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Dear Healthcare Providers and Concerned Neighbors,

St. Vincent de Paul (SVdP) Charitable Pharmacy in Cincinnati, Ohio is NOW accepting new patients! We would first like to thank you for your dedication to serving the indigent of the Cincinnati area. Since 2006, St. Vincent de Paul Charitable Pharmacy has been providing free prescription medications and pharmacy services to indigent patients of Hamilton, Butler, Warren, and Clermont counties. In 2013, we filled over 47,000 prescriptions, which include many common brand and generic medications.

We are happy to report that in the past few months some of our patients have received prescription coverage through Ohio Medicaid. This now allows us to focus our attention on the thousands who are uninsured or those underinsured with coverage through Medicare Part D, Affordable Care Act, or private insurance. Patients who are unable to afford their prescription copays and their monthly expenses meet or exceed their income can still qualify for our program.

We would like to update you about our eligibility criteria and our certification process so that you may recommend us as a resource for your patients with limited access to prescription medications. Please find the attached documents describing our updated pharmacy services, eligibility criteria, and referral process.

Please take note of the recent changes we have made to simplify our certification process and improve our services:

- Patients may now schedule **certification appointments** by calling one of our patient advocates at the phone numbers listed below.
- Patients may complete certification on a **walk-in** basis on Mondays, Wednesday, and Thursdays from **8:00am – 12:30pm**. Patients no longer need to wait outside before walk-in hours begin.
- Providers may now **refer** patients to the charitable pharmacy by faxing a referral form.
- Patients may now benefit from free **Medication Therapy Management** services which include health screenings, medication use education, lifestyle education, and disease state monitoring led by our new clinical pharmacist.

Please forward this information to others in your office who connect patients to resources. We look forward to serving the indigent of Cincinnati with you for many years to come!

Sincerely,

Mike Espel, Pharmacy Director

St. Vincent de Paul Charitable Pharmacy  
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**Patient Advocates:**

La Keisha Worthy: 513-562-8841 ext. 228  
Becky Murillo: 513-562-8841 ext. 230  
Demar Lewis: 513-562-8841 ext. 223

**Pharmacists:**

Kevin Bowers, PharmD: 513-562-8841 ext. 263  
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## DOCUMENTATION NEEDED FOR CERTIFICATION

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The St. Vincent de Paul Charitable Pharmacy is the only pharmacy in Southwest Ohio dedicated to providing free medication and professional pharmaceutical care to neighbors in need. Please see the back panel for Frequently Asked Questions.

Applicants need to have the following information to qualify:

1. **Proof of residence (bill or photo ID with your current address).**
2. **Verification of your income and the income of all members of your household, including:**
  - Two (2) most recent paychecks or a pay stubs; AND/OR
  - Bank statement showing paycheck deposits; AND/OR
  - Statement of unemployment benefits; AND/OR
  - Statement of child support and/or alimony; AND/OR
  - Social Security, SSD or SSI letter or statement; AND/OR
  - Statement of Food Stamp Benefits from Job and Family Services; AND/OR
  - Latest tax return.
3. **If you have no income, please bring:**
  - Letter from a case manager of the social service or health agency that referred you, on agency letterhead, stating that you have no income; OR
  - Notarized letter from anyone who gives you money to pay your bills stating that you currently have no income ; OR
  - Notarized letter written by you stating that you currently have no income
4. **Verification of your expenses and the expenses of all members of your household, including:**
  - Rent or mortgage; AND
  - Utilities (gas, electric, water, sewer, trash); AND
  - Home and/or cell phone; AND
  - Credit cards and student loans; AND
  - Hospital, doctor and pharmacy; AND
  - Car payment and insurance; AND
  - Alimony, child support or child care; AND
  - Any other bills and expenses on which you are paying that are not listed above.

**\*\* EXPENSES MUST EITHER EQUAL OR EXCEED INCOME TO QUALIFY\*\***

5. **Photo ID & Health Insurance Cards (Medicare, Medicaid, Private, etc.)**
6. **Original or faxed prescriptions. A printout of all current medications is also helpful.**

All of the above information is necessary to certify. Call if you have questions or to schedule an appointment:

La Keisha Worthy: 513-562-8841 ext. 228  
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## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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### What is St. Vincent de Paul Charitable Pharmacy?

- St. Vincent de Paul Charitable Pharmacy is a pharmacy dedicated to providing free prescription medications and pharmaceutical care to those in need.

### Who does the pharmacy serve?

- Applicants are screened to determine eligibility for assistance by a Patient Advocate.
- Applicants must live in Hamilton, Warren, Butler, or Clermont County.
- Applicants must show documentation that living expenses equal or exceed income.
- Applicants with no insurance or insurance with unaffordable copays through Medicare, Affordable Care Act, or private insurance policies.

### What are the certification hours of operation?

- Patient certification occurs on M, W, Th – 8:00am – 4:00pm.
- Walk-in appointments are available M, W, Th – 8:00am – 12:30pm on a first-come, first-served basis.
- Certification appointments may be scheduled by calling the Patient Advocates:
  - La Keisha Worthy: 513-562-8841 ext. 228
  - Becky Murillo: 513-562-8841 ext. 230
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### What are the pharmacy hours of operation?

- Pharmacy services occur on M, W, Th – 8:30am – 4:00pm and Sa 8:30am – 12:00pm.
- The pharmacy is closed for lunch daily between 12:30pm – 1:00pm

### What free services does the pharmacy provide?

- Prescription medication filling, dispensing, and counseling
- Health screenings (hypertension, diabetes)
- Medication Therapy Management and Comprehensive Medication Reviews
- Disease state and medication use education, follow-up, and monitoring
- Medical home placement
- Patient Assistance Program enrollment
- Influenza and pneumonia immunizations during Saturday clinic hours



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## REFERRAL TO CHARITABLE PHARMACY

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Directions: Please complete the form letter below and fax to (513)345-1779. A patient advocate from St. Vincent de Paul Charitable Pharmacy will contact the potential patient to determine eligibility and create an appointment for certification into the charitable pharmacy program.

Referring Provider Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

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Dear Patient Advocate,

I have been in contact with someone who has indicated a need for free pharmacy services which may be available through your charitable pharmacy program. I feel this person may be eligible for one of the following reasons:

- ☐ Uninsured
- ☐ Cannot afford Medicare copays
- ☐ Cannot afford Medicaid spend down
- ☐ Cannot afford insurance copays
- ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Patient Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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For questions about certification, contact Patient Advocates:

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For questions about pharmacy services or medication availability, contact our pharmacists:

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