



## Impact of the Biopharmaceutical Sector Colorado 2006

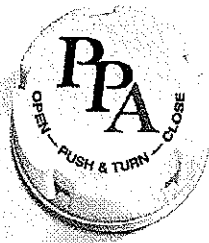
» In Colorado, the biopharmaceutical sector employed 13,647 people, supporting a total of 33,399 jobs across the economy when accounting for the full ripple effect of these jobs.

» Each direct job in the biopharmaceutical sector supported 1.4 additional jobs in other sectors.

» From 1996 to 2006, direct employment in the biopharmaceutical sector grew at a compound annual growth rate of 2.6 percent compared to a 1.8 percent growth rate for all other sectors combined.

» In Colorado, the average biopharmaceutical worker paid approximately three times more in federal and four times more in state taxes than the average worker in other sectors. Biopharmaceutical workers paid \$24,999 in federal income and social security taxes, compared to \$7,661 on average, and \$3,439 in state taxes, compared to an average of \$881 across all other sectors.

» In Colorado, the biopharmaceutical sector invested an estimated \$329.3 million for research. This represents an investment in Colorado of more than \$24,130 per employee.



More than 70,000 Coloradans have been helped since 2005 through the Partnership for Prescription Assistance, a national clearinghouse for patient assistance programs offered by American's pharmaceutical research companies. For more information on how the PPA can help the uninsured and under-insured, visit [www.pparx.org](http://www.pparx.org) or call **1-888-4-PPA-NOW**.

# PPA FACT SHEET



## **The Partnership for Prescription Assistance (PPA)**

- The PPA helps uninsured and financially struggling patients who lack prescription coverage get access to prescription assistance programs that offer medicines for free or nearly free.
- The PPA is free, confidential, and it is easy for patients to find programs for which they may be eligible to apply.
- Offers a single point of access to information on 475 public and private patient assistance programs, including nearly 200 programs offered by pharmaceutical companies.
- PPA member programs offer more than 2,500 brand-name medicines, including a wide range of generics.
- Helps patients contact government programs such as Medicaid and Medicare.
- More than 40 of the assistance programs focus on the medication and health care needs of children.
- Informs patients about free health care clinics in their communities.
- Assists patients with chronic disease in learning about the types of new medicines in development that may help them.

## **Helping Millions of Patients**

- Since its launch in April 2005, the Partnership for Prescription Assistance (PPA) has helped connect nearly 5 million people to patient assistance programs that may meet their needs.
- The patients helped through the PPA join the millions of other patients who have contacted individual pharmaceutical company programs directly over the years.

## **Who Is The PPA?**

- The PPA is sponsored by America's pharmaceutical research companies.
- These pharmaceutical research companies are working with doctors, pharmacists, other health care providers, patient advocacy organizations and community groups to educate patients about the PPA.
- More than 1,300 leading national, state and local organizations have joined forces with the PPA.
- The groups behind the PPA include the largest and most influential in health care. They include the American Academy of Family Physicians, American Cancer Society, American College of Emergency Physicians, Easter Seals, National Association of Chain Drug Stores, United Way and the Urban League.

## **National Outreach**

- The PPA launched state-based chapters in all 50 states, Washington, D.C. and Puerto Rico.
- The PPA has two "Help is Here Express" buses traveling across the country, stopping in all 50 states and more than 2,000 cities to educate low-income and uninsured patients about drug assistance programs.
- Montel Williams joined forces as the national PPA spokesman in January 2006.
- Mayte Prida was named PPA spokeswoman for Hispanic outreach efforts in June 2006.
- Both Montel Williams and Mayte Prida participate in "Help is Here Express" events around the country and also appear in PPA advertising campaigns and public service announcements.

## **Web Site**

- A user-friendly Web site ([www.pparx.org](http://www.pparx.org)) enables patients to find programs for which they may be eligible to apply.
- The PPA has dedicated a website to make it easier for patients to learn about help available for children, ([kids.pparx.org](http://kids.pparx.org)).
- Patients can download and print out patient assistance program applications immediately.

## **Toll-free Phone Number**

- Patients can call toll free (1-888-4PPA-NOW) to talk with a trained specialist who will guide them through the application process.
- The call centers accept calls in English, Spanish and approximately 150 other languages.