

No to low-cost COVID-19 treatment available

North Dakota Health and Human Services (NDHHS) is providing this information from U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, HHS-Coordination Operations and Response Element (H-CORE), Administration for Strategic Preparedness and Response regarding the availability of zero- to low-cost COVID-19 therapeutics. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services wants to ensure that no patient pays full price for COVID-19 therapeutics such as Paxlovid.

Pfizer developed the attached brochure to share information about PAXCESS – the umbrella name for two programs that provide free or low-cost Paxlovid to patients. The attached brochure provides enrollment information and is intended for patients, caregivers, health care providers, and pharmacists, any of whom can enroll a patient in the program. The PAXCESS program can be accessed by visiting PAXCESSPatientPortal.com or by calling 1-877-C19-PACK (1-877-219-7225)

For Lagevrio, the [MerckHelps Patient Assistance Program](#) provides Lagevrio free of charge to patients who meet eligibility criteria and who, without assistance, could not otherwise afford the product. Patients, providers and pharmacies can learn more about eligibility and how to enroll at MerckHelps.com/Lagevrio.

For Veklury, the AdvancingAccess program assists patients in need. Patients, providers and pharmacists can access information about this program at veklury.com/patient-support.

Separately, federal entities, including HRSA-supported health centers, Indian Health Service health centers, and others, have continued access to free, USG-procured supplies of Paxlovid and Lagevrio for their patients.

This patient assistance program information is online at hhs.nd.gov/health/epr. If you questions, contact the ND Health and Human Services Operation Center at (701) 328-0707.

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