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**Pharmaceutical Companies, Doctors, Health Care Providers and
Patient Advocates Launch New Program to Help Uninsured Missouri
Residents Get Prescription Medicines**

Jefferson City, MO – On June 22 and 23, the Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America (PhRMA) launched the Partnership for Prescription Assistance of Missouri, offering uninsured Missouri residents a way to get prescription medicines free or at significantly reduced costs.

The Partnership for Prescription Assistance, a groundbreaking nationwide initiative to help qualifying patients who lack prescription coverage get the medicines they need, launched the Missouri chapter in June. The partnership brings together America's pharmaceutical companies, doctors and other health care providers, patient advocates and more than 40 local health and civic organizations in Missouri to help patients find the public or private patient assistance program that is right for them.

As the state chapter of the new national program, the Partnership for Prescription Assistance of Missouri provides a single point of access to more than 275 public and private patient assistance programs, including more than 150 programs offered by pharmaceutical companies. These programs provide assistance on more than 2,000 brand name medicines and a wide range of generics. Patients in need may qualify to get prescription medicines for free or nearly free. Qualifying patients will also be given information on how to contact government programs.

To find out if they may qualify, patients can visit a user-friendly Web site or call toll free to speak with a trained specialist who will guide them through the application process in English, Spanish and approximately 150 other languages. Millions of patients across the country have received free or nearly free medicines through these programs, and millions more may qualify.

Patients who need help paying for their prescription medicines should call toll-free at 1-888-4PPA-NOW (1-888-477-2669) or visit www.pparxmo.org to see if they may qualify.
