



“Because of this assistance, I am able to take my medications and I believe it is the reason I am still alive.” – PDAF Patient

The Prescription Drug Assistance Foundation (PDAF) was established by the Washington State Legislature to assist low to moderate income, uninsured/underinsured Washington State residents with prescription assistance services at no cost.

OUR HISTORY

Established by the passage of SB 5558 (RCW 41.05.550) during the 2005 legislative session, PDAF began to take shape when Governor Gregoire appointed Board members in September of that year. The PDAF's board represents a diverse group of providers, pharmaceutical research companies, clinic and hospital administrators and others with experience in serving low-moderate income families.

With a mission to make medications available in a timely fashion to residents of Washington at no or reduced cost, PDAF launched its first pilot project in Spokane under the name MTGMEDS in the fall of 2008 and began operation as the Prescription Drug Assistance Foundation in 2009, launching in Spokane then later in Seattle, Shelton and Yakima Valley. Today the PDAF serves Seattle, Shelton, Snohomish and Pierce Counties, Spokane, and other Eastern Washington counties.

WHAT WE DO – OUR AGENCY PROGRAM: PRESCRIPTION DRUG ASSISTANCE NETWORK

PDAF brings healthcare providers, clinics, hospitals and national pharmaceutical companies together in an innovative way to support improved access to health care. Through its agency program, the Prescription Drug Assistance Network (PDAN), patients receive assistance from free programs and co-pay cards provided by drug companies, private disease-based co-pay foundation grants, discount cards and coupons, and assistance with prior authorization forms. Each pharmaceutical and co-pay foundation has different criteria, forms and procedures. PDAN follows these criteria to complete applications, monitor application status and verify medication is received as needed. Our coordinators ensure the patient is re-enrolled at the end of each enrollment period and directs the patient to other social programs. The PDAN staff manages the complexity of each individual patient to successfully access needed medications.

REACH AND RESULTS

From the organization's inception in 2008 through the end of 2017, the PDAN has assisted individuals to obtain nearly \$65M in prescription medications. In 2017 alone, that number is \$7.7M, working with almost 2,900 people across the state. Although the PDAN is seeing fewer total patients since the ACA took effect, the patients being served have much higher costs and the amount of assistance per patient has significantly increased.

PRESCRIPTION DRUG ASSISTANCE FOUNDATION: TODAY... AND TOMORROW

The PDAF plays a crucial role beyond helping uninsured individuals. In 2015, the PDAF sought and gained legislative approval to expand service to underinsured Washingtonians struggling with large co-pays and high deductibles through HB 2021. PDAF has become the recognized leader in prescription assistance expertise and with our integrative model of care, we will continue to evolve and serve people in need in our changing healthcare landscape.

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www.prescriptiondrugassistance.org.