

Amazon starts pharmacy service in Japan

Vocabulary Match

prescriptions ● executive ● chronic ● hypertension ● diagnosis ● pharmaceutical ●
● medicines ● high blood pressure ● long-term ● manager ● examination ● drug

Article

Amazon has started a new service in Japan called Amazon Pharmacy. This service allows people to get prescriptions delivered to their homes, so they don't need to visit a pharmacy in person. Amazon is working with about 2,500 drug stores across Japan.

Hiroshi Maeda, an Amazon Japan executive, said, "We aim to provide services tailor-made to each customer's healthcare needs." The service is especially useful for people with chronic health issues, like hypertension.

Users can get electronic prescriptions after an online diagnosis or visit to a clinic. They can also talk to pharmacists through video chats. Currently, nine pharmaceutical companies are working with Amazon, and Amazon plans to include more pharmacies in the future.

Quiz

1. What is the advantage of this service?
2. Who is Hiroshi Maeda?
3. What kind of health issues is the service especially useful for?
4. How can users talk to pharmacists?

Conversation

A: Did you hear about Amazon Pharmacy?
B: Yeah, now I can get my medicines delivered!
A: It's great for people with chronic conditions.
B: I agree, no more long waits at the pharmacy.
A: And we can talk to pharmacists online.
B: Technology is really making life easier.

Discussion

1. Would you use a service like Amazon Pharmacy? Why or why not?
2. Do you prefer online shopping or going to the store? Why?
3. What other services would you like to see Amazon offer?
4. How do you think technology is changing healthcare?