



# Foundation *for* Healthy Communities

## **THE NH MED BANK NEEDS YOUR HELP!!**

The NH Med Bank is New Hampshire's only charitable pharmacy that collects unused, unexpired, non-controlled medications from licensed healthcare facilities and dispenses them to low income New Hampshire patients with a prescription for free.

The NH Med Bank is run by a team of volunteer pharmacists who donate their time to dispense medications. Since opening in January of 2016, the NH Med Bank has dispensed nearly \$100,000 worth of medications to more than 75 patients, providing them with the medications they need - medications that would have otherwise been incinerated.

In fact, the NH Med Bank has been so successful in assisting patients with their much needed medications, that we **currently have less than a 2 month supply** of some medications and completely out of stock on other medications.

**We are writing to you today to ask for your support by donating any unused medications that you may have in your current inventory, whether they're short-dated medications or additional inventory you could spare.**

While our website provides a great overview of the [program](#), we've included some frequently asked questions below for your convenience, so you can learn a little more about us and how your unused medications will help support those who can't afford their medications.

### **NH Med Bank FAQs**

#### **What medications are in need?**

Our pharmacy is currently looking for the following medications for our patients: Advair, Symbicort, Clopidogrel, Gabapentin, Carvedilol, Tizanidine, Diclofenac, Methocarbamol, Metformin, Azithromax and Xifaxin. For a full list of medications we accept please visit our [website](#).

#### **What is the process to donate medications?**

The NH Med Bank welcomes the donation of unused medications from licensed healthcare facilities; however, in order to accept and make use of these medications, certain conditions must be maintained - visit our website for our [Medication Policy & Procedures](#).

#### **How does the Med Bank operate?**

The NH Med Bank is open one day a week for approximately 4 hours, which is usually Wednesday but is

somewhat flexible for volunteers. A volunteer pharmacist comes in for that four hour period to fill prescriptions with our employed pharmacy technician, who serves as our consistent week to week staff member and is familiar with the software and general operations. Prescriptions are faxed to the pharmacy throughout the week and the NH Med Bank team fills those prescriptions for the patient. All medications are mailed to patients as the Med Bank is not a walk-in pharmacy.

**Who operates the Med Bank program?**

The NH Med Bank is a collaboration among the Foundation for Healthy Communities, Manchester Community Health Center, and Catholic Medical Center.

**Who can I contact if my organization wants to donate?**

For more information on how you can help by donating unused prescriptions, please contact Noreen Cremin at your convenience by phone at (603) 415-4275 or via email at [ncremin@healthynh.com](mailto:ncremin@healthynh.com).

We appreciate your consideration, and look forward to hearing from you!

Sincerely,

The NH Med Bank team



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