

## 2927 - GEORGIA PARTNERSHIP FOR CARING FOUNDATION

<b>POLICY STATEMENT</b>	The Georgia Partnership for Caring Foundation (GPCF) is a network of health care providers, pharmacies and pharmaceutical companies that donate their products and services to serve Georgia's low income uninsured residents.
<b>HISTORY</b>	The Georgia Partnership for Caring Foundation is a non-profit organization formed in 1994 by former Lt. Governor Pierre Howard, State Senator Charles Walker and various public and private health care associations and human services agencies. GPCF was created as a response to the problem of providing access to health care services for Georgia's low income uninsured residents.
<b>BASIC CONSIDERATIONS</b>	<p>To be eligible for GPCF services, the applicant may not have private insurance and cannot be eligible for any public health coverage programs, including Medicare and Medicaid. The applicant's family income must be within 150% of the current Federal Poverty Level.</p> <p>Clients who have Medicare, Medicaid, or other insurance, but who do not have prescription coverage, can be referred to GPCF for advice on how to access patient assistance programs through the pharmaceutical companies (i.e. QMB recipients). This information is also available on the GPCF Web site at <a href="http://www.gacares.org">www.gacares.org</a> or by calling the Georgia Cares program at 1-800-669-8387.</p> <p>Clients whose only coverage is Medically Needy in suspense status can also be referred.</p> <p>The program includes limited products and services donated by a network of physicians, nurse practitioners, hospitals, pharmacists, pharmaceutical manufacturers and many other health provider agencies.</p> <p>GPCF can:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• refer the client to a volunteer provider. There is usually no charge for the first routine office visit.</li> <li>• refer the client to a specialist. There is usually no charge for the first routine office visit.</li> <li>• provide certain prescription medications free of charge. These medications must be prescribed by a licensed health care professional. A list of these medications is available on the GPCF Web site at <a href="http://www.gacares.org">www.gacares.org</a>.</li> <li>• assist the client in arranging certain other services, such as diagnostic tests and minor surgeries, if referred by a licensed health care professional.</li> </ul> <p>GPCF cannot pay for any unpaid medical bills or emergency room visits.</p>

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For more information on the GPCF program, the client can call 678-578-2920 in the Atlanta dialing area (area codes 404, 770 and 678) or 1-800-982-4723 outside the Atlanta dialing area (area codes 229, 478, 706 and 912), Monday through Friday, 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM.

Clients must apply for GPCF through the RSM Project. They can call 1-800-809-7276 to find the RSM Project worker for their county. It may take four to six weeks for the application to be processed.

If the application is approved, the client will receive notice and a pharmacy card. The client must call GPCF to have the card activated before it can be used at a pharmacy assigned by GPCF in order to have donated prescriptions filled.

If the application is denied, the client will receive a notice that includes the reason for denial.

Health care providers and pharmacies interested in volunteering their services through the program can call 678-578-2931 in the Atlanta dialing area or 1-888-473-2444 outside the Atlanta dialing area. They can also get more information by viewing the Provider section of the GPCF Web site at [www.gacares.org](http://www.gacares.org).

The mailing address for GPCF is as follows:

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