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Dear Pharmacist:

SB 1159 – DISEASE PREVENTION DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM

On September 20, 2004, Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger signed legislation (Senate Bill 1159) that created the Disease Prevention Demonstration Project (DPDP). The DPDP is a collaborative effort between pharmacies, and local and state health officials to prevent the spread of blood-borne diseases (i.e. HIV, hepatitis) among injection drug users, their sexual partners, and their children. On June 14, 2005 the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors approved participation in the DPDP.

SB1159 authorizes a licensed pharmacist, until December 31, 2010, to sell or furnish ten or fewer hypodermic needles or syringes to any person 18 years or older for human use without a prescription. This bill also eliminates the current requirement that a pharmacist keep detailed records of nonprescription sales of hypodermic needles and syringes and deletes the requirement that a signature and address be obtained from the person to whom the needle or syringe was furnished.

In order to be legally authorized to furnish or sell nonprescription hypodermic needles or syringes as part of the DPDP, a pharmacy that is located in Los Angeles County must register with the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Health (LADPH) and certify that it will provide the needle-user with written or oral information about access to drug treatment, HIV and hepatitis C testing, and how to safely dispose of sharps waste. LADPH will begin enrolling pharmacies effective February 1, 2007.

Enclosed, please find a fact sheet that outlines the components of SB 1159 and highlights the specific roles of local and state health departments, pharmacies, and customers. A project enrollment form is also enclosed should you decide to participate in the DPDP project. For convenience, LADPH has developed the enclosed pamphlet for distribution to customers.

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January 15, 2007
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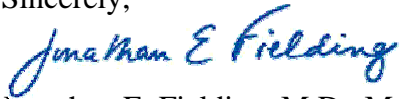
Participation in the DPDP requires pharmacists to meet the following criteria:

1. Be a licensed pharmacist in a city or county that has authorized Senate Bill (SB) 1159;
2. Store hypodermic needles and syringes so that they are only available to authorized pharmacy personnel; and
3. Provide for the safe disposal of hypodermic needles and syringes through one or more of the following options: providing an on-site sharps disposal program, furnishing or making available for purchase mail-back sharps disposal containers that meet state and federal standards, or furnishing or providing for purchase personal sharps disposal containers.

Please be aware that the State Department of Health Services is required to conduct an evaluation of this project and may contact you at some point in the future to seek your assistance in the evaluation process. LADPH will provide evaluation information when it becomes available from the State.

To learn more about participating in the Disease Prevention Demonstration Project please go to www.lapublichealth.org, call (213) 240-8196 or send an e-mail to LASB1159@ph.lacounty.gov.

Sincerely,



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Director and Health Officer

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Attachments

**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES – DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
 PHARMACY ACCESS TO STERILE SYRINGES:
 THE DISEASE PREVENTION DEMONSTRATION PROJECT (DPDP)**

PHARMACY ENROLLMENT FORM

Introduction:

On September 20, 2004, Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger signed Senate Bill (SB) 1159 which allows licensed pharmacists to sell ten or fewer hypodermic needles or syringes for human use without a prescription in cities and counties that have authorized the Disease Prevention Demonstration Project (DPDP). DPDP is collaboration between pharmacies, and local and state health officials. The purpose of the DPDP is to prevent the spread of HIV, hepatitis, and other blood-borne diseases among injection drug users, their sexual partners, and their children. Pharmacies in cities that have authorized non-prescription sales must enroll with the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Health (LADPH), to participate in this program. SB 1159 requires participating pharmacies to provide consumers with safe disposal options to ensure that these hypodermic needles and syringes are disposed of in an appropriate manner and also provide written information or verbal counseling on how to access drug treatment, and treatment and testing for HIV and hepatitis C.

Instructions: **Please complete both pages of this enrollment form and return by via fax to (213) 975-1273 or via mail to:**

**Disease Prevention Demonstration Project
 Los Angeles County Department of Public Health
 313 N. Figueroa Street, Room 806
 Los Angeles, CA 90012**

LADPH must respond to your enrollment form to formally be registered with LADPH. Allow 10 working days for processing. Please note that submission of this document does not guarantee registration until the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Health provides written approval of this enrollment form.

I. Provider type (Select only one)

- A pharmacy licensed under _____
- A health care practitioner who is otherwise authorized to prescribe the use of hypodermic needles or syringes within his or her scope of practice.
- A health care facility licensed under Article 28 of the Public Health Law.

II. Authorized Provider Information* (please print or type)

***Note:** To register multiple sites, please attach a list of all pharmacies covered under this application. Include each pharmacy's addresses, contact information, and hours of operation.

