Pharmaceutical and Sharps Take-Back Program: Senate Bill 212

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Overview

- What is the problem?
- Existing efforts
- What are future potential solutions
What is the Problem

- Lots of people with unwanted/unused pharmaceuticals
- Few outlets for residents to properly dispose of pharmaceuticals and sharps
  - Public Health and Safety Issue
- Illegal to dispose of sharps in trash
  - Creates hazard for sanitation workers
- No drugs down the drain and no drugs in the trash
  - Negative environmental impacts
Existing Efforts

- Los Angeles County’s Household Hazardous Waste Program
  - Permanent Centers
  - Mobile Events
- Sheriff’s Stations
  - Still have sharps bins
  - Supposed to be hosting monthly collection events
- Some Pharmacies now with bins
  - Walgreens, CVS, Kaiser Permanente, and others
- Public Health Clinics
  - Some distribute sharps containers, fewer collect the full containers
- DEA Semi-Annual Collection Events
  - October 27, 2018 - drugs only, not sharps

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County Draft Ordinance

- Presented to County Board of Supervisors in May 2016
- Would have created take-back program funded by pharmaceutical and sharps manufacturers consisting of bins, mail-back, and collection events
- Safe, Convenient, and Sustainable
- 9 other Counties in the State passed similar ordinances
- Very politically sensitive!!
Senate Bill 212

- Introduced by Senator Hannah Beth Jackson and co-authored by Assemblymembers Phil Ting and Adam Gray
- Create a **Statewide** pharmaceutical and sharps take-back program funded by the pharmaceutical and sharps manufacturers
- Collaborative effort from the California Product Stewardship Council, the Industry, Legislators and Staff, and additional stakeholders
- Previous efforts for Statewide programs have failed 😞
Senate Bill 212 - Overview

- CalRecycle - Would develop Regulations
- Manufacturers would form Stewardship Organization(s)
- Steward Organization(s) would create plan
- Plan would need to be approved by State
- Implement plan
Senate Bill 212 - Details

- Pharmaceutical Take-Back Program:
  - Statewide system of bins
  - 1 bin/50,000 residents/County (min. of 5/County)
  - Estimated to include Approx. 200 bins in LA County
  - Any pharmacy that wants a bin can participate
  - Materials accepted: prescription and non-prescription, over-the-counter drugs, and drugs in a medical device or combination product
  - Reimbursement for local governments collecting these materials

- Sharps Take-Back Program
  - Sharps containers and mail-back kits provided
  - No new kiosks 😞
Senate Bill 212 - Implementation Timeline

- By January 1, 2021 CalRecycle must adopt Regulations
- Within 6 months of adopted Regulations, Stewardship plan must be submitted
- Within 90 days of receipt, CalRecycle must review plan
  - May be back and forth if plan is inadequate
- Implement within 270 days of plan approval
Senate Bill 212 Summary

- One heck of a wild ride!
  - Lots of different committees, lots of attempts to derail the effort
- Passed State Assembly
  - 72 Yes votes and only 5 no votes!
- Passed State Senate
  - 39 Yes votes and 0 no votes!
- Currently on Governor’s Desk
  - Has until September 30th at midnight to sign or veto