

Recycle Meds

Representative Darrel Gilbert offered legislation to recycle medications. The Legislature passed law for unused prescription medications from Nursing Homes to be recycled.

The Oklahoma State Board of Pharmacy passed rules for distribution of unused medications on November 30, 2004. The Law became effective January 1, 2005

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OAC Title 535. Oklahoma State Board of Pharmacy Subchapter 12.

Unused Prescription Drug Program for Oklahoma's Medically Indigent.

HB 1866 required permanent rules to implement the Utilization of Unused Prescription Medications Act. They include the purpose of the rules, definitions, eligibility to donate, and consultant pharmacist requirements for eligible nursing homes or approved assisted living centers that donate unused prescription medications.

The rules describe the eligible prescription drugs; eligible recipients of donated unused prescription drugs and protections for participants in the program. These rules describe eligibility/requirements for pharmacies accepting and dispensing such prescription medications. They describe the responsibilities of the pharmacist manager of eligible licensed pharmacies participating in this program.

These rules describe labeling of dispensed drugs under this program and they describe violations of this program.

March 31, 2005 1:00pm public hearing on rules. There were no changes requested or made. These rules now go to the Legislators for approval and then to the Governor for signature. The Governor has right to remove sections but there is no indication at this time that there will be any changes made to the emergency rules which are currently in effect. By July 1, 2005 the rules should be signed by the Governor and made permanent.

Quick Process Overview:

Clinic must have a licensed Pharmacy and Pharmacist on staff that is registered with the Oklahoma State Board of Pharmacy for the clinic. Letter of request must be submitted to Oklahoma State Board of Pharmacy, 4545 Lincoln Suite 112, OKC, OK 73105. Call 405-521-3815 for answers to questions.

The Pharmacist and the Director of Nursing pick up and/or deliver medications with listing (manifest) of all unused prescriptions. There is a specific process to collect and dispense the unused prescription drugs in the law. A log (manifest) must be maintained for two years of the medications that were dispensed or destroyed. No form is supplied for charitable clinic. They are to create and track in a log (manifest).