

Muenster Hospital Rolls Out Discount Drug Program For Immediate Release

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The statistics are staggering.

- To save money, almost 8% of U.S. adults (7.8%) did not take their medication as prescribed, 15.1% asked a doctor for a lower-cost medication, 1.6% bought prescription drugs from another country, and 4.2% used alternative therapies.
- Adults aged 18–64 (8.5%) were nearly twice as likely as adults aged 65 and over (4.4%) to have not taken their medication as prescribed to save money.
- Among adults aged 18–64, uninsured adults (14.0%) were more likely than those with Medicaid (10.4%) or private coverage (6.1%) to have not taken their medication as prescribed to save money.
- The poorest adults—those with incomes below 139% of the federal poverty level—were the most likely to not take medication as prescribed to save money.

(Data from the National Health Interview Survey, 2013)

“It happens and it happens to all of us,” says Julie Palmer, Chief Financial Officer at Muenster Memorial Hospital. “When money is tight, you make choices, and many times people choose to forego or stretch their prescription medications, often times worsening their condition and inadvertently raising the cost of healthcare for all of us through return doctor or emergency room visits and additional treatment.”

“Now, there is a program available locally that helps patients save money on their medications and provides resources to strengthen health care in our community,” explained Palmer.

Muenster Memorial Hospital Family Health Clinic, in conjunction with Muenster Pharmacy, are proud to announce the availability of a discount drug program that can save you up to 60% off the cost of your family’s medications.

Too good to be true, you say? Read on.

What do I need to do?

It’s easy.

Pick up your discount card at the MMH Family Health Clinic. You must be a patient of one of the clinic providers – Edd Advincula, M.D., Yvonne Ambrose, NP, Abena Krow-Rodney, M.D., or Melissa Trubenbach, NP – or have received a prescription from MMH Emergency Room physicians Dr. Maurice LaPerriere or Dr. Jaffar Zadeh to receive a card.

Take it – along with your prescription – to Muenster Pharmacy, and they will do the rest!

The program is open to all patients of MMH Family Health Clinic providers, and is not income based.

How much will I save?

Your savings will vary on each prescription. But patients without health insurance coverage will save up to 60% off the cost of medications.

Are all medications covered?

Most commonly prescribed drugs are included in this program. The program works on both generic and name-brand products.

I have insurance coverage. How do I benefit?

We encourage patients with insurance coverage to take their prescriptions to Muenster Pharmacy. If your medications are covered by your policy, you will pay your copay as you usually do. Although your costs will not change, Muenster Memorial will receive a financial benefit from your insurance company. This additional funding helps us to provide care to the neediest of families in our community. If you have a prescription that is not covered by your insurance or you can't meet your co-pay, the pharmacy staff can see if this program can help you.

Can I share my card with other people?

Your drug card is for your use only. However, all patients who see the providers at the MMH Family Health Clinic are eligible to participate in the program and receive their own card.

Participating in the MMH Discount Drug Program is easy. It can save you money, or at the very least, let your purchase of prescription drugs put dollars back in your community for the benefit of others.

For more information on the program, visit the MMH Family Health Clinic, 509 N. Maple, or Muenster Pharmacy, 511 N. Maple, in Muenster, or call Julie Palmer at (940) 759-6181.