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## **Ascension Wisconsin Expands Access to Care with Two New Pharmacies Coming to Oshkosh**

**Oshkosh, Wis. (May 5, 2026)** – Ascension Wisconsin today announced plans to open two new community pharmacies in Oshkosh in summer 2026, expanding access to essential medications and pharmacy services for the community.

The new pharmacies will be located at [Ascension NE Wisconsin – Mercy Hospital](#) and the [Ascension NE Wisconsin – Koeller Street clinic](#). Both pharmacies will offer full retail services to the public, including prescription fulfillment, over-the-counter medications, and pharmacist consultations. The pharmacy on the campus of Mercy Hospital will also support patients in need of prescription medicines at the time of their discharge from the hospital and the emergency room, helping facilitate seamless and timely access to medications.

“Adding community pharmacy services is an important step in strengthening the continuum of care for our patients and neighbors in Oshkosh,” said Ascension Mercy Hospital President Shane Carter. “Our goals are to improve access, deliver convenience, support better medication adherence, and enhance overall health outcomes.”

The expansion comes at a critical time for the Oshkosh community, which has seen local pharmacies close, reflecting a broader trend affecting communities across the country. Large pharmacy chains and privately owned pharmacies have announced or implemented store closures in response to shifting market conditions. These closures can create gaps in access to medications and pharmacy expertise, particularly for vulnerable populations.

Ascension Wisconsin’s investment aims to ensure that residents continue to have reliable, local access to pharmacy services. By co-locating pharmacies within trusted

care settings, Ascension is also working to simplify the healthcare experience—allowing patients to see a provider and fill prescriptions in one convenient location.

Both new community pharmacies are expected to open in summer 2026. Additional details, including hours of operation and services, will be announced closer to opening.

### **About Ascension Wisconsin**

In Wisconsin, Ascension delivers care through 16 hospitals, 12 of which are wholly owned, and four that are jointly operated, and more than 100 related healthcare sites, with more than three million patient visits each year. Ascension Wisconsin is a non-profit and Catholic health system with a Mission of delivering compassionate, personalized care to all with special attention to persons living in poverty and those most vulnerable. Ascension sites of care in Wisconsin have been serving patients and their communities since 1848. More than 12,000 employed associates serve communities in Southeastern Wisconsin and the Fox Valley region. In FY25, Ascension Wisconsin provided more than \$218 million in community benefit. Visit [healthcare.ascension.org/wisconsin](https://healthcare.ascension.org/wisconsin).

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