



PharMerica Donates 820,739 Prescriptions to Underserved Patients in 2022

Partnership Helps Patients in Need Access Necessary Medications to Stay Healthy

Nearly 1 in 4 Americans have difficulty affording their medicine. In many cases, they're choosing between a meal and their medication. Simultaneously, up to \$11 billion worth of surplus medications go unused every year. To help under-resourced families access life-saving medications, PharMerica has partnered with SIRUM since 2015 to donate unused, unexpired drugs.

As part of the partnership, PharMerica pharmacies throughout the country in states where drug returns are not accepted package up and ship medications to SIRUM that would otherwise be destroyed. SIRUM then donates the prescriptions to its multi-state network of charitable partners, who distribute the medications in local communities. Last year alone, PharMerica donated 820,739 prescriptions valued at an estimated \$16,649,425.

"We're honored to help break down barriers and enable patients who may otherwise not have the opportunity to access life-saving medications for chronic disease management and improve health equity in underserved communities," said Jennifer Yowler, President of PharMerica.

In addition, PharMerica's partnership with SIRUM also helps:

- lower drug destruction costs, which can run \$1-3 per pound
- reduce pharmaceutical runoff in waterways, 70% of which are contaminated
- free up staff with a turn-key process for collecting and shipping the medications

Watch the [video](#) to see our drug donation partnership with SIRUM in action and learn more about how, together, we are saving medicines to save lives.

About PharMerica

PharMerica is a leading provider of institutional, community- and home-based pharmacy services. The company serves the long-term care, senior living, hospital, home infusion, hospice, behavioral, specialty and oncology pharmacy markets. PharMerica operates over 180 long-term care, home infusion, and specialty pharmacies in 50 states. PharMerica is a customer- and patient-focused organization serving health care providers, such as skilled nursing facilities, senior living communities, and hospitals, as well as individuals with behavioral needs, individuals with infusion therapy needs, seniors receiving in-home care, and patients with cancer. The company provides highly reliable, accurate medication delivery and support services to approximately 350,000 individuals a day with unmatched service reliability, cost containment solutions, and clinical, regulatory and educational support for its clients and their residents and patients.

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