- A. Provider Name: _____
- B. Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip code: _____
- C. Telephone Number: _____ Fax Number _____ E-mail: _____
- D. Telephone Number for Public Information: _____
- E. DPDP Hours of Operation to sell and furnish needles and syringes

Days Open	Hours of DPDP Operation				Other Information about days and hours of operation
	From:	To:	From:	To:	
Monday					
Tuesday					
Wednesday					
Thursday					
Friday					
Saturday					
Sunday					

List additional feature or restrictions your DPDP program consumers will need to know:

- D. DPDP Provider Designated Contact Person Name: _____ Telephone No: _____
- E. Signature of Designated Contact Person: _____
- F. Print Name of DPDP Provider authorized to sell and furnish needles and syringes:
 Name: _____ Title: _____

III. License Information of Authorized Provider (please print or type)

CA Operating Certificate No: (health care facility applicants only)	CA Permanent Facility Identification (PFI) No. (health care facility applicants only)
CA License No: _____ (practitioner and pharmacy applicants only)	DEA No: _____ (all applicants)
Hypodermic Needle and Syringe Permit No.:	

III. Program Information

To participate in this program, pharmacies that furnish or sell hypodermic needles or syringes without prescription are required to offer safe syringe disposal programs to ensure that these hypodermic needles and syringes are disposed of in an appropriate manner and provide written information or verbal counseling on how to access drug treatment, how to access treatment and testing for HIV and hepatitis C, and how to safely dispose of sharps waste.

A. Safe Disposal Activities (please indicate with an X the type of support service you will be providing)

<input type="checkbox"/>	(Required for all registrants) At a minimum, all registered providers must distribute a safety insert that is developed or approved by the Department of Public Health with each transaction.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Sell or furnish sharps disposal containers
<input type="checkbox"/>	Refer consumers to a sharps disposal program.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Refer consumers to the Los Angeles County Fire Department Health Hazardous Materials Section to locate a nearby collection site for disposal of the full container.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Furnish or make available for purchase mail-back sharps disposal containers.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other (please specify).

B. Referral Information (please check all that apply)

<input type="checkbox"/>	Provide written information supplied by LADPH on how to access drug treatment and HIV and hepatitis C testing and treatment.
<input type="checkbox"/>	If you have created your own written information on how to access drug treatment and HIV and hepatitis C testing and treatment created or secured by the pharmacy (other than LADPH materials). Please attach materials to be provided to consumers.
<input type="checkbox"/>	If you provide verbal counseling on how to access drug treatment and treatment and testing for HIV and hepatitis C. Please specify all information to be provided: _____

IV. Directory of Providers

Please indicate if you **do not** want to be listed on a directory of DPDP participating pharmacies.

V. Program Evaluation

The State Department of Health is required to conduct program evaluation of this program. Your agency may be contacted to participate in this effort.

VI. Attestation

I attest that the above information is true and accurate and all listed licenses are accurate and in good standing with regard to the applicable licensing authority(ies). The authorized provider will abide by all provisions set forth by the DPDP.

Signature _____ Print name and title _____ Date: _____

Over-the-Counter Pharmacy Syringe Sales Program

Background

Each year, bloodborne diseases such as HIV and hepatitis cause a significant number of deaths and result in millions of dollars in preventable medical costs. In Los Angeles County alone more than 68,000 people are living with HIV/AIDS, and another 135,000 people are infected with hepatitis C.

Research shows that access to clean, sterile syringes can prevent the spread of these diseases by reducing the sharing of injection equipment. The Disease Prevention Demonstration Project authorizes registered pharmacies to sell up to 10 hypodermic needles without a prescription to a person 18 years or older.

Syringes that are acquired through the Project and have been properly stored for disposal are not considered drug paraphernalia and may not be used as evidence of possession of paraphernalia.

Proper Disposal of Needles

- Place used syringes in a sharps container or a rigid puncture-resistant container that has secure lids or caps (such as a heavy plastic detergent or bleach bottle) and label it “**sharps**.”
- Store the sharps container in a safe location, away from children and pets.
- When the container is full, seal it, and make sure the word “**sharps**” is still clearly visible.
- Contact the Household Hazardous Waste Hotline (1-800-988-6942) or Coalition for Safe Needle Disposal (1-800-643-1643) to locate a nearby collection site for disposal.
- Needles and syringes must be disposed of properly. It is against the law to dispose of hypodermic needles on a playground, beach, or park, or at any public or private school. Leaving needles in these places is punishable by a fine (\$200-\$2,000), imprisonment (up to six months), or both.



