

## **Hepatitis C Patients Medication Assistance Programs for Interferon and Ribavirin**

The high cost of medications and illness can be overwhelming at times. The treatment for hepatitis C is expensive. Contact your insurance company to determine your pharmacy benefits. Provide the insurance company with the name of the medications, indicating that one of the drugs is a self-injectable and one is oral. A benefits coordinator should be able to provide you with coverage information that includes deductibles and co-payments.

If you do not have insurance coverage for interferon and ribavirin prescribed by your physician, we suggest that you contact the pharmaceutical company that makes the medication(s) your doctor has recommended to see if you qualify for free medications. You will be asked several questions, including doctor's name, telephone and fax numbers.

These patient assistance programs are not programs sponsored by our medical office. They have been identified as one approach for you, the patient, to research if prescription coverage is not available to you for the interferon and ribavirin. There may be other programs not known to our office at the present time.

### **If you have been prescribed Pegasys / Copegus:**

**Call 1-800-387-1258 – Roche Patient Assistance Foundation**

### **If you have been prescribed Peg-Intron / Rebetol or Rebetron:**

**Call 1-800-521-7157 – Schering's Commitment to Care™**

If you are determined to be eligible for the assistance program, an application form requesting information from the physician will be faxed to our medical office by the pharmaceutical company. Once final approval is rendered by the pharmaceutical company, medications will be shipped directly to your home or designated address to be dispensed to you when and as directed by the doctor.

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**For web site assistance, you may also want to contact NeedyMeds at  
[www.needymeds.com](http://www.needymeds.com)**