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Aid For Uninsured Georgians Needing Medicine Following Hurricane Helene

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services has activated the Emergency Prescription Assistance Program (EPAP), which offers thousands of uninsured Georgians no-cost replacements for critical medications lost or damaged during Hurricane Helene.

The program pays for prescription medications, specific medical supplies, vaccines, and medical equipment. It provides a 30-day supply of covered drugs and medical supplies that can be renewed every 30 days for as long as EPAP is active. Currently, more than 72,000 pharmacies participate in EPAP.

EPAP was created to help people who don't have any other form of health insurance. If you have health insurance, such as an individual health insurance policy or employer-sponsored coverage; Medicare, Medicaid, Children's Health Insurance Plan; or other third-party coverage, you are not eligible to receive assistance under EPAP. Those with insurance should refill or replace medications, supplies, and medical equipment just like they normally would.

For eligible residents, the program covers:

- certain prescription drugs
- specific medical supplies
- vaccines
- certain medical equipment, including canes, walkers, wheelchairs and crutches

If you are eligible for the program, you can:

- refill a prescription that you didn't get a chance to refill before the disaster
- replace medications and medical equipment lost or damaged in the disaster
- replace medications and medical equipment lost or damaged while evacuating or at an evacuation location.

Uninsured Georgians who live in affected [zip codes](https://aspr.hhs.gov/EPAP/Pages/EPAP-GA-Helene.aspx) (<https://aspr.hhs.gov/EPAP/Pages/EPAP-GA-Helene.aspx>) and do not have any form of prescription insurance should call the EPAP enrollment toll-free hotline at 1-855-793-7470 (TDD 1-800-876-1089). Georgians will be asked to provide information to enroll in the program and receive the no-cost services outlined above.