



## **Pfizer Helpful Answers®: Helping patients access their medicines**

Everyone wants to be healthy, but as anyone who lacks health insurance can tell you, the road to good health is not always easy. Currently, more than 50 million people in the United States are living without health insurance.<sup>1</sup>

Without access to doctors, medical tests, and prescription medicines, the uninsured often wait until conditions become critical—and more costly and complicated to treat—before seeking care. In 2009, nearly half of the uninsured postponed needed care,<sup>2</sup> and as of 2006 at least 22,000 non-elderly adults died prematurely due to a lack of health coverage.<sup>3</sup>

### **Where to Get Help**

If you or someone you know doesn't have prescription coverage, or has difficulty obtaining the medicines they need, there are programs that can help:

- **Pfizer Helpful Answers®** is a family of patient assistance programs for the uninsured and underinsured who need help getting Pfizer medicines. These programs provide Pfizer medicines for free or at a savings to patients who qualify. Additionally, some programs offer reimbursement support services for people with insurance. For more information, call 1-866-706-2400 or visit [www.PfizerHelpfulAnswers.com](http://www.PfizerHelpfulAnswers.com)
- **Partnership for Prescription Assistance** is a service sponsored by the pharmaceutical industry that connects patients to more than 475 public and private patient assistance programs, including Pfizer Helpful Answers. The PPA also offers a service to inform patients about free health care clinics in their communities. For more information, call 1-888-4PPA-NOW (1-888-477-2669) or visit [www.PPARx.org](http://www.PPARx.org).
- **Together Rx Access®** is a free, easy-to-use savings card sponsored by many of the nation's leading pharmaceutical companies, including Pfizer. It provides savings on a wide range of prescription products at the pharmacy counter to eligible patients without prescription coverage. For more information, call 1-800-444-4106 or visit [www.TogetherRxAccess.com](http://www.TogetherRxAccess.com)

Preventive care—such as regular doctor visits and life-saving medicines—is essential to good health. By working together, we can help make these essentials available to all.

<sup>1</sup>US Census Bureau. Income, Poverty, and Health Insurance Coverage in the United States: 2009. September 2010. Available at: <http://www.census.gov/prod/2010pubs/p60-238.pdf>. Accessed October 19, 2010.

<sup>2</sup>The Kaiser Commission on Medicaid and the Uninsured. The Uninsured and the Difference Health Insurance Makes. September 2010. Available at: <http://www.kff.org/uninsured/1420.cfm>. Accessed October 19, 2010.

<sup>3</sup>Stan Dorn, Urban Institute. Uninsured and Dying Because of It: Updating the Institute of Medicine Analysis on the Impact of Uninsurance on Mortality. January 2008. Available at: [http://www.urban.org/UploadedPDF/411588\\_uninsured\\_dying.pdf](http://www.urban.org/UploadedPDF/411588_uninsured_dying.pdf). Accessed October 24, 2010.

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