



**Our services are designed to meet the special needs of residents living in assisted living communities, nursing homes, rehabilitation centers and other group settings. We differ from a traditional retail pharmacy in the following ways:**

	<b>Guardian Pharmacy of Maine</b>	<b>Traditional Retail Pharmacy</b>
Service Medications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Specialty packaging of prescriptions helps avoid medication distribution errors</li> <li>• Emergency supplies available in each facility</li> <li>• Daily deliveries to facilities</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Packaging is limited</li> <li>• Usually 30 or 90-day supply is provided</li> <li>• Service not generally available</li> </ul>
Clinical Support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pharmacist available to medical staff 24/7; 365 days a year</li> <li>• Multiple clinical reviews to insure you receive only what your physician has prescribed</li> <li>• Specially trained geriatric/LTC pharmacists regularly review your prescriptions to ensure safety and effectiveness, and to identify, resolve and prevent medication-related problems.</li> <li>• Our geriatric pharmacists regularly review resident charts and facility trends to assure patient safety</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pharmacists available during business hours only</li> <li>• Pharmacist reviews as needed or when new medications are prescribed.</li> <li>• Service generally not available</li> </ul>
Specialized Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I.V. therapy and specialty compounds provided</li> <li>• Specially trained and certified staff provide service</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Services not available</li> </ul>
Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Educational programs provided to facility staff, as well as to you and your family</li> <li>• Up-to-date information provided on facility staff on healthcare legislation, medications and regulations</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Services generally not available</li> <li>• Limited distribution of information</li> </ul>
Pricing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Very competitive compared to other long term care pharmacies</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prices not comparable due to the scope of their limitations</li> </ul>
Insurance Coverage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Guardian participates in most insurance plans</li> <li>• Insurance plans are billed directly whenever possible</li> <li>• Monthly billing of co-pays, deductibles and non-covered items</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• May have limitations on insurance plans are accepted</li> <li>• Customer must pay before medication is received</li> </ul>
Medicare Accreditation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meets the highest Medicare quality standards</li> <li>• Direct Medicare billing</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Most retail pharmacies in Maine are not Medicare accredited</li> <li>• Services not typically available</li> </ul>
Payment Options	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Monthly billing</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Payment generally due when prescriptions are filled</li> </ul>