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MED-PROJECT ANNOUNCES CALRECYCLE APPROVAL OF COVERED DRUGS AND SHARPS TAKE-BACK ANNUAL REPORTS

CalRecycle's program helps California residents dispose of unwanted medications and sharps safely and conveniently.

Sacramento, December 15, 2023 – Medication Education & Disposal Project USA (MED-Project) announces that its <u>2022 Revised Annual Reports for Covered Drugs and Home-</u><u>Generated Sharps</u> have been approved by the California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle), the state's oversight agency for recycling and waste management programs. These approvals indicate MED-Project's compliant implementation of both the Covered Drugs and Home-Generated Sharps Plans within its first full year of operations. MED-Project launched these programs in December 2021, following approval of the plans by CalRecycle.

"MED-Project's focus continues to be delivering reliable programs that provide value to the community, while maintaining quality compliance," said Dr. Victoria Travis, National Program Director for MED-Project. "We encourage Californians to ask their local pharmacies and health care providers about accessing these free services."

MED-Project is an experienced leader in the implementation and operation of household medication and sharps take-back programs. MED-Project has worked diligently with CalRecycle to make medication and sharps disposal services accessible to California residents. As part of the approved programs, MED-Project has installed more than 1,000 secure medication drop boxes at pharmacies, hospitals, and law enforcement agencies throughout the state. In addition, MED-Project offers a free statewide program that allows households to safely dispose of sharps by providing sharps mail-back packages to residents, which can be ordered through convenient phone and online ordering systems.

Californians looking for a convenient medication drop box location or requesting a mail-back package for sharps or medications can visit <u>www.med-project.org</u> or call (844) MED-PROJECT / (844) 633-7765.

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Retailers that provide sharps to consumers can participate in this free program by visiting <u>www.med-project.org/sharpsca</u> to complete the process to use MED-Project's online ordering system. Locations interested in hosting a drop box can email MED-Project at <u>california@med-project.org</u>, or contact the 24/7 toll-free help desk at (833) MED-PROJECT / (833) 633-7765.

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 use, secure storage, and disposal of household medicine and sharps. To learn more, call (833) MED-PROJECT / (833) 633-7765 (TTY: 711) or visit med-projectusa.org.

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