Accessing Services

HIV and Hepatitis Testing

You may become infected with HIV and hepatitis B and C by sharing used needles and other injection equipment. It is important to know your HIV status so that you can protect your health and the health of others.

For information on where you can get tested for HIV, contact the

California AIDS Hotline
1-800-367-AIDS (2437)

For information on where you can get tested for Hepatitis B and C, contact the

American Liver Foundation
Los Angeles Chapter
(310) 670-4624

Drug Treatment Services

A variety of drug treatment services are available in Los Angeles County. To locate a drug treatment program, call the

LA County Info Line
2-1-1 or 1-800-339-6993

For more information on the Disease Prevention Demonstration Project or to obtain the names and addresses of participating pharmacies, contact

Disease Prevention Demonstration Program

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Los Angeles, CA 90012
(213) 240-8196

www.publichealth.org/php/dpdp



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HIV & Hepatitis Testing

You can become infected with blood-borne diseases such as HIV and hepatitis B and C by sharing used needles. It is important to know your HIV status so that you can protect your health and the health of others. A number of agencies in Los Angeles County provide HIV and hepatitis counseling and testing services.

HIV is the virus that causes AIDS. An estimate of over 56,000 persons are living with HIV or AIDS in Los Angeles County. For information on where you can get tested for HIV, contact:

**California AIDS Hotline
1-800-367-AIDS**

Hepatitis B and C may also be contracted by sharing dirty needles. Hepatitis C, especially common among injecting drug users, is a serious health problem and is the leading cause of liver transplants. For more information on where you can get tested for hepatitis B and C, contact:

**Hepatitis C Task Force for
Los Angeles County
(213)744-0724**

Drug Treatment Services

A variety of drug treatment services are available in Los Angeles County. If you would like help finding drug treatment in your area, please call:

**2-1-1 LA County
Info Line
1-800-339-6993**

For more information on DPDP or to obtain the names and addresses of participating pharmacies, contact:

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Disease Prevention Demonstration Project (DPDP)

A Pharmacy-Based Hypodermic Needle and Syringe Purchase Program



**County of Los Angeles
Department of Public Health**

About the Disease Prevention Demonstration Project

Background

Sharing used syringes can spread blood-borne diseases such as HIV and hepatitis B and C among injection drug users, their sexual partners and their children.

Research shows that providing access to clean, sterile syringes may prevent the spread of these diseases.

About the Program

The Disease Prevention Demonstration Project (DPDP) authorizes licensed pharmacists at participating pharmacies to sell or furnish up to 10 hypodermic needles without a prescription to any person who is 18 years or older.

DPDP was created following passage of Senate Bill (SB) 1159. This bill was signed into law by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger on September 20, 2004, became effective January 1, 2005 and will remain in effect until December 31, 2010.

Needles or syringes acquired through DPDP that have been properly stored for disposal are not considered drug paraphernalia and may not be used as evidence of possession of paraphernalia.

Needles and syringes must be disposed of properly. It is against the law to dispose of a hypodermic needle or syringe on a playground, beach, and park or at any public or private school. **Leaving needles in these places is punishable by a fine (\$200-\$2,000), imprisonment (up to six months), or both.**



Proper Disposal of Needles

How to dispose of used syringes:

- Place used needles/syringes in a Sharps container.
- If you do not have access to a sharps container, place needles or syringes in a rigid puncture-resistant container with secure lids or caps (such as a heavy plastic detergent or bleach bottle with secure cap) and label it "sharps."
- Store the sharps container in a secure location, away from children and pets.
- When the container is full, seal it, and be sure the word "sharps" is still clearly visible.

- Contact the Household Hazardous Waste Hotline (1-800-988-6942) or Coalition for Safe Needle Disposal (1-800-643-1643) to locate a nearby collection site for disposal.

Do Not:

- Attempt to bend, break, or remove needles from the sharps container.
- Attempt to recap a needle that is not yours.
- Recycle or reuse your needles or syringes.
- Throw loose needles in the garbage.
- Flush used needles or syringes down the toilet.
- Put loose needles or containers containing needles in recycling bins/containers.
- Use glass containers to dispose of the needles or syringes.
- Dispose of needles or syringes in a trash receptacle without a container.

Pruebas para VIH y Hepatitis

Usted puede ser infectado con enfermedades que se contraen a través de la sangre como el VIH y las hepatitis B y C al compartir agujas usadas. Es importante que sepa si ha contraído el VIH para que pueda proteger su salud y la salud de otros. Un número de agencias en el Condado de Los Angeles ofrecen servicios de asesoramiento y pruebas para el VIH y hepatitis.

