

Committee: Westchester County Society of Health- Systems Pharmacist

Topic: Medication Take Back Bins

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Whereas, expired/unused medications possess a potential threat to induce multiple undesired effects that may be related to human health or the environment

Whereas, improper disposal of expired/unused medications in household trash or flushing down sinks/toilets may pose an environmental hazard in wastewaters

Whereas, undisposed expired/unused medications in the household may pose a risk for accidental exposure and accidental poisoning of children and pets

Whereas, undisposed expired/unused medications in the household may pose a risk a risk for medication abuse

Whereas, there is an identified shortage of accessible, secure medication disposal receptacles

Whereas, increasing the availability and the public's access to medication-take-back-bins will reduced the harm from improperly stored and disposal of expired/unused medications

Be it resolved:

NYSCHP supports medication take back bins (drop off boxes) at hospitals, nursing homes and community pharmacies for expired/unused medications

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