

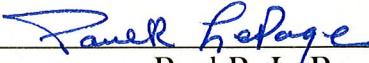


Proclamation

- Whereas** Access to and cost for prescription medication has increasingly become more difficult for many citizens
- Whereas** America's pharmaceutical companies have joined with businesses and communities to facilitate access to prescription medication at no or low cost
- Whereas** America's pharmaceutical companies have provided this needed service for more than 50 years free of charge
- Whereas** The Partnership for Prescription Assistance (PPA) has created a partnership with Maine Health Partnership© (MHP) to provide on-going prescription medication access for all Maine citizens
- Whereas** The City of Waterville is proud to join other area organizations and the MHP in providing this service to our employees and neighbors
- Whereas** The Honorable John T. Jenkins has been selected and has accepted to serve as the state facilitator to assist other organizations and businesses in this endeavor
- Whereas** The PPA and the MHP are independent of any political affiliations and health care policy considerations. Furthermore, the PPA and the MHP are committed to offering prescription assistance programs now.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Paul R. LePage, Mayor of Waterville, do hereby proclaim on this day September 30, 2009 as Maine Health Partnership© Day.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I do hereby set my hand and seal this 15th day of September in the year of our Lord, Two thousand and nine.



Paul R. LePage, Mayor

City of Auburn, Maine

"Maine's City of Opportunity"

Office of Mayor John T. Jenkins
Maine Health Partnership© for Prescription Assistance

Dear Colleagues,

As the debates persist regarding access to affordable health insurance and health care, the need for prescription assistance continues. There is an effective plan that allows us to provide information about low or no cost prescription assistance to our citizens now. This statewide initiative is called the Maine Health Partnership©, (MHP).

MHP is working with the Partnership for Prescription Assistance, (PPA). PPA is a national organization formed in 2005 by America's pharmaceutical companies to help the uninsured and financially-struggling access information on programs that provide prescription medicines for free or nearly free. We are working together to raise awareness of patient assistance programs among residents who face layoffs or a loss of health care benefits in a struggling economy. Since its national launch in April of 2005, the PPA has helped nearly 6 million patients, including more than 23,500 in Maine. For more information on PPA, please visit www.pparx.org.

Please join us in our on-going efforts to raise awareness of patient assistance programs. Our citizens can't and don't have to wait until the national health care debate is completed. Every penny saved through prescription assistance is one penny more in the pockets of those who need it most.

As public officials, our constituents are looking to us for leadership in addressing their needs. The current health care challenges clearly indicate that our citizens need our leadership now more than ever.

Please join me in this effort to proclaim September 30, 2009 as Maine Health Partnership© Day. You are cordially invited to attend the kick-off of this initiative in Auburn, Maine at 10:00am. Auburn's Health Director, Dot Meagher, is working hard to make sure Auburn residents are aware of the program and can easily access it. We encourage your health personnel to do the same!

I look forward to working with you in providing prescription assistance to all Maine citizens. **Please confirm your attendance by Wednesday September 16, 2009.**

Yours in Public Service,

John Jenkins - Mayor of the Great City of Auburn!

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has." -Margaret Mead

Vestigia Nulla Retrorsum - No Steps Backward

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The Partnership for Prescription Assistance (PPA)

- The PPA helps uninsured and financially struggling patients who lack prescription coverage get access to prescription assistance programs that offer medicines for free or nearly free.
- The PPA is free, confidential, and it is easy for patients to find programs for which they may be eligible to apply.
- Offers a single point of access to information on 475 public and private patient assistance programs, including nearly 200 programs offered by pharmaceutical companies.
- PPA member programs offer more than 2,500 brand-name medicines, including a wide range of generics.
- Helps patients contact government programs such as Medicaid and Medicare.
- More than 40 of the assistance programs focus on the medication and health care needs of children.
- The PPA provides information on nearly 10,000 free health care clinics and has connected more than a quarter of a million patients with clinics and health care providers in their communities.
- Assists patients with chronic disease in learning about the types of new medicines in development that may help them.

Helping Millions of Patients

- Since its launch in April 2005, the Partnership for Prescription Assistance (PPA) has helped connect more than 5.7 million people to patient assistance programs that may meet their needs.
- The patients helped through the PPA join the millions of other patients who have contacted individual pharmaceutical company programs directly over the years.

Who Is The PPA?

- The PPA is sponsored by America's pharmaceutical research companies.
- These pharmaceutical research companies are working with doctors, pharmacists, other health care providers, patient advocacy organizations and community groups to educate patients about the PPA.
- More than 1,300 leading national, state and local organizations have joined forces with the PPA.
- The groups behind the PPA include the largest and most influential in health care. They include the American Academy of Family Physicians, American Cancer Society, American College of Emergency Physicians, Easter Seals, National Association of Chain Drug Stores, United Way and the Urban League.

National Outreach

- The PPA launched state-based chapters in all 50 states, Washington, D.C. and Puerto Rico.
- The PPA has two "Help is Here Express" buses which have traveled more than 350,000 miles, visiting more than 2,500 cities in all 50 states, to educate low-income and uninsured patients about drug assistance programs.
- Montel Williams joined forces as the national PPA spokesman in January 2006.
- Mayte Prida was named PPA spokeswoman for Hispanic outreach efforts in June 2006.
- Both Montel Williams and Mayte Prida participate in "Help is Here Express" events around the country and also appear in PPA advertising campaigns and public service announcements.

Web Site

- A user-friendly Web site (www.pparx.org) enables patients to find programs for which they may be eligible to apply.
- The PPA has dedicated a website to make it easier for patients to learn about help available for children, (kids.pparx.org).
- Patients can download and print out patient assistance program applications immediately.

Toll-free Phone Number

- Patients can call toll free (**1-888-4PPA-NOW**) to talk with a trained specialist who will guide them through the application process.
- The call centers accept calls in English, Spanish and approximately 150 other languages.