

Good Samaritan Pharmacy

For patients to qualify for assistance from Good Samaritan Pharmacy and Health Services (GSPHS) in obtaining prescription medications, they must have income of less than 200% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) and be uninsured.

For more information, patients can go to our website (www.goodsamrx.org) or our Facebook site (Facebook/goodsamrx). Patient can apply for services on our website or by phone (941-445-5687). Patients are not currently allowed into our Nokomis offices at this time due to COVID-19. Applicants must supply supporting information, such as a driver's license and also verify their income. However, during this COVID-19 crisis, we are enrolling patients without the supporting information but would expect this information within 30 days.

Prescription medications are dispensed by our licensed pharmacy and can be picked up at our Nokomis location on Tuesdays or in Newtown on Thursdays (currently at the Goodwill Store at 1781 MLK Jr. Blvd). Once the Sarasota libraries are reopened, we will probably return to the North Sarasota Lib on Thursdays.

Our formulary consists of commonly prescribed generic medication and a limited supply of brand name medications. Although the formulary may change from week to week depending on availability of some medications, there is a core of meds we usually have. I can provide a typical formulary to serve as an example. Our advocates also enroll patients into Pharmaceutical Manufacturers' free Patient Assistance Programs (PAPs) for brand name medications. Patients must have a prescription from a physician to obtain prescription medications. The PAP applications also require a physician's prescription or signature on the application form. Manufacturers often require supporting data for income of the patients in order to obtain approval by the manufacturers.

Over the counter medications are also available. Patients are allowed 3 OTC items whenever they pick up their prescriptions. Patients usually pick up the OTC items in Nokomis when they pick up their prescriptions. For Newtown patient, GSPHS would have to have a request for specific items since the inventory is in Nokomis.