



LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES  
HARBOR-UCLA MEDICAL CENTER

SUBJECT: PHARMACY SAFETY NET SERVICES

POLICY NO. 335B

<b>CATEGORY:</b> Provision of Care	<b>EFFECTIVE DATE:</b> 8/89
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<b>REVIEWED BY COMMITTEE(S):</b> Pharmacy & Therapeutics Committee	

**PURPOSE:**

To set forth the hospital policy for providing outpatient pharmacy services to patients who are unable to afford or obtain critical medications.

**POLICY:**

Harbor-UCLA Medical Center will ensure that critical medications will be made available to patients whom admitting Registration staff has determined are unable to pay.

Harbor-UCLA Medical Center will ensure that pharmaceutical products shall be provided without charge to patients enrolled in the following special programs:

- Ability to Pay (ATP) with No Repay Plan
- General Relief
- Medi-Cal Pending

**PROCEDURE:**

Patients are informed at the time of their financial screening and registration process if they qualify for Safety Net Medication services.

All drugs prescribed from the Emergency Department, Urgent Care, or Harbor Ambulatory Care Clinics will be provided at no cost for up to a 30-day supply to any patient unable to pay for their medications with the exception of the following:

1. Non-formulary drugs
2. Drugs requiring prior authorization
3. Chemotherapy agents
4. Investigational drugs


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