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**O.A.T.H.** (Open Arms Thankful Hearts) is a free pharmaceutical assistance program offered to Brazoria County qualified individuals needing help paying for prescribed medicines. Individuals with low income and those who don’t have medical insurance, those on Medicare WITHOUT Part D, and those who do have part D but have reached the donut hole and have paid at least $600 out of pocket and were denied extra help for prescriptions through Social Security.

We may also be helpful in assisting clients that have insurance, but need a medication that is not on the approved list by their insurance company, get some assistance with that medication.

Contact our office in Freeport at **979-239-1633** and leave your contact information so we may contact you and set up an appointment and give you list of needed documents.

Call **Norma Bynog** in our offices in

 **Freeport** at the Brazosport Medical Center, 905 N. Gulf Blvd. **(979) 239-1633 ext. 2**

 **Angleton** at the Health Department, 434 E. Mulberry Street **(979) 848-8090**

Call **Belinda Sardelich** at our office in

 **Alvin** at the Health Department, 260 George Street **(979) 281-388-2699**

How does it all work?

You will need to have a physician that can prescribe your medication. After the interview process, we will begin completing the appropriate applications, take that application to your physician for signature. Bring completed applications to our patient advocate for review. Upon approval from the pharmaceutical company, medications will be shipped either to your home address or to your physician’s office (this is determined by the Pharmaceutical Company). The usual time frame from mailing in a request to receiving your medications one approved is approximately 4 to 6 weeks, therefore try to have at least a month’s supply of your medication at the time of application. Most medicines are sent with a 3 month supply and most applications are good for 1 year and are refillable every 3 months as prescribed by your physician. Simply call your patient advocate for a refill and they will contact the companies for you.

**Many medications are offered free of charge** for clients meeting certain income requirements as determined by the pharmaceutical companies, other medications are offered at a lower cost or you may be offered a more affordable alternative than a local pharmacy can provide.

The administration of this program is through grant provided by Brazoria County in an effort to assist in providing affordable healthcare to all residents in our county.