



**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 low-income uninsured/under-insured adults with chronic health conditions. MedNet is funded by private foundations and public entities.

MedNet is located at 19 sites in 5 Florida counties, including:

Bayfront Health Center	Polk County Health & Social Services
BayCare Behavioral Health*	Premier Health Group*
Brandon Outreach Center	Seminole Behavioral Health Care*
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 Co. Health Dept - ADAP**	Suncoast Health Council
Pinellas Park Health Center	St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Shop

We Care Polk County

\*Restricted access site; available to clinic patients only

\*\*Restricted access site; available to HIV/AIDS patients only

**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 efficiency in reaching out and engaging populations at disproportionate risk for poor health outcomes. Demand for MedNet 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%
<b>TOTAL ALL MEDICATIONS</b>	<b>\$5,208,139.</b>	<b>100.0%</b>