

# Picking Up Your Medicines Before You Leave the Hospital (Discharge)

## Leaving the Hospital

There's a lot to remember when you leave the hospital (discharge). To help make getting your discharge medicines easier, you can pick them up from the hospital pharmacy before you leave.

## Benefits

The following are benefits of leaving the hospital with your medicines.

- The pharmacist can easily:
  - access your health information
  - talk about your treatment plan with your health care provider
  - work with your insurance company if there are any issues.
- Your medicines will be ready when you are ready to leave the hospital.
- You can go straight home from the hospital without extra stops.
- The hospital pharmacy accepts all major insurances and copays are typically the same as other pharmacies.
- The hospital pharmacy staff helps you save money by:
  - recommending generic medicines
  - telling you about manufacturer coupons, if available
  - telling you about co-pay assistance programs, if available.

## How it Works

- After your health care provider places the order, the hospital pharmacy will fill your medicines right away. If you **do not** want to leave the hospital with your medicines, tell a member of your health care team.
- You can pick up your medicines on your way out of the hospital. You may be able to have your medicines delivered to your room. Ask a member of your health care team if this option is available to you.
- When it is time for a refill (if your health care provider has ordered one), you can:
  - pick them up in-person through any Allina Health pharmacy
  - have them sent to you through the mail
  - have your prescription transferred to a pharmacy of your choice. Ask your pharmacy to call the phone number on your medicine bottle.

## Paying for Your Medicines

You will be asked to pay your copay when you pick up your medicines. This amount cannot be added to your hospital bill. If the medicines are delivered to your room, you will receive a separate bill within 1 month.

## Whom to Call With Questions

Talk with a member of your health care team if you have questions.