

Dispensing Pharmacy Update

As RoundtableRx eagerly awaits approval from the Board of Pharmacy for its pharmacy license, it is an apt time to reflect on this milestone's significance. Despite the partnerships of numerous Local Repository clinics and pharmacies, some Minnesota patients are unable to access our affordable and often life-saving medications due to geographical distance.

To address this disparity, launching a dispensing pharmacy powered by mail will aim to better serve all Minnesotans regardless of location. With an expanded reach, RoundtableRx will further reduce medication waste and mark a significant moment in its mission-driven initiatives. Stay tuned as the RoundtableRx pharmacy plans to dispense its first prescriptions in 2025!



Minnesota's State Capital building, Saint Paul.

Legislative Session Pursuits: Base Funding & Policy Changes

Minnesota's legislative session is in full swing, and RoundtableRx's leadership is advocating for base funding and key policy updates to strengthen our program.

Base funding would enable RoundtableRx to expand wholesale operations and hire additional staff for our dispensing pharmacy, ensuring we can serve more Minnesotans in need.

Beyond securing funding, we are pursuing two policy updates. First, we seek to allow RoundtableRx to purchase limited supplementary inventory to provide mission-aligned continuity of care to our dispensing pharmacy patients. Although donations will remain our primary source of inventory, this change would allow us to fill occasional gaps. Second, we aim to clarify that Local Repositories may destroy donated medications that are unsuitable for dispensing, ensuring safety and efficiency.

With many new members to the legislature this year, now is a great time to contact your representatives and encourage them to support RoundtableRx!

Testimony from a RoundtableRx Patient

A patient and their family in Crow Wing County received a shock after a kidney transplant when they found out one medication was going to be over \$430/month, even with insurance. Their pharmacy, a RoundtableRx Local Repository partner, was able to order the medications needed, providing this fixed-income family some relief. “It gives us peace of mind,” the patient’s partner reported. “My husband will need to be on these needed drugs the rest of his life – to know we can afford them really helps us to move forward. Thank you!”

Impact Report

In the final quarter of 2024, RoundtableRx distributed a record-smashing 33,300 days of medicine to Minnesotans in need, bringing our lifetime impact to 163,440 days of medicine valued at nearly \$672,000 (NADAC).

For more details about our impact and demographics of those RoundtableRx serves, we now have an Impact page on our website. [Check it out!](#)

This quarter, RoundtableRx welcomed [three new Local Repository partners](#). Our Local Repository [partners](#) now represent [37 sites in 19 unique Minnesota counties, with 62% of sites being in Greater Minnesota](#).

RoundtableRx invites clinics & pharmacies state-wide to join as Local Repository partners to access our no-cost medicines for under-resourced Minnesota residents. Learn how on our [website](#) or by [contacting](#) our team.



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Medical concerns often lead to financial hardship, which can be compounding and lead to further medical concerns. This was the case for a Dakota County patient who was unable to work due to medical reasons, which caused them to be unable to afford their medications. “I had no money so I went without my meds which impacted my health,” they told RoundtableRx. “[It is] a huge blessing knowing I have a way to obtain my meds that are required for me to improve my current health issues and keep me out of the hospital. Thank you for being available for patients to get the necessary meds they need daily!”

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