



Free and Charitable Clinics and Pharmacies Task Force on Reducing Prescription Drug Prices



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Isaac's St. Vincent de Paul Story



We are the Safety-Net...

- Last year, more than 150,000 Wisconsinites used more than 99 free and charitable clinics
 - Individuals who need this service include:
 - Finding premiums too high; deductibles too high
 - Make too much for Medicaid; do not qualify for other identifiers
 - Missed Open Enrollment
 - Exempt from mandate; qualify for waiver
 - File taxes separately from their spouse
 - Have a change in life circumstances
 - Individuals who are undocumented
 - Waiting for insurance to kick-in
 - Unable to quit, or choose to smoke, and are penalized up to 50% higher premiums
 - Do not have dental/vision insurance
 - Bouncing between marketplace/Badger Care due to income.
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But who might need it now?

- Roughly 27 million people have likely lost job-based health coverage since Covid-19 shocked the economy.
 - 80% of those 27 million have other options:
 - More than half qualify for Medicaid
 - More than a third are eligible for subsidies on the exchange
 - ~20% are out of luck because their state did not expand Medicaid or because they are ineligible for some subsidized coverage
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Federal Poverty Level*



Effective February 1, 2020

Family Size	Annual	100% FPL	120% FPL	135% FPL	150% FPL	185% FPL	200% FPL	250% FPL	300% FPL
1	\$12,760	\$1,063.33	\$1,276.00	\$1,435.50	\$1,595.00	\$1,967.16	\$2,126.66	\$2,658.33	\$3,189.99
2	\$17,240	\$1,436.67	\$1,724.00	\$1,939.50	\$2,155.01	\$2,657.84	\$2,873.34	\$3,591.68	\$4,310.01
3	\$21,720	\$1,810.00	\$2,172.00	\$2,443.50	\$2,715.00	\$3,348.50	\$3,620.00	\$4,525.00	\$5,430.00
4	\$26,200	\$2,183.33	\$2,620.00	\$2,947.50	\$3,275.00	\$4,039.16	\$4,366.66	\$5,458.33	\$6,549.99
5	\$30,680	\$2,556.67	\$3,068.00	\$3,451.50	\$3,835.01	\$4,729.84	\$5,113.34	\$6,391.68	\$7,670.01
6	\$35,160	\$2,930.00	\$3,516.00	\$3,955.50	\$4,395.00	\$5,420.50	\$5,860.00	\$7,325.00	\$8,790.00
7	\$39,640	\$3,303.33	\$3,964.00	\$4,459.50	\$4,955.00	\$6,111.16	\$6,606.66	\$8,258.33	\$9,909.99
8	\$44,120	\$3,676.67	\$4,412.00	\$4,963.50	\$5,515.01	\$6,801.84	\$7,353.34	\$9,191.68	\$11,030.01
9	\$48,600	\$4,050.00	\$4,860.00	\$5,467.50	\$6,075.00	\$7,492.50	\$8,100.00	\$10,125.00	\$12,150.00
10	\$53,080	\$4,423.33	\$5,308.00	\$5,971.50	\$6,635.00	\$8,183.16	\$8,846.66	\$11,058.33	\$13,269.99
Each additional person	\$4,480	\$373.33	\$448.00	\$504.00	\$560.00	\$690.66	\$746.66	\$933.33	\$1,119.99
Program Limits		QMB	SLMB	SLMB+	MAPP Premium		QDWI and Lower	MAPP	

*<https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/medicaid/fpl.htm>



Pharmaceutical Landscape



- Free and charitable clinics provide medications to patients in a variety of ways:
 - In house pharmacy
 - Provider dispensing
 - Stand alone-*St. Vincent de Paul is the only stand-alone pharmacy in the state*
- Drug Repositories*: pharmacies or medical facilities that collect unused or discontinued medications and supplies from patients to pass them onto other consumers who may need them.
- 7 free and charitable clinics/pharmacies are listed as drug repositories in WI

* <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/guide/cancer-drugrepo.htm>

Each has a standard formulary, but some drugs cannot be provided...



The Society of St. Vincent de Paul Charitable Pharmacy is a fully licensed pharmacy operating on a stand-alone basis and providing prescribed medications at no charge to those low-income individuals who qualify for the pharmacy's services. The pharmacy stocks low-cost drugs for common conditions such as heart disease, diabetes, infections, and other types of illnesses. The Prescription Program is designed to provide up to a 30-day supply per prescription.

