

DESTRUCTION OF MEDICATIONS POLICY

CONTROLLED DRUGS

- All Schedule II drugs that have been discontinued, unused or expired will be disposed of at the Marshall County Sheriff Department take back program by facility nurse.
- Follow controlled substance protocol/procedure.

NON-CONTROLLED DRUGS

- A. All non-controlled medications that have been discontinued, expired or unused will be destroyed by the DCC following the procedure below. This is to include medications from SafeDose (HomeFree) Pharmacy.
1. **DON'T**: Flush expired or unwanted prescription and over-the-counter drugs down the toilet or drain unless the label or accompanying patient information specifically instruct you to do so.
 2. **DO**: return discontinued, expired, or unused prescription and over-the-counter drugs to a drug take-back program or follow the steps for household disposal below.
 - a) **1st Choice**: Drug Take-Back Events: to dispose of prescription and over-the-counter drugs, bring them to the permanent drop box available 7 days a week – 24 hours a day in the lobby of the Marshall County Sheriff's Dept. At 208 E Colvin Ave in Warren, MN. They will accept patches and inhalers but do not accept liquids of any kind, which need to be disposed of by the 2nd choice.
 - b) **2nd Choice**: Household disposal steps
 - i. *Take your prescriptions out of their original containers.*
 - ii. *Mix drug with an undesirable substance, such as cat litter or used coffee grounds.*
 - iii. *Put the mixture into a disposable container with a lid, such as an empty margarine tub or a sealed bag.*
 - iv. *Conceal or remove any personal information including the Rx number on the empty container by covering it with permanent marker or scratching it off the bottle.*
 - v. *The sealed container with the drug mixture and the empty drug containers can now be placed in the trash.*
- B. Record the medical name, Rx number, quantity to be destroyed and method of destruction on the "Medication Destruction Record" and sign your name. Each person served needs an individual destruction form.
- C. The person destroying the medications or taking them for the take back program will sign the form which is to be part of the individual's permanent record.
- D. When destroying medications from SafeDose (HomeFree), do not place the packet number on the destruction form. You are to place the Rx number found on the outside of the SafeDose pill box for each medication on destruction med form as you do with all other medications in bottles, blister packs or boxes.
- E. Do not return any drugs to the pharmacy. All drugs must be taken to the Sheriff Department take back program or destroyed in the facility.

