



Tennessee Pharmacists Association

VOTE YES on SB 675 (Reeves)/HB 667 (Hicks, T.)

Updates to the Prescription Drug Donation Repository Program

WHAT IS A PRESCRIPTION DRUG DONATION REPOSITORY PROGRAM

- Prescription drug donation repository programs can accept and dispense donated prescriptions and supplies when requirements are met, and are regulated by the state board of pharmacy.
- A prescription drug donation repository program is responsible for developing and implementing standards and procedures to determine that donated prescription drugs appear to be unadulterated, safe and suitable for dispensing.
- Every year billions of dollars' worth of medications end up in landfills, these programs allow unopened and unexpired medications to be redistributed to qualifying individuals and prevent medication waste and increase medication access to individuals in need.

HOW WILL SB 675 / HB 667 ADDRESS NECESSARY CHANGES FOR THIS PROGRAM?

In efforts to align with national standards for such programs, Tennessee's program has an opportunity to modernize to meet the demands and needs in the state. Areas of focus, include:

- Broaden the definition of donors,
- Redefine the income qualifiers, more specifically the definition of indigent,
- Redefine eligible recipients, and
- Expand the list of acceptable medications.

WHY ARE THESE REVISIONS NECESSARY?

- ☒ There are currently many types of locations in which medications are being wasted in our healthcare system, in which these medications could be donated, inspected by a pharmacist, and redistributed through a safe mechanism.
- ☒ Expanding the patient eligibility to include a person with an income that is below six hundred percent of the federal poverty level will adequately reflect the updated guidelines published by the United States Department of health and human services.
- ☒ Expanding the list of medications to clearly allow for the donation and redistribution of inhalers, patches, injectables, and over-the-counter medications. Controlled medications will continue to be excluded from this program. Specialty medications, including cancer drugs, can be donated if they are unopened and in tamper-evident packaging.



ABOUT THE TENNESSEE PHARMACISTS ASSOCIATION

The Tennessee Pharmacists Association represents the profession of pharmacy across the state, united for the purpose of promoting safe and effective medication use to improve the health of patients. Since 1886, the Tennessee Pharmacists Association has preserved and advanced the interests of the profession and has served the professional needs of all pharmacists, student pharmacists, and pharmacy technicians.

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