



# 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 30<sup>th</sup> at midnight to sign or veto