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Address

2033 Fish Hatchery Rd
Madison, WI 53725-9686

Hours of Operation

Monday: 11 AM-2 PM
Tuesday: 1-4PM
Thursday: 3-6PM

Note: This list is not an all-inclusive list. If the medication you are taking is not on the list, we still may be able to assist.

GENERIC NAME	BRAND NAME	CLASSIFICATION
benzonatate 100mg	TESSALON	Allergies/Cold/Flu
benzonatate 200mg	TESSALON	Allergies/Cold/Flu
cetirizine 10mg	ZYRTEC	Allergies/Cold/Flu
fexofenadine 180mg	ALLEGRA	Allergies/Cold/Flu
fluticasone 27.5mcg spray	VERAMYST	Allergies/Cold/Flu

Complete Formulary List:

https://svdpmadison.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/07/FormularyUpdated-06_21_18.pdf





Inventory Landscape



Samples



Charitable Medication Distribution Process

DISPENSARY OF
HOPE

CONNECTING ABUNDANCE WITH NEED



PHARMACEUTICAL
MANUFACTURER



PHARMACEUTICAL
MANUFACTURER



TRACK & TRACE COMPLIANT



LICENSED BY EACH STATE



ITEMIZED DONATION RECEIPT



THE ASSURANCE PACKAGE



SAFETY NET CLINICS



OUTPATIENT PHARMACIES



CHARITABLE PHARMACIES



What do databases look like?

- Gain access to manufacturers' (AbbVie, Novartis, Johnson & Johnson) brand medications at no cost
- Start-up inventory and continuous replacement of medications saves time and money
- Medications are available to eligible patients without delay and thus improves patient care
- An alternative to navigating the numerous individual patient assistance programs (PAPs) operated by separate healthcare companies
- Weekly inventory list sent out, and clinics can dispense (very similar to how foodbanks have regional partnerships)



Policy Recommendations

- More funding for free and charitable clinics and pharmacies, esp. as we cover the costs of prescription drugs for the neediest patients
 - Huge ROI on care – volunteer hours/goods means that a dollar of funding translates into five to ten dollars worth of care.
 - Modifications to laws governing drug repositories, and ability to have drugs donated across state lines.
 - Allowing 1/3 of CEUs to be dedicated towards volunteerism for healthcare professions such as doctors, pharmacists, etc.
 - Creation of real-time; live inventory for sharing between repositories in state of Wisconsin.
 - Consider group purchasing options for FCCs and pharmacies with state support like MMCAP
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Funding Formula

- Virginia has an annual appropriation for free and charitable clinics
 - Administered by state association
 - \$6.7 million appropriation, dividends from tobacco litigation
 - State of Wisconsin has a biannual \$ 1 million appropriation, but more funding is needed to expand access
 - Settlements from active litigation can be possible route for funding
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Modifications to Drug Repository Law

- DHS – Division of Quality Assurance has stated that WI Stat 255.056 and under DHS 148 Administrative Code must be changed for out of state coordination in order to have out-of-state pharmacies participate in WI Drug Repository Program.
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Modifications to CME/CPE Requirements



- Ohio currently has a law in place that allows 1/3 of CME to be completed through volunteerism.
 - *Ohio Statute 4729:1-5-02 Continuing education requirements for pharmacist:* A pharmacist may satisfy up to one-third of the pharmacist's continuing education requirements by providing health care services as a volunteer in accordance with section 4745.04 of the Revised Code. The location where health care services are provided shall be an approved in-state provider of volunteer healthcare services
 - More pathways for pharmacists and other hcps to volunteer encourages more opportunities for services to be provided for uninsured patients and builds capacity
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Text #FlipYourScrip to Easily Donate Unused Drugs

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March 10, 2020

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#FlipYourScrip, a first-of-its-kind national program for donating unused prescription drugs, is now open for business and accepting unexpired bottles of pills or capsules in order to pass them along to needy patients. The program is administered by Remedichain.org, a nonprofit based in Memphis, Tennessee.


Donation involves a simple process that uses a smartphone text to initiate the transaction.

"We've made it as easy as possible for clinicians or any individual to donate a prescription," said Phil Baker, PharmD, president of Remedichain.org.

The organization attempts to match the donation to a financially needy patient in their database, and eventually puts any matched donation (delivered free via FedEx) through a multi-step inspection to ensure safety.



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#FlipYourScrip

If the prescription is unopened, snap a picture of the bottle.

If the prescription has been opened, snap pictures of the front and back of one of the pills.

 Upload or drag files here.

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Questions?



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