

# Newsletter

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#### Moving On Up: RoundtableRx Gets New Home

Although RoundtableRx's current home has served the organization well, operations have outgrown the 582 square feet of warehouse space. Thanks to generous funding provided by the state, RoundtableRx is moving to a new unit upstairs in our same building. The unit is roughly three times the size of our current space. Better yet, the new space includes two offices and even windows!

The new space will support our ever growing operations and enable RoundtableRx to finally establish a mail-order dispensing pharmacy. Read more about this on the next page!





## Legislative Session 2024: RoundtableRx Pursues Changes

During the 2024 legislative session, RoundtableRx will be pursuing changes to the existing MN Stat. § 151.555 that govern its operations. The changes being pursued would help RoundtableRx expand our ability to serve those in need and operate more efficiently.

The most critical change being pursued is to the definition of an eligible patient. Presently, medical assistance and MinnesotaCare recipients are ineligible. On a national scale, Minnesota is the only state with an operational repository program to exclude this group.

Although medical assistance and MinnesotaCare provides affordable medication and healthcare in most cases, the program is not perfect. Minnesotans on these plans may face medication access and affordability issues if they have to await prior authorizations or if they lose, damage or misplace their medications. With this law change, RoundtableRx would be able to assist in these cases.

If you are interested in writing an appeal letter to legislators in support of this change, please contact RoundtableRx and our staff will provide you a template.

#### **Impact Report**

In the third quarter of 2023, RoundtableRx distributed 8,100 days of medicine to Minnesotans in need, bringing our lifetime impact to 44,670 days of medicine valued at nearly \$238,000 (NADAC).

For more details about our impact and demographics of those RoundtableRx serves, we now have an Impact page on our website. <u>Check it out!</u>

This quarter, RoundtableRx welcomed two new Local Repository partners. Our Local Repository <u>partners</u> now represent 24 sites in 12 unique Minnesota counties, with 54% of sites being 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 <u>website</u> or by <u>contacting</u> our team.



# Testimony from a RoundtableRx Patient

A Pine County senior citizen was struggling to afford their Eliquis, which is commonly used to prevent heart attack and stroke. "I was told that I qualify for free meds from [the] manufacture[r], but it would be a few weeks before my first shipment," the patient reported to RoundtableRx. "My pharmacy said I could get enough to hold me until they came." According to the patient, RoundtableRx "saved me money and worry about how to afford meds."



#### Mail-Order Dispensing Pharmacy

Opening a mail-order dispensing pharmacy has been a long-standing item on RoundtableRx's Strategic Plan. Mail-order pharmacy operations will enable RoundtableRx to serve more Minnesotans in need, especially those residing in remote areas or those with transportation barriers.

The staff has officially initiated an Advisory Committee of experts on the topic to guide our progress. With the aid of these Committee members, RoundtableRx will establish a resilient and robust mail-order dispensing pharmacy some time in 2024.



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