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## MED-PROJECT APPROVED TO LAUNCH STATEWIDE PROGRAM TO PROVIDE SAFE MEDICATION DISPOSAL TO NEW YORK RESIDENTS

State of New York – The Medication Education & Disposal Project (MED-Project) today announced its approval from the New York Department of Health to provide a free, statewide program and public education campaign to help New York residents dispose of medicine safely and conveniently. MED-Project is supported by the Pharmaceutical Product Stewardship Work Group, a non-profit trade association of pharmaceutical companies.

“We want to encourage residents to take their medication as prescribed, store it securely, and to safely dispose of unwanted or expired medicine,” said Dr. Victoria Travis, MED-Project’s National Program Director. “MED-Project’s dropbox locations and mail-back services make drug disposal easy, convenient, and safe.”

When operational, MED-Project will provide safe and free disposal options statewide to ensure residents have equitable access. These include neighborhood pharmacies, medical facilities, law enforcement offices, and other community-based organizations.

**For more information about MED-Project’s medication disposal program and services in New York, including accepted types of medication, please contact toll-free 1-833-MED-PROJECT (1-833-633-7765) or visit [www.med-project.org](http://www.med-project.org).**

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### **About MED-Project**

*MED-Project is a non-profit, 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization, that develops, implements and operates safe, effective and compliant programs for the disposal of household medicine in adherence with state and local legislation.*

*MED-Project works with local pharmacies, law enforcement agencies and community-based organizations to educate residents, and those who care for them, on proper use, storage and disposal of medicine. To learn more, visit [www.med-projectusa.org](http://www.med-projectusa.org).*

### **About PPSWG**

*The Pharmaceutical Product Stewardship Work Group (PPSWG) is a membership association for producers of branded and generic prescription and non-prescription pharmaceutical products and sharps.*

*PPSWG coordinates the pharmaceutical industry’s efforts to respond to household pharmaceutical products and sharps take-back laws. For more information, visit [ppswg.org](http://ppswg.org).*

*PPSWG hosts [MyOldMeds.com](http://MyOldMeds.com), a website for consumers containing educational material on proper use, storage, and disposal of unwanted/expired prescription and non-prescription medicine. Additionally, it provides locations in all 50 states to dispose of unwanted/expired household medicine or request a free in-home disposal kit, if available. For more information, visit [MyOldMeds.com](http://MyOldMeds.com).*