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MED-PROJECT LAUNCHES NEW PROGRAM TO PROVIDE SAFE, FREE, AND CONVENIENT MEDICATION DISPOSAL FOR CALIFORNIA RESIDENTS

Nearly 1,400 medication drop boxes installed across the state at locations including CVS and Rite Aid to serve residents who take medication to treat medical conditions

Sacramento, December 8, 2022 – California residents who rely on medication to treat medical conditions now have access to a free statewide program to dispose of medication safely and conveniently. This program, implemented and managed by the Medication Education & Disposal Project (MED-Project), follows the passage of the 2018 California Senate Bill 212. MED-Project is the only operator approved to operate both medication and sharps take-back programs under California SB 212 since December 2021.

This program is accessible to all California residents. Nearly 1,400 secure medication drop boxes are installed at pharmacies, hospitals, and law enforcement agencies throughout the state, ensuring that more than 90% of Californians live within 15 miles of a drop box. Californians can also order free mail-back packages at www.med-project.org.

“This newly launched medication take-back program provides convenience for consumers and value to the community,” said Dr. Victoria Travis, National Program Director for MED-Project. “With nearly 1,400 medication drop boxes statewide, as well as the option to request a mail-back package from the convenience of your home, we’re making it easy for Californians to dispose of their household medication, while preventing misuse by others.”

Californians looking for a convenient medication drop box location or requesting a mail-back package can visit www.med-project.org or contact the call center 24/7 at (844) MED-PROJECT.

MED-Project's medication disposal program began operations under the authority of the California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) on December 9, 2021. The program is funded by pharmaceutical manufacturers.

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MED-Project was established in 2014 by the Pharmaceutical Product Stewardship Work Group (PPSWG) to implement and operate community-based pharmaceutical product stewardship programs. PPSWG funds all program operations on behalf of its pharmaceutical producer members. For more information about MED-Project's programs and services, please visit www.med-project.org or call (844) MED-PROJECT / (844) 633-7765 (TTY: 711).

About MED-Project USA

MED-Project USA 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 and sharps in adherence with state and local legislation. MED-Project works with national and local chain pharmacies, independent pharmacies, law enforcement agencies, and community-based organizations to educate residents and those who care for them on the proper usage, secure storage, and safe disposal of household medicine and sharps. To learn more, visit www.med-projectusa.org or call (833) MED-PROJECT.

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