



## Nebraska MEDS Drug Disposal Protocol

- Sort the unused medication and place the non-controlled medications in the TakeAway Box that is behind the pharmacy counter.
- The TakeAway Box is for disposal of medications from consumer households and **cannot be used at take back or other events outside of the pharmacy**. Unwanted medications from clinics or healthcare facilities cannot be accepted. **The box must be kept at the pharmacy**.
- Provide a TakeAway envelope for controlled medications (Schedules II-V) and instruct the patient to place the medications in the envelope, seal it, and mail the envelope in any USPS mailbox *as soon as possible*.
  - Pharmacy staff CANNOT accept or place controlled medications into the envelopes on behalf of the patient.
  - The envelopes cannot be used at take back or other events outside of the pharmacy.
- Acceptable medications in the TakeAway Box:
  - Pills, tablets, capsules, pet medications
  - Ointments, creams, lotions, powders
  - Inhalers and nebulizers solutions
  - Liquid medicines  $\leq 4\text{oz}$ .
  - Controlled medications (Schedules II-V) – in TakeAway envelopes ONLY
- DO NOT PLACE in the TakeAway Box:
  - Needles, thermometers
  - Liquids  $\geq 4\text{oz}$ .
  - Rubbing alcohol and hydrogen peroxide
- When the TakeAway Box is nearly full:
  - Call Sharps Compliance at **800-772-5657** to order a new TakeAway box and request a pick up or fax in order sheet. You can also give the full box to a UPS driver.
  - Tell Sharps Compliance that the **Nebraska Pharmacists Association / Nebraska MEDS Coalition** should be billed for the TakeAway box. You can also re-order by using your Sharps Compliance customer number found on the shipping invoice.
- When the pharmacy is in need of additional TakeAway envelopes for controlled substances:
  - Call Sharps Compliance at **800-772-5657** or fax in order sheet. Envelopes are provided in a box of 12.
- Contact the Nebraska Pharmacists Association, at (402) 420-1500 or e-mail [info@nebraskameds.org](mailto:info@nebraskameds.org) for:
  - Additional bag stuffers, window clings, informational sheets, or posters.
  - If you are having any issues with Sharps Compliance.
  - If you would like to know the weight of medication your pharmacy has returned.

