Iowa’s Medication Disposal Program

**ACCEPTABLE:**
Unused or expired medicines prescription (Rx) or over-the-counter (OTC), including:
- pills, tablets, capsules
- ointments
- creams
- lotions
- powders
- inhalers, nebulizer solutions
- liquid medicines ≤ 4 oz.
  - solutions, suspensions
  - liquids must be wrapped in a paper towel and placed in a sealed plastic bag before being placed in a TakeAway™ container

**NOT ACCEPTABLE:**
Controlled substances (such as):
- Adderall, Vicodin, Demerol, Hydrocodone, MS Contin, Ambien

Any sharps* (such as):
- Syringes
- Lancets

Liquids > 4 oz.*

Thermometers*

Home based care (HBC) or durable medical equipment (DME) supplies (such as):
- Rubbing alcohol, hydrogen peroxide

*contact local solid waste agency

Products should be left in the packaging the medication was dispensed in. This will provide a means of disposing of the packaging, contain and protect the medication in transit, minimize any exposure and is also one of the requirements of the transporter.

TakeAway™ can only accept unused medications from patients or patients’ caregivers. Inventory from a pharmacy or other healthcare center is NOT acceptable.

Questions? Check with your pharmacist.

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