

## MED-Project SB212 Meds & Sharps Annual Reports Approval Press Release

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### MED-PROJECT ANNOUNCES CALRECYCLE FULL 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, July 23, 2024** – The Medication Education & Disposal Project USA (MED-Project) announces that its 2023 Annual Reports for Covered Drugs and Home-Generated Sharps have been fully approved by the California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle). These approvals underscore MED-Project's successful and compliant implementation of both the Covered Drugs and Home-Generated Sharps Programs during their second year of operations. MED-Project is notably the only approved program operator, on behalf of its participating companies, to have received full approval of its Annual Reports from CalRecycle since the beginning of CalRecycle's program.

Launched in December 2021, MED-Project's household medication and sharps take-back programs have been operational since receiving initial approval from CalRecycle. These programs provide safe and convenient disposal options for household medications and sharps to California residents.

To enhance accessibility, MED-Project provides over 1,000 secure medication drop boxes at pharmacies, hospitals, and law enforcement agencies that participate in the program. Additionally, MED-Project offers a free, statewide mail-back program through easy-to-use toll-free telephone and online ordering systems.

"MED-Project remains committed to providing dependable programs that are easy to access for the community and deliver quality compliance," said Dr. Victoria Travis, National Program Director for MED-Project. "We encourage Californians to ask about these free services at their local pharmacies and with health care providers."

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Californians looking for a convenient medication drop box location or requesting a mail-back package for sharps or medications can visit [med-project.org](http://med-project.org) or call (844) MED-PROJECT / (844) 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](http://med-projectusa.org).

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