

Bedside Medication Delivery Program, commonly referred to as Meds to Beds, is a service where a NLH Retail Pharmacy receives a prescription and delivers the medication to the patient bedside at the time of discharge. The program is expected to help decrease readmission rates where medication non-compliance is a major factor and add convenience for the patient by eliminating the need to stop at a pharmacy to pick up prescriptions.

Meds to Bed Workflow

➤ Care Compass Task

- Inpatient Nursing will receive a task in Care Compass at 0800 the day after admission to invite the patient to participate in the **Meds to Beds** program.
 - Scripting has been added to the form to assist the nurse when inviting the patient to participate.

Click **Document** to open the form.

- Document **Anticipated Date of Discharge** if it has not auto-populated from previous documentation.
- Selecting **Yes** fires a task to the NLH Retail Pharmacy notifying them the patient wishes to participate in Meds to Beds.

NOTE: ICU/Critical Care Nurses do not receive a Care Compass task for patients admitted to an Intensive/Critical Care nursing unit. When a patient is transferred out of ICU/Critical Care, the Transfer Level of Care order prompts a Care Compass task at 0800 the day after transfer. If a patient is being discharged from ICU/Critical Care, the ICU/Critical Care nurse should invite the patient to the program using the Invite Patients to the Meds to Beds Program form in the Admission/Discharge Adhoc folder.

➤ Update Patient's Preferred Pharmacy

Pharmacy Name	Address	Cross-Street	City
Northern Light Pharmacy State Street	210 State St		Bangor
Northern Light Pharmacy Penny Hill	295 Kennedy Memorial ...		Waterville
Northern Light Pharmacy Fore River	195 Fore River Pkwy, St...		Portland
Northern Light Pharmacy Riverside	417 State St, Ste 130		Bangor
Northern Light Pharmacy Downeast	161 High St		Ellsworth

- **EMMC**

- **EMMC nurses update the patient preferred pharmacy to Northern Light Pharmacy Riverside.**
- **EMMC Weekend Discharges** – If the patient is to be discharged on the weekend, the patient's Preferred Pharmacy should be updated to **Northern Light Pharmacy State Street**.

- **Inland**

- **Inland nurses update the patient preferred pharmacy to Northern Light Pharmacy Penny Hill.**
- **Inland Weekend Discharges** – If the patient is to be discharged on the weekend and the discharge prescriptions were not ordered on Friday, the patient's Preferred Pharmacy should be updated to another pharmacy of the patient's choice prior to the discharge prescriptions being ordered.
 - Discharge prescriptions ordered and filled on Friday for weekend discharges by **Northern Light Pharmacy Penny Hill** will be delivered to the inpatient pharmacy and should be obtained prior to discharging the patient.

- **Maine Coast Hospital (MCH)**

- **MCH nurses update the patient preferred pharmacy to Northern Light Pharmacy Downeast.**
- **MCH Weekend discharges** – if the patient is to be discharged on Saturday or Sunday and the discharge prescriptions were not ordered on Friday, the patient's Preferred Pharmacy should be updated to another pharmacy of the patient's choice prior to the discharge prescriptions being ordered.
 - Discharge prescriptions ordered and filled on Friday for Saturday or Sunday discharges by **Northern Light Pharmacy Downeast** will be delivered to the inpatient pharmacy and should be obtained prior to discharging the patient.

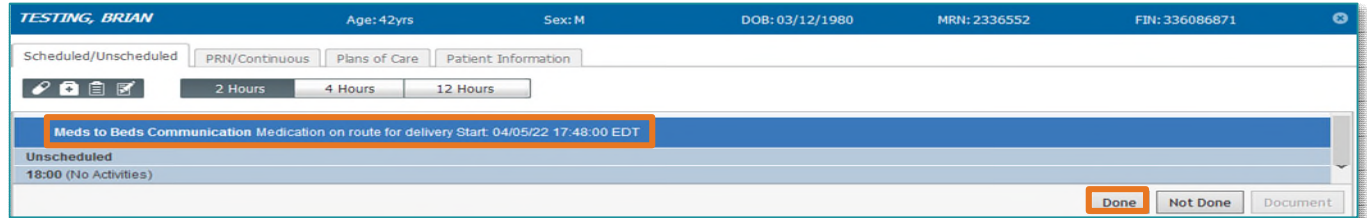
- **Mercy**

- **Mercy nurses update the patient preferred pharmacy to Northern Light Pharmacy Fore River.**
- **Mercy Weekend Discharges** – If the patient is to be discharged on the weekend, the patient's Preferred Pharmacy should be updated to another pharmacy of the patient's choice prior to the discharge prescriptions being ordered.

➤ Discharge Process

- Placement of the **Discharge order** by the provider fires another task to the NLH Retail Pharmacy indicating the patient is being discharged. This allows the pharmacy to prioritize the Meds to Beds patient prescriptions when they arrive in the pharmacy prescription queue.

- Once the NLH Retail Pharmacy has prepared the prescriptions and documented the Date and Time Sent, another task will fire to Care Compass, notifying the nurse the prescriptions are en route to the patient.
- Select **Done** after the patient receives the medication from the pharmacy.



➤ **Inland Discharge Prescription Delivery**

- **NL Pharmacy Penny Hill** will deliver prescriptions for discharging patients **Monday through Friday at 11 a.m.**
- **The Inland courier** will deliver discharge prescriptions to the **Inland Inpatient Pharmacy** between **2 – 2:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.**
 - After receiving the Care Compass task indicating the medications are en route from the NL Pharmacy Penny Hill, the nurse contacts the inpatient pharmacy to arrange delivery to the nursing unit.

➤ **MCH Discharge Prescription Delivery**

- **Northern Light Pharmacy Downeast** will deliver prescriptions for discharging inpatients and day surgical patients **Monday through Friday at 9 a.m., 11 a.m., and 2 p.m.**