



## **TOGETHER Rx ACCESS™ PROGRAM ONE MILLION MILESTONE**

### Healthcare Leaders' Statements of Support

Unfortunately today, millions of Americans are uninsured and without prescription drug coverage. AARP applauds the Together Rx Access Program for its many positive steps over the past few years to reach out to uninsured individuals and families, and to help them gain access to the medicines they need. While more needs to be done, helping one million uninsured Americans is a huge accomplishment. Congratulations!

– AARP

On behalf of our more than 94,000 family physician members and the patients they serve, the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) commends the Together Rx Access Program for its initiative to help the nation's uninsured without prescription drug coverage gain access to the medicines they need. With thousands becoming Together Rx Access cardholders each week, the AAFP recognizes what a huge difference you are making in the lives of many. In your leadership role, we know that Together Rx Access shares AAFP's goal of preserving and promoting quality and cost-effective healthcare.

– American Academy of Family Physicians

Nurse practitioners throughout the country care everyday for uninsured individuals, often in underserved communities. On behalf of the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners, we applaud Together Rx Access for its efforts to reach those who are in need of prescription medicines. We know that since your launch, many individual nurse practitioners have distributed Together Rx Access Cards to their patients. We will do all we can to continue to inform our membership of your great public service.

– American Academy of Nurse Practitioners

The American Academy of Physician Assistants (AAPA), representing 68,000 practicing physician assistants (PAs) in the United States, congratulates Together Rx Access on helping more than one million individuals access necessary medical care. PAs practice in all specialties, in all healthcare settings, in all communities and know first hand the barriers that uninsured Americans face when it comes to healthcare. The PA profession was created to help those patients, who otherwise might not be able to get healthcare, access high-quality and affordable healthcare. Improving adherence to recommended medical treatment is a priority of all PAs and the AAPA. Adherence to appropriate medication treatment improves healthcare outcomes, reduces healthcare disparities, and enhances the quality of life for millions of Americans. On behalf of the patients we serve, thank you for helping the uninsured get the medications they need to stay healthy. AAPA looks forward to continuing such a productive partnership with Together Rx Access, a partnership working to ensure all Americans receive the healthcare they need.

– American Academy of Physician Assistants

One of the American Osteopathic Association's (AOA) core healthcare policy principles is to work with Congress, the Administration, the states, and the private sector to ensure that Americans have access to the highest quality medical care in the world. The osteopathic profession has a proud history of providing medical care to rural and urban underserved areas. We applaud the Together Rx Access Program as a way to assist patients under age 65 who have no public or private prescription drug coverage. We congratulate the Together Rx Access Program for reaching its one millionth cardholder! This is an important milestone in helping individuals and families gain access to the medicines that they need.

– American Osteopathic Association

As Together Rx Access welcomes its one millionth cardholder, the Alliance for Aging Research would like to extend its congratulations. Together Rx Access has made incredible strides in helping people gain access to prescription medications, making an important difference in the health and quality of life of so many individuals and families. The Alliance for Aging Research is a non-profit organization dedicated to improving the lives of Americans as they age. We have been proud to support the work of Together Rx Access and look forward to celebrating the two millionth cardholder.

– Alliance for Aging Research

Congratulations! What a significant milestone! The Association of Black Cardiologists, Inc. is so proud to be associated with this initiative and hope we have played some small part in making it the success it is. This is a good thing – keep it going.

– Association of Black Cardiologists, Inc.

Together Rx Access is a public service program that works to connect the uninsured to affordable medication. It is only when we work collaboratively in an effort like this, to improve access to care, that we will help uninsured Americans gain better access to prescription products.

– Association of Clinicians for the Uninsured

All across this country, tens of thousands of family practice physician assistants are caring for individuals, many of whom are without prescription drug coverage. It is heartbreaking to see prescriptions go unfulfilled because our patients cannot pay for them. With the Together Rx Access Card, we know that many individuals can now benefit from meaningful savings right at the pharmacy counter. And for these individuals, we know that access to medicines can mean improved health and quality of life.

– Association of Family Practice Physician Assistants

Duane Reade is proud to be working with Together Rx Access to help uninsured New Yorkers gain access to the medicines they need. We know first hand that pharmacists and pharmacy technicians are trusted healthcare professionals. Every day in our stores, our customers seek information and advice from them, and many ask about how they can save on their medicines. With Together Rx Access cards and brochures readily available to our customers, we know that we are making a difference in the lives of many. Congratulations on reaching this significant milestone!

– Duane Reade

Every day, Easter Seals is helping individuals with autism and other disabilities and special needs, and their families, lead healthier, more independent and productive lives. Nationwide, we offer a full spectrum of services, including a very important one - educating people about the Together Rx Access Card. By helping people access the medicines they need, we know that we are enhancing their health and well-being, and even saving lives. Congratulations, Together Rx Access, on this milestone achievement of making a real difference in the lives of one million Americans. Easter Seals proudly stands with Together Rx Access going forward in helping many more.

– Easter Seals

The Georgia Academy of Family Physicians continues to strive to better serve the health of all Georgians. Thank you, Together Rx Access for creating a program that helps us to meet this goal.