El VIH es el virus que causa el SIDA. En el Condado de Los Angeles se ha estimado que hay más de 56,000 personas viviendo con el VIH o el SIDA. Para obtener información sobre dónde pueden hacerle una prueba para el VIH, comuníquese con:

**Línea directa de California para
SIDA
1-800-367-AIDS**

Las hepatitis B y C también se pueden contraer por compartir agujas usadas. La hepatitis C, especialmente frecuente entre los usuarios de drogas inyectables, es un problema de salud serio y es la principal causa de los trasplantes de hígado. Para obtener más información sobre dónde pueden hacerle una prueba para hepatitis B y C, comuníquese con:

**Grupo de Trabajo de Hepatitis C
para el Condado de Los Angeles
(213) 744-0724**

Drug Treatment Services

Servicios de tratamiento para el uso de drogas

En el Condado de Los Angeles hay una variedad de servicios de tratamiento para el uso de drogas. Si desea ayuda para encontrar un tratamiento para el uso de drogas en su área, por favor llame a:

**Línea de Información
2-1-1 LA County
1-800-339-6993**

**Para más información sobre el DPDP
u obtener los nombre y las
direcciones de las farmacias
participantes, comuníquese con:**

Programa de Demostración para la Prevención de Enfermedades-DPDP

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Proyecto de Demostración para la Prevención de Enfermedades

**Programa para la compra de
agujas hipodérmicas y jeringas en
las farmacias**



**Condado de Los Angeles
Departamento de Salud Pública
Department of Public Health**

Sobre el Proyecto de Demostración para la Prevención de Enfermedades

Antecedentes

El compartir jeringas usadas puede transmitir enfermedades que se contagian por la sangre, como el VIH y la hepatitis B y C, entre los usuarios de drogas inyectables, aquellos con quienes tienen relaciones sexuales y sus hijos.

Las investigaciones muestran que el acceso a jeringas limpias y estériles puede prevenir la transmisión de estas enfermedades.

Acerca del programa

El Proyecto de Demostración para la Prevención de Enfermedades (DPDP, por su siglas en inglés), autoriza a farmacéuticos licenciados de farmacias participantes a vender o proporcionar hasta 10 agujas hipodérmicas sin una receta a cualquier persona de 18 años de edad y mayor.

El DPD P fue creado después de la aprobación del Proyecto de Ley del Senado 1159. El Gobernador Arnold Schwarzenegger firmó el proyecto de ley en ley el 20 de septiembre de 2004, la cual entró en vigencia el 1° de enero de 2005 y permanecerá en efecto hasta el 31 de diciembre de 2010.

Las agujas o jeringas que se adquieran a través del DPDP, que hayan sido guardadas adecuadamente para su eliminación, no son consideradas parafernalia para el uso de drogas y no se pueden usar como evidencia de posesión de parafernalia.

Las agujas y jeringas deben desecharse adecuadamente. Es ilegal deshacerse de una aguja hipodérmica o una jeringa en un área de juego, la playa, un parque, o en cualquier escuela pública o privada.

Dejar agujas en estos lugares es un delito penal con una multa (\$200 a \$2,000), con prisión (hasta seis meses) o con ambos.



Cómo desechar las jeringas usadas:

- Coloque las agujas o jeringas usadas en un recipiente para objetos filosos. Si no tiene acceso a un recipiente para objetos filosos, coloque las agujas o jeringas en un recipiente rígido resistente a pinchaduras que tenga una tapa segura (como una botella de detergente o blanqueador de plástico grueso y con una tapa segura), y rotúlela "Objetos filosos".

- Guarde el recipiente de objetos filosos en un lugar seguro, fuera del alcance de niños y mascotas.
- Cuando el recipiente esté lleno, séllelo y asegúrese de que la inscripción "Objetos filosos" todavía pueda verse claramente.
- Comuníquese con la Línea Directa para Desechos Domésticos Peligrosos (Household Hazardous Waste Hotline) al 1-800-988-6942 o con la Coalición para la Eliminación Segura de Agujas (Coalition for Safe Needle Disposal) al 1-800-643-1643 para encontrar un sitio de recolección cercano.

NO haga lo siguiente:

- No intente doblar, romper o quitar agujas del recipiente para objetos filosos.
- No intente volver a tapar una aguja que no es suya.
- No recicle o vuelva a usar sus agujas o jeringas.
- No arroje agujas sueltas en la basura.
- No arroje agujas o jeringas usadas por el inodoro.
- No coloque agujas sueltas o recipientes con agujas en cubos o contenedores para desechos reciclables.
- No use recipientes de vidrio para deshacerse de agujas o jeringas.
- No se deshaga de agujas o jeringas en un receptáculo para basura sin un recipiente.