

Pharmacy Home

Medicines are essential in the equation of health. We propose a pharmacy home (PH) for the sickest and costliest patients, indigent or underinsured, the 5% who account for 50% of all health care costs.

The PH will: create a pharmacy benefit manager for the underserved, devise an intelligent formulary, provide medication free or at minimal cost, perform medication reconciliation, screen for drug-drug interactions, reduce poly-pharmacy, facilitate linkage to manufacturers' assistance programs, evolve a network of access points (initially with a single national pharmacy chain), enable education, communicate with hospitals and clinics, and work to improve medication compliance and adherence. PH systems will be interoperable with the patient's medical home to promote a holistic understanding of and better outcomes for the patient.

Sustained by in-kind donations from pharmacy and manufacturers and funding by hospitals that will realize a decrease in uncompensated care, the PH can then expand.