level health related agencies and foundations.