



# Managing Your Medication Costs

## Introducing the Drug Copayment Assistance Program

### Potentially Pay Less for Your Treatment

At Ochsner Health System, we understand that healthcare and medications can be very expensive. To ease some of these financial burdens, we offer ways to help you manage medication costs, which may include copayments, co-insurance, deductibles or administration fees. With your consent, our financial counselors can act on your behalf in applying for Drug Copayment Assistance Programs offered by certain pharmaceutical companies for outpatient infusion medications administered in a hospital setting.

In order to determine your eligibility for these programs, these companies need information about:

- ✓ The type and date of your medical diagnosis
- ✓ Details of your prescribed treatment
- ✓ Your family income
- ✓ Your health insurance information (if applicable), for verification of coverage

**You will need to sign an authorization form,** or provide verbal approval over the phone, to be eligible for the Drug Copayment Assistance Program. This ensures you understand your responsibility to comply with all requests required for application. Our financial counselors' assistance is a courtesy. Not everyone is eligible for these programs, and even if you are, you will likely still have to pay a portion of your medication costs.



## Meet With a Financial Counselor to Learn More

A financial counselor may reach out to you about available Drug Copayment Assistance Programs, or you can arrange a meeting with one of our financial counselors to see if you are eligible. They are on site at many Ochsner clinics and hospitals. The financial counselor can give you an authorization form to fill out or explain how to provide verbal authorization over the phone.

If you do not sign this form, or verbally authorize, Ochsner Health System will not be able to assist you with completing the application process. You can revoke this authorization at any time by sending written notification to Patient Financial Services at Ochsner Health System, 1514 Jefferson Highway, Jefferson, La. 70121.

## Helping Patients with More than Medicine

In addition to our Drug Copayment Assistance Program, Ochsner financial counselors can discuss other possible opportunities to manage your medical costs, including:

- Medical credit cards
- Medicaid screening
- Financial assistance screening
- Foundation assistance
- Interest-free payment plans

**Stop in to see a financial counselor at your closest clinic today!**