– Georgia Academy of Family Physicians

Two and one half years ago, the Healthcare Leadership Council was proud to support the Together Rx Access Program, recognizing it as an important private sector initiative to help the uninsured in America access prescription medicines. Today, we are even more proud of the Program, knowing that one million individuals and their families have enrolled in the Program, and nearly 10,000 are becoming cardholders each week. Providing accessible, high-quality healthcare to the millions currently without health insurance is a mission we share, one that will take creativity and determination from both the public and private sectors to get the job done. In the interim, we congratulate the Together Rx Access Program for taking a leading role in protecting the health of Americans. Your national efforts, and those at the community level, are to be commended.

– Healthcare Leadership Council

Improving the health of Hispanic communities is a key goal of the Interamerican College of Physicians and Surgeons (ICPS). On behalf of the 39,000 Hispanic physicians that we serve, ICPS commends Together Rx Access for all it has done to reach out to Hispanic individuals and families across this nation. With so many Hispanics uninsured, providing meaningful savings on hundreds of medicines and products is a critical step to improving health and reducing barriers and access to care. ICPS remains committed to continuing our work with Together Rx Access in years to come.

– Interamerican College of Physicians and Surgeons

Any time someone reaches out to help the uninsured, we are deeply gratified. We congratulate Together Rx Access on its remarkable efforts to provide affordable prescription medications to those who might otherwise not be able to access such help. You are working hard to be part of the solution, making healthcare available to all. Thanks for all you do!

– International Parish Nurse Resource Center and Deaconess Parish Nurse Ministries

Our frontline pharmacy associates are confronted daily with patients and caregivers who cannot afford their medications. Pharmacists are keenly aware that affordability of medications parallels the proper treatment of patients suffering from many chronic conditions. The Together Rx Access Program has been a handy tool and straight forward program to direct patients to seek additional assistance.

– Kerr Drug

We would like to express our sincere congratulations and support for all that you have now accomplished. Your efforts have made it possible for numerous individuals with mental illness to obtain the medications they so desperately need. For these individuals, these medications may mean the difference between institutionalization, or even incarceration, and getting their life back. Thank you for helping to make that difference.

– Mental Health America of Indiana

On behalf of the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) and the millions of Americans who live every day with mental illness, we appreciate the work that Together Rx Access has done to enhance access to prescription medicines for the uninsured. This access not only leads to improved health, but greater productivity and quality of life for those we serve.

– National Alliance on Mental Illness

On behalf of the national coalition of organizations focused on issues of family caregiving, the National Alliance for Caregiving congratulates Together Rx Access on this significant milestone. For caregivers, access to prescription medicines is a key part of managing a host of medical concerns for their loved ones. Thank you for the work you have done to provide so many Americans and their families who are uninsured with meaningful savings on their medicines.

– National Alliance for Caregiving

On behalf of the 17 million Americans who suffer from overactive bladder (OAB), at least one-fourth of whom routinely experience urge incontinence, the National Association for Continence commends Together Rx Access and its member companies for all they have done over the past two and one half years to help hardworking, uninsured Americans obtain the medicines they need to lead healthful and productive lives. The standard protocol for treatment of OAB and urge incontinence involves a regimen of prescription medications to put life back into living for these individuals. Your Card provides a viable option for those lacking prescription drug coverage and thus can help restore quality of life and full functionality. The Association will continue to inform the public about your worthwhile program.

– National Association for Continence

The National Community Pharmacists Association represents the more than 20,000 community pharmacies that provide access to patients – many in rural and underserved areas. We congratulate Together Rx Access on its most recent milestone to assist patients in obtaining their prescription medications at their local community pharmacy. The value of these medications and the advice provided by their pharmacist is invaluable in increasing quality of life and saving healthcare dollars.

– National Community Pharmacists Association

The National Council for Community Behavioral Healthcare commends Together Rx Access for helping one million uninsured people through its prescription savings program. The Program has proven valuable to many of the six million people with mental illnesses and addiction disorders that we serve in communities across America. We wish the Program much success in continuing to help our nation's poorest and most vulnerable citizens.

– National Council for Community Behavioral Healthcare

The National Council on Aging (NCOA), whose mission is to improve the lives of older Americans, is currently focused on finding and enrolling seniors with limited means who still have not applied for the Medicare prescription drug low-income subsidy. NCOA congratulates Together Rx Access on reaching this important milestone. We support and appreciate its ongoing commitment to helping millions of other uninsured Americans, especially children, get the medicines they need.

– National Council on Aging

Too many Americans are unable to afford their prescribed medications – sometimes skipping or not filling prescriptions due to cost-related concerns. Such decisions jeopardize optimal treatment and care. There is an ongoing need to inform consumers and healthcare providers about existing prescription assistance programs and other resources that can help them save on their medicines. Together Rx Access and other prescription assistance programs are providing a valuable service to consumers. By providing financial assistance for a broad range of medications, such programs provide a valuable resource to patients, helping them comply with recommended drug regimens and, in turn, obtain better health outcomes.

