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TI: Implementation of a medication assistance program for indigent patients in a rural healthcare system

AU: Briscoe-Dwyer-LA; Wilhelm-M

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PT: Abstract of Meeting Presentation

LA: English

AB: Purpose: Medication assistance programs are available through many pharmaceutical manufacturers to provide low income uninsured patients with needed chronic medications. Our health system consists of 3 hospitals, 200 physicians, and 20 health care centers throughout 8 counties in New York State. We developed a Patient Assistance Program (PAP) to facilitate the delivery of medications to our patients who depend on this program as their only means to obtain prescribed medications. Methods: Patients needing assistance with obtaining prescription medications are identified by their providers. The prescribing provider contacts the Patient Assistant Program Representative with pertinent patient information and a current medication profile. The Patient Representative then contacts the appropriate pharmaceutical company and serves as a liaison between the company, the prescriber, and the patient, completing necessary paperwork and obtaining prescriptions for the medications. All medications are dispensed by the Outpatient Pharmacy affiliated with our health system. The Outpatient Pharmacist maintains a profile for all patients in the program providing the necessary counseling and other cognitive services to dispense medications safely. Results: Since the inception of the Patient Assistance Program in September of 2003, we have successfully enrolled over 200 patients into the program, providing over 400 prescriptions at a cost in excess of \$120,000.00. This program has centralized the indigent program for all of the affiliated campus clinics including specialty groups and outreach Health Care Centers. Conclusions: This program benefits both patients and physicians and allows the pharmacy to ensure that all patients who need medications can obtain them, and that patients are appropriately counseled to ensure the safe and effective use of medication.

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