

SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF PHARMACY

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South Dakota Board Welcomes Newly Registered Pharmacists and Pharmacies

Congratulations to the following 16 candidates who recently met licensure requirements and were licensed as new pharmacists in South Dakota: Curtis Alexander, Faith Bader, Kristin Cisneros, Kaleb Crownover, Joseph Elkins, Thomas Farley, Abby Fuller, Amanda Hjaige, Janaya Lewis, Edward Ming, James Montague, Alexa Nuese, Taylor Pies,

Jaxson Schmaltz, Jordan Stein, and Tyler Twardoski.

One South Dakota full-time pharmacy license was issued to Vilas Pharmacy in Pierre, SD, License #100-2098, and one new part-time pharmacy license was issued to Avera Long-Term Care Pharmacy, Pierre, License #200-1767.

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Department of Social Services – Let’s Be Clear Website Update

*By Shaina Smykle, Substance Use Prevention Program
Manager*

The South Dakota Department of Social Services, in collaboration with the South Dakota Department of Health, launched the Let’s Be Clear website on November 14, 2024, moving away from the Avoid Opioid

brand created in 2017. To support the work and brand recognition established by previous efforts, the new brand carries forward some of the previous coloring, fonts, and graphics, complementing a smooth

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transition rather than a complete departure.

Let’s Be Clear focuses on increasing awareness, reducing stigma, and

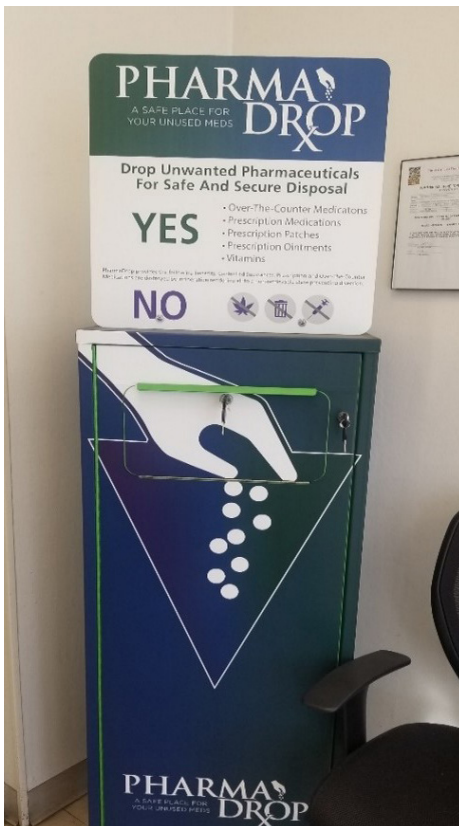
spreading resources for prevention, treatment, and recovery from opioid use disorder, substance misuse, and substance use disorder across

the state of South Dakota. For more information, visit

<https://letsbeclearsd.com/>.

PharmaDrop Drug Take-Back Program

By Melissa DeNoon, PDMP Director



The Board established a drug take-back program in 2017 to reduce the avenue of diversion created by unused, unwanted, and expired drugs in an individual’s medicine cabinet. PharmaDrop receptacles, by Trilogy MedWaste, Inc, were placed in South Dakota hospitals and retail pharmacies. The PharmaDrop program was initially funded through a federal prescription drug monitoring program (PDMP) grant and is currently funded by a federal grant from the South Dakota Department of Social Services. Since its inception, the program has placed **87 permanent drug take-back receptacles** across the state and has enrolled an additional five locations with preexisting receptacles in the

South Dakota PharmaDrop program, bringing the total number of locations managed by the program to 92. A comprehensive list of permanent drug take-back sites can be found at letsbeclearSD.com under the Prevention heading by selecting **Safe Medication Disposal**. This program provides an option for the safe disposal of an individual’s nonprescription and prescription drugs, including controlled substances (CS), and is a key component of South Dakota’s strategy to address misuse, abuse, and diversion of controlled prescription drugs. If your pharmacy is not currently participating and would like to, please email Melissa.DeNoon@state.sd.us.

Free PDMP CE for All Pharmacy Staff

By Melissa DeNoon, PDMP Director

The National Association of State Controlled Substances Authorities and 12 state PDMP administrators have, once again, collaborated on a free Accreditation Council for

Pharmacy Education-accredited educational opportunity that provides one hour of continuing education (CE) for pharmacists and pharmacy technicians. This program

analyzes the importance and value of complete, accurate data reported by dispensers to PDMPs and assesses the impact of intentional or unintentional data entry errors and

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data omissions on patient safety. It also discusses the downstream impacts of pharmacy-reported PDMP data on clinical decision-making processes and helps pharmacy staff

identify and implement changes that can be made in their practice setting to improve PDMP data integrity. PDMP staff encourages all South Dakota pharmacy staff to visit Talem

Health's [website](#) and take the course. If you received credit for this CE prior to October 20, 2024, you are still able to retake the CE and receive credit.

Donated Prescription Drug and Medical Supply Redispensing Program Update

By Jenna Heyen, Pharmacy Inspector

In early 2024, the Donated Prescription Drug and Medical Supply Redispensing Program officially launched. The Board would like to provide a review and update on the program now that it has been in place for nearly a year. The program may be new to some, so a quick review of the details is beneficial.

Medications that may be accepted into the program must be in their original sealed packaging, which must include a lot number and expiration date, and show no signs that the packaging has been tampered with. Donated medical supplies must also be in unopened or sealed packaging with no signs of being tampered with. For this program, CS may not be accepted as donations, and medications that require storage conditions other than room temperature are also not eligible for donation. It is the responsibility of the accepting pharmacy to ensure that all criteria (outlined in [Administrative Rules of South Dakota 20:51:35](#)) are met.

The pharmacy must also thoroughly inspect and document each donation by completing the [Donation Record form](#) on the Board's website.

Patients eligible to receive a donated product are those who are indigent or lack third-party coverage for a prescribed medication/supply and include any other individual who can use an item donated to the program. All federal and state laws must be followed for the dispensing of any prescription drugs or supplies from the program. A partnership with Optum Perks, LLC, has been established for the dispensing pharmacy to process the claim. When submitted, the claim will be processed free of charge to the patient. Participating pharmacies are provided with details related to Optum upon entering the program. Dispensing pharmacies may charge the recipient a handling fee of up to \$25 for mailing, handling, or dispensing costs. Upon the program's dispensing of a medication or supply, a [Dispensing/Recipient Record form](#) must be filled

out and signed by the patient and dispensing pharmacist.

At this time, there are 46 pharmacies signed up to accept donated prescription drugs and supplies and nine pharmacies that can dispense the donated items to patients. The Board encourages pharmacies to participate in this program, as it has the potential to help patients across our state. Even if you are not a participating pharmacy, you can still access the [Directory](#) on the Board's website, which lists the participating pharmacies and available products. If you have a patient in need of a product on the directory, contact the respective pharmacy listed and coordinate with them.

By following the Donated Prescription Drug and Medical Supply Redispensing Program [link](#) on the Board's website, you will find all forms and links related to the program. If you are interested in becoming a participating pharmacy, please contact the Board office with your questions or fill out the [Pharmacy Application](#).

Board Meeting Dates

Please check the Board of Pharmacy page on the [Boards and Commissions Portal](#) for the time, location, and agenda for future Board meetings.

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