



## Fact Sheet

# Emergency Prescription Assistance Program (EPAP)

### *For Pharmacies*

#### **What is EPAP?**

The Emergency Prescription Assistance Program (EPAP) is a federally managed program that allows participating pharmacies to provide prescription medications and certain medical supplies to uninsured patients in disaster-affected areas, with the costs covered by the program. Currently, 72,000 pharmacies are enrolled, see if your pharmacy is here <https://aspr.hhs.gov/EPAP/Pages/enrolledpharmacies.aspx>.

#### **How does it benefit pharmacies?**

- **Reimbursement:** Pharmacies can be reimbursed for the full cost of covered medications, vaccines, and medical supplies provided to eligible patients.
- **Supporting disaster recovery:** Pharmacies play a critical role in ensuring uninterrupted access to necessary medications for disaster-affected individuals.

#### **What does EPAP cover?**

- EPAP covers most prescription medications, vaccines, and medical supplies.
- It provides a 30-day supply of medication for eligible patients and may cover additional refills if the emergency period continues.
- Both brand-name and generic drugs are included.

#### **How to enroll as a participating pharmacy:**

1. **Register:** Ensure that your pharmacy is registered with the EPAP program through the National Council for Prescription Drug Programs (NCPDP).
  - a. The NCPDP website for enrollment and resources can be accessed at <https://www.ncdp.org>. For EPAP-specific instructions, pharmacies may need to contact NCPDP or visit the EPAP page for details on how to integrate with the program.
2. **Verify eligibility:** Ensure patients meet the program's requirements (uninsured, residing in a disaster-affected area, and some eligible Medicare/Medicaid patients).
3. **Submit claims:** Pharmacies can submit claims for reimbursement electronically via the EPAP system.

#### **Reimbursement Process:**



- Pharmacies should follow the standard process for claim submission using NCPDP codes.
- Ensure that the claims are submitted for EPAP-covered drugs or supplies within the designated disaster period.
- Payments will be processed once the claims are validated.

**Where to get more information:**

- Visit [aspr.hhs.gov/EPAP](https://aspr.hhs.gov/EPAP) for detailed information on enrollment, claim submissions, and frequently asked questions.
- Or call EPAP Hotline at 1-855-793-7470 for more information.

**Important Notes:**

- The EPAP is activated only during federally declared disasters.
- Pharmacies must ensure they are equipped to handle EPAP claims quickly during disaster situations.