– National Council on Patient Information and Education

What a significant milestone Together Rx Access has achieved! On behalf of the National Family Caregivers Association (NFCA) and the millions of family caregivers in this country, thank you for making access to prescription medicines easier for the uninsured. The question most asked by callers to NFCA is about the availability of financial support. We are so pleased to be able to tell them about Together Rx Access and the help it provides. Congratulations!

– National Family Caregivers Association

Thank you, Together Rx Access, for helping so many uninsured Americans gain access to the medicines they need. The National Health Council applauds this private sector philanthropic initiative, and admires the significant efforts you have made to reach the one million milestone. Several of our member patient groups have told us that their constituencies – Americans with chronic diseases and/or disabilities – have benefited from the meaningful savings provided by the Together Rx Access card. We look forward to continuing our work together and reaching millions more.

– National Health Council

The National Kidney Foundation supports programs and services that empower people with chronic kidney disease (CKD) to take charge of their healthcare. Together Rx Access and other prescription drug assistance programs, that help people with financial challenges obtain the medications they need, are a critical piece of the healthcare puzzle.

– National Kidney Foundation

On behalf of the oldest and largest medical association representing the interests of more than 30,000 African-American physicians and their patients, the National Medical Association thanks Together Rx Access for all it has done to help the uninsured gain access to prescription medicines. Every day, our physician members work hard to eliminate barriers to care for the patients they serve. It is clear that Together Rx Access shares this same goal. The National Medical Association is committed to continuing our work together with Together Rx Access and helping many more uninsured African-American individuals in our country.

– National Medical Association

Anytime an organization, such as Together Rx Access, helps someone secure a much needed therapy that was out of financial reach, that group deserves our praise.

– National Multiple Sclerosis Society

For Americans who live in rural areas, issues pertaining to access to healthcare services, including prescription medicines, are profound. Household income levels combined with a large number of small businesses unable to provide healthcare insurance, are just two reasons why so many individuals in rural America do not have access to the prescription drugs and products they may need. The National Rural Health Association, in collaboration with Together Rx Access, has worked hard to let people know about the free Together Rx Access Card. We have educated healthcare professionals, rural health clinics and small hospitals about the Together Rx Access Program, and will continue to do so. We know that there are millions more to reach.

– National Rural Health Association

A central goal of the New York Health Products Council is to ensure that New Yorkers understand and have access to the range of helpful options available to them regarding prescription drug assistance. A key savings program that enjoys the wholehearted support of the Council is the Together Rx Access Program. Since early 2005, Together Rx Access has helped many uninsured New Yorkers gain access to the prescription medicines they need to stay healthy. The Council is truly proud to be able to work directly with Together Rx Access to communicate the importance of this patient-centered program to advocacy groups and professional associations in order to create widespread awareness of the meaningful savings it offers to those who do not possess prescription drug coverage. Congratulations on reaching this significant milestone and for extending a helping hand to over a million people.

– New York Health Products Council

America's pharmaceutical research companies understand the importance of helping patients in need access the medicines they require in order to live healthier lives. We know that medicines sitting on a pharmacy shelf do no good. That's why we are proud of our patient assistance programs that help millions of lower-income, uninsured or underinsured Americans get life-saving and life-sustaining medicines. Clearinghouses and assistance programs, such as the Partnership for Prescription Assistance and Together Rx Access, make it easier for patients to learn about and access public and private assistance programs. While programs like these have already helped millions of people, we know that millions more stand to benefit. The Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America (PhRMA) will continue to raise awareness about these important programs to help ensure that no one who needs medicines goes without. We congratulate Together Rx Access and all of our member company programs on their success in helping to improve the health of our nation.

– Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America

Together Rx Access is an invaluable resource for providers, advocates and patients seeking medication for the uninsured. With affordable medication still an elusive goal for millions of Americans, Together Rx Access is a critical part of the healthcare safety net.

– RxAssist

Women often fall through the cracks of our current healthcare system. They are more likely to face instability in their coverage, have higher out-of-pocket costs than men as a share of their income and are more likely to have medical bill and debt problems. Prescription assistance programs like Together Rx Access are a step in the right direction toward better care for all Americans. We congratulate them on their one-millionth cardholder.

– Society for Women's Health Research

Two and one half years ago, the Epilepsy Foundation provided a statement of support for the launch of Together Rx Access to help the uninsured without prescription drug coverage gain access to the medicines they need. The Epilepsy Foundation is proud to continue its strong support of the Together Rx Access Program. On behalf of the three million Americans who live everyday with epilepsy, we know that access to prescription medicines is absolutely critical to controlling this health condition. We thank Together Rx Access and the coalition of member companies for its efforts to help the uninsured.

– The Epilepsy Foundation

The achievement of Together Rx Access in reaching one million cardholders is an enormous accomplishment on the numbers alone. It is even more significant as a measure of helping people – it's real, positive impact on people's lives and well-being.

– The Mental Health Foundation

Thank you Together Rx Access, for making a real difference in the lives of so many Pennsylvanians. For the uninsured in our state, access to needed healthcare services is an issue we confront every day. We are grateful to be working with Together Rx Access to help individuals and families obtain the medicines they need to stay healthy.

– United Way of Pennsylvania