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## **All In Chicago: Partnering to Improve Access to Medication – a community partners post from the Dispensary of Hope**

*[The Dispensary of Hope](#) (DoH) is a Tennessee-licensed wholesale charitable drug distributor, serving low income, uninsured patients with consistent access to donated medication. In 2017, Dispensary of Hope distributed enough donated medications to fill over 908,000 scripts in 407,000 patient encounters. DOH believes medication adherence is improved with consistent access to medicine. Medication adherence maximizes the impact of precious charity budgets and has a more effective impact on chronic disease. CommunityHealth is proud to work with DOH as one of the pharmaceutical partners stocking our MedAccess Chicago Pharmacy.*

Dispensary of Hope has a deep dedication to providing access to medication for the most vulnerable populations across the nation because we believe consistent access to medicine is critical to managing chronic disease. We do this by partnering with pharmaceutical manufacturers to provide medications for a network of dispensing sites, connecting abundance with need in local communities. The DOH team is consistently in pursuit of developing and maintaining partnerships with pharmaceutical manufacturers to enable access to medicine, ensuring that patients have a consistent source of medications. [CommunityHealth](#), along with 149 other access sites, is part of DOH's network of charitable pharmacies and clinics. As a member of the DOH network, CommunityHealth has been able to extend medication access, enabling them to serve more patients. **Since joining the DOH network in 2015, CommunityHealth has filled 116,645 scripts with medications received from Dispensary of Hope. These medications were dispensed at no charge to low-income, uninsured adults in Chicago.**

CommunityHealth has a deep-rooted history of caring for the uninsured, and their core values reflect a devotion to serving their community with dignity and respect. Dispensary of Hope is proud to support the efforts CommunityHealth's

MedAccess Chicago Pharmacy to provide access to the right medications so that patients always have access to the tools they need to get and stay healthy.

*Learn more about how you can contribute directly to our pharmacy through our fall giving campaign #MessagesForMeds [here](#).*

***Are you in? Join us as we continue the conversation to build a healthier Chicago in 2018. To learn more, please visit [www.allin-chicago.org](http://www.allin-chicago.org).***