



BRISTOL-MYERS SQUIBB COMMITMENT TO MEDICARE PART D BENEFICIARIES

Bristol-Myers Squibb supports the Medicare Prescription Drug Benefit as a valuable program that expands prescription drug coverage for millions of older and disabled Americans.

Consistent with our mission to extend and enhance human life, Bristol-Myers Squibb remains committed to Medicare beneficiaries who need help paying for their medications. We continue to offer patient assistance through the Bristol-Myers Squibb Patient Assistance Foundation (BMSPAF) and Company programs to qualified patients with a financial hardship, including Medicare-eligible patients who are not enrolled in Medicare Part D.

Bristol-Myers Squibb also recognizes that some patients with Medicare Part D coverage may still be unable to afford their medications, particularly in the coverage gap (during which they are responsible for 100% of prescription drug expenditures between \$2,510 and \$5,726 in 2008). In 2006, the company implemented a new Medicare Part D Medical Exception for patients who would normally not qualify for assistance because of their Medicare prescription coverage. As a result of this exception, Medicare Part D enrollees may be accepted for assistance if they can establish a certain level of financial hardship and medical need certified by their physicians. The Company and the BMSPAF will continue this exception to address the ongoing needs of qualified Medicare enrollees in 2008.

At Bristol-Myers Squibb, we are committed to discovering and developing innovative medicines to help patients prevail against serious disease. Our patient assistance program is an important part of our efforts to expand and maintain patient access to our innovative medicines. The U.S. health care system offers incentives for research-based pharmaceutical companies to invest in scientific innovation and provide patient assistance programs for patients who face financial hardship. Bristol-Myers Squibb supports the existing market-based Medicare prescription drug benefit and the continuation of manufacturer patient assistance programs that are consistent with OIG guidelines as the best approach to expand and maintain patient access to prescription medicines in the U.S.

About the Bristol-Myers Patient Assistance Foundation

The Bristol-Myers Squibb Patient Assistance Foundation, Inc. is a non-profit organization. The Foundation was established in 1998 to provide temporary assistance to qualifying patients with a financial hardship who have no public or private prescription drug insurance.

The program provides free medications to indigent patients who qualify in all 50 states, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands. Healthcare professionals and patients interested in applying for Bristol-Myers Squibb Patient Assistance Foundation Programs should contact the Foundation at 1-800-736-0003, or on the internet at www.bmspaf.org.

About Bristol-Myers Squibb

Bristol-Myers Squibb is a global biopharmaceutical and related health care products company whose mission is to extend and enhance human life.

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