



Dear Members of the Tennessee General Assembly,

If you have a constituent who needs help paying for prescriptions, it's important to know that there are programs that can help lower or even eliminate the cost of their medicines.

We are happy to introduce you to MAT on behalf of the Tennessee Medical Association and the Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America (PhRMA).

"MAT" is PhRMA's Medicine Assistance Tool, a web platform designed to educate patients, caregivers and health care providers about resources available to assist in accessing medicines. These include biopharmaceutical industry programs offered to those who need financial support due to lack of insurance status or inadequate prescription coverage. This tool also helps consumers learn more about the costs associated with their medications, and offers additional resources to better navigate their insurance coverage.

MAT is not its own patient assistance program, but rather a search engine for many of the support programs and resources that the biopharmaceutical industry has been offering for decades.

You can access MAT at the Tennessee Medical Association's pharmacy page:
www.tnmed.org/pharmacy

And on MAT's website:
www.mat.org

MAT also contains information on more than 900 public and private assistance programs that help Tennesseans access their prescription medications, including some free or nearly free options.

We hope you and your staff will share this toolkit with your constituents this year. And for those of you who are new to the legislature, welcome to the Tennessee State Capitol.