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INCIDENT: Nationwide Prescription Drug Take Back

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STATEMENT:

On April 26, 2014 from 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. the Ontario Police Department and the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) will provide the public with its eighth opportunity in three years to prevent pill abuse and theft by ridding their homes of potentially dangerous expired, unused, and unwanted prescription drugs.

There will be three supervised locations where the items can be turned in and properly disposed. The service is free and anonymous, no questions asked.

The Ontario Police Department lobby (2500 S. Archibald Avenue, Ontario, CA),

The Ontario Senior Center (225 E. "B" Street, Ontario, CA)

Kaiser Permanente, Ontario Medical Center (2295 S. Vineyard Avenue, Bldg, B, Ontario, CA)

Last October, Americans turned in 324 tons (over 647,000 pounds) of prescription drugs at over 4,114 sites operated by the DEA and its thousands of state and local law enforcement partners. When those results are combined with what was collected in its seven previous Take Back events, DEA and its partners have taken in over 3.4 million pounds—more than 1,700 tons—of pills.

This initiative addresses a vital public safety and public health issue. Medicines that languish in home cabinets are highly susceptible to diversion, misuse, and abuse. Rates of prescription drug abuse in the U.S. are alarmingly high, as are the number of accidental poisonings and overdoses due to these drugs.

Studies show that a majority of abused prescription drugs are obtained from family and friends, including from the home medicine cabinet. In addition, Americans are now advised that their usual methods for disposing of

unused medicines—flushing them down the toilet or throwing them in the trash—both pose potential safety and health hazards.

DEA is in the process of approving new regulations that implement the Safe and Responsible Drug Disposal Act of 2010, which amends the Controlled Substances Act to allow an “ultimate user” (that is, a patient or pet or their family member or owner) of controlled substance medications to dispose of them by delivering them to entities authorized by the Attorney General to accept them. The Act also allows the Attorney General to authorize long term care facilities to dispose of their residents’ controlled substances in certain instances.

Got **Drugs?**

Turn in your unused or expired
medication for safe disposal
Saturday, April 26th,
10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Visit www.dea.gov
or call 800-882-9539
for a collection
site near you

unused

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information,
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