

Rite Aid expands online clinic program

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Rite Aid is expanding a new drugstore clinic that allows customers to have virtual visits with doctors who can diagnose conditions and prescribe medications based on a 10-minute consultation.

The Camp Hill, Pa., company says its NowClinic Online Care services are available in 58 pharmacies in four cities: Baltimore, Boston, Philadelphia and Pittsburgh.

Customers can have private video or [phone conversations](#) with physicians. The consultations cost \$45.

A spokeswoman says the clinics are opening in existing stores in consultation rooms used by pharmacists for [immunizations](#) or to talk to patients. [Health care providers](#) will not be onsite, but pharmacists will be available to help customers.

Rite Aid Corp. is the nation's third-largest drugstore operator, trailing Walgreen Co. and CVS Caremark Corp., which both run in-store clinic programs.

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