

WHY INDEPENDENT PHARMACIES MUST DELIVER IN 2026

The 2026 data every independent owner should see.

THE SQUEEZE IS REAL

48.4M

Americans now live in a pharmacy desert — no drugstore within 10 miles.

1,200

Walgreens stores are closing. Rite Aid has already liquidated for good.

4,500

cities where Amazon Pharmacy now offers same-day prescription delivery.

BUT THIS IS YOUR MOMENT

When a chain closes, its patients scatter — and analysts are calling 2026 "the year of the local pharmacy comeback." But displaced patients only stay if you can serve them the way the chain never could: at their door.

WHY DELIVERY IS NOW SURVIVAL

- Non-adherence drives an estimated \$500B+ in avoidable healthcare costs and up to 1 in 4 hospitalizations — and home delivery is one of the most reliable ways to fix it.
- Delivery is retention. Keeping an existing patient costs a fraction of winning a new one — and a patient who can't get to you leaves.
- You can't out-tech Amazon. But you can out-local it — with a real person who knows your patients and your town.

You don't need a fleet or new hires.

You need one reliable, local delivery partner — professional, HIPAA-aware, and every drop documented through PharmaScript.

Sources: NCPA · Ohio State University · Healthcare Finance News · TailorMed · AMCP.

**Keep your patients — and your revenue —
from walking out the door.**