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## NC MedAssist to bring Mobile Free Pharmacy to Gaston County

**Charlotte, NC [January 30, 2025]** – NC MedAssist (NCMA) will host a Mobile Free Pharmacy event in Gaston County, providing free over-the-counter medicine to individuals and families who may face financial barriers.

In collaboration with CaroMont Health and Community Care of North Carolina, free mammograms and health screenings (blood pressure and A1C) will be offered. The Gaston County health department will also be on-site to provide information on resources for residents.

“We look forward to bringing this event to Gaston County and to help alleviate the financial burden that purchasing over-the-counter medicines may pose for members of the community,” Mobile Free Pharmacy Program Director Lisa Szabo said. “Especially during these colder months, when people are more susceptible to cold and flu or Seasonal Affective Disorder, we understand the importance of having a well-stocked medicine cabinet.”

Individuals must be at least 18 years old to receive medicine and can select items that include, but are not limited to, pain relievers, cold and cough medicine, antihistamines, digestive aids, vitamins, and children’s medicines. No identification is required.

There is no need to register; however, a preorder form is available online for individuals to make selections in advance. All items are subject to availability.

The event also serves as an opportunity to identify individuals who may need and qualify for NCMA’s Free Pharmacy Program. Residents of North Carolina who are uninsured and fall at or below 300% of the poverty level can enroll to receive prescription medications at no cost.

This event is sponsored by Aetna and United in Action of Stanley Churches Inc..

More information and the Mobile Free Pharmacy pre-order form can be found at [medassist.org/mobile-free-pharmacy](https://medassist.org/mobile-free-pharmacy)

**When:** Friday, February 21, 2025, 9 a.m. — 2 p.m.

**Where:** First United Methodist Church - Common Ground  
5481 Hickory Grove Rd. Stanley, NC 28164

**Who:** NC MedAssist is a statewide nonprofit pharmacy providing prescription medicine at no cost to uninsured residents living at or below 300% of the federal poverty level. Last year, NCMA held 54 Mobile Free Pharmacy events, serving 38,891 North Carolinians. Through the NCMA Free Pharmacy Program, OTC Free Store, and Mobile Free Pharmacy events, we are dispensing hope across North Carolina.

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*NC MedAssist is on a mission to dispense hope through improved health. As North Carolina's only statewide nonprofit pharmacy, NC MedAssist provides prescription medication at no cost to uninsured NC residents falling at or below 300% of the federal poverty level. NCMA provides over-the-counter medicine to all residents through its OTC Free Store and at over 40 Mobile Free Pharmacy events throughout the state annually. Last year, NC MedAssist served 67,104 North Carolinas and distributed \$61.6 million in prescription and over-the-counter medication, helping save North Carolina approximately \$98 million in uncompensated healthcare costs.*

*Learn more about NC MedAssist at [www.medassist.org](http://www.medassist.org)*