



Program History

- **1998** - Access to prescription medications identified as #1 health issue in Pinellas County (District 5 Health Systems Plan)
- **1999** - MedNet model developed
- **2000** - MedNet established as pilot demonstration project
 - MedNet Navigator located at Health Council
 - Service delivery conducted via telephone, fax, and mail
- **2005**
 - MedNet model expanded to include community-based tutorials to teach individuals to secure free prescription medications using web-based systems
 - MedNet co-located at St. Petersburg Free Clinic to expedite access to program clients and on-site physicians
- **2006** - MedNet expanded to 4 clinic locations in Pinellas County
- **2007**
 - MedNet expanded to 3 locations in Pinellas County
 - MedNet expanded to Polk County
 - MedNet expanded to Seminole County
- **2009**
 - MedNet expanded to 2 locations in Hillsborough County
 - MedNet expanded to 2 locations in Pasco County

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MedNet® Prescription Assistance Program

MedNet® is a community-based initiative that expands access to prescription drugs for chronically-ill adults who are uninsured or under-insured for prescription drug coverage. MedNet is funded by private and public entities, including county government, Allegany Franciscan Foundation, and private community clinics.

MedNet is located at 15 sites in 5 Florida counties, including:

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| Bayfront Health Center | Premier Health Group |
| Brandon Outreach Center | Seminole Mental Health Center |
| Clearwater Health Center | Sharing Center of Seminole County |
| Johnnie Ruth Clarke Health Center | St. Anthony's Medical Arts Building |
| Judeo Christian Clinic | St. Petersburg Free Clinic |
| Pinellas Park Health Center | Suncoast Health Council |
| Polk County Health & Social Services | St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Shop |

We Care Polk County

2009 Statement of Community Benefit

Demand for MedNet services increased 51% between 2008 and 2009. Enrollment by Hispanic adults increased most dramatically (178%), indicating MedNet's ability to effectively outreach and engage populations at disproportionate risk for poor health outcomes. Demand increased significantly among all age cohorts in 2009; however, increased demand was most pronounced among adults 45 to 64 (59.4%), followed by seniors 65+ (55.0%), and young adults 18 to 24 (42.2%). In total, MedNet secured \$5.2 million in FREE prescription medications in 2009, returning \$9.93 in health care resources for every \$1 spent to provide program services.

Drug Class	\$ of Medications	% of All Medications
Arthritis	\$73,500.	1.4%
Asthma/Allergy/Lung	\$879,586.	16.9%
Diabetes/Endocrine	\$524,729.	10.1%
Gastro-Intestinal	\$583,617.	11.2%
Heart/Cholesterol/Stroke	\$1,140,099.	21.9%
Mental Health	\$1,174,973.	22.6%
Migraine/Pain & Other	\$831,635.	15.9%
TOTAL ALL MEDICATIONS	\$5,208,139.	100.0%