



Yakutat Community Health Center

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The Yakutat Community Health Center received word on Friday January 6th, 2023, that the Carr's -Safeway Pharmacy in Anchorage, our primary pharmacy since 2017, will no longer process mail out prescriptions. There is a three-step process they will follow as they discontinue this service:

- 1) Refrigerated medications such as insulin, Humira, or Trulicity are no longer being mailed out effective immediately.
- 2) Controlled substances such as pain medicines, or ADHD medication, will not be shipped after Feb 14th,
- 3) All other medications will stop being mailed out April 1.

The Yakutat Community Health Center staff have anticipated that an event like this could occur. We have been working for some time to contract with another mail out pharmacy to meet the needs of our patients. We are in discussion with several pharmacies to take over this business and anticipate an agreement will be reached in the very near future. We will work quickly to transfer prescriptions to the new pharmacy once agreements have been signed. We will also transfer existing and new prescriptions to alternative mail out pharmacies in the interim if needed.

In the meantime, we are increasing our local stock of many medications to help smooth the transfer. This includes refrigerated medications such as insulin, Humira, Levemir, and Trulicity.

How You can help with the process:

When you get down to having a two-week supply of the medications listed in items one and two above, give our Case Management Support staff, Ms. Jenna Bogren, or Ms. Lindsey Hershey, a call at 784 3275 Ext 170 or Ext 209 and we will supply the medications, or get them ordered.

We also have our Enrollment Specialist Ms. Tracy Israelson available to assist our residents with enrolling in Medicaid, Medicare, and Tribal beneficiary enrollment. Please contact her for assistance. We also ask that if you have health insurance that we are not aware of, please let her know so that we can update our records. Her number is 784-3275 Ext 208

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation in this matter. We will update the community as more information becomes available.

Best regards,

Yakutat Community Health Center Team

Our mission is to empower our community to thrive physically, mentally and spiritually. Our work is guided by traditional values of: Listening with respect, Working together, Responsibility and Care of Self, Inclusivity and Fairness, and Living in Peace and Harmony.

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