

How Are COVID-19 Antivirals Covered By Insurance?

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Antiviral treatments are available with a prescription at no or low-cost to many people

	PAXLOVID	LAGEVRIO
Medicare and Medicaid	<p>The US Government Patient Assistance Program (USG PAP) no longer covers the full cost of Paxlovid for all Medicare patients. The program will continue to cover certain Medicare patients facing high co-pays.</p> <p>USG PAP now includes income eligibility criteria. Patients with Medicare and Medicaid should check their plans for Paxlovid coverage.</p>	<p>Lagevrio may be available with low co-pay through Medicare Part D and some state Medicaid prescription drug programs.</p> <p>For financial help, call 1-800-727-5400 or visit merckhelps.com/LAGEVRIO** which provides Lagevrio free of charge if you are eligible.</p>
Uninsured	<p>Your PAXLOVID may be free with a voucher through the US Government Patient Assistance Program (USG PAP) operated by Pfizer.*</p> <p>To enroll in the USG PAP call 1-877-219-7225 or visit PAXCESS Patient Portal</p> <p>To find COVID-19 medications near you, visit treatments.hhs.gov</p>	<p>The MerckHelps program can help provide Lagevrio free of charge to eligible individuals, primarily uninsured patients who, without this assistance, could not afford the medicine</p>
Federal Sources	<p>You can access Paxlovid for free through federal sources, including DoD, VA, HRSA-supported health centers, Indian Health Service, and others.</p>	
Private Insurance	<p>Check with your insurance provider about coverage.</p> <p>Patients with private insurance may be eligible for the PAXCESS Co-Pay Savings Program. Patients can save up to \$1,500 in out-of-pocket costs.</p> <p>Enroll in the in the Co-Pay Savings Program to download and activate a co-pay card.</p>	<p>Merck offers a co-pay savings program for eligible, privately insured patients to save on out-of-pocket costs for Lagevrio prescriptions</p>

*These include pharmacies participating in PAXCESS US Government Patient Assistance Program operated by Pfizer.

**This is part of the MerckHelps Patient Assistance Program.

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