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## CANCER DRUG DONATION PROGRAM FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### **Q. Why does Florida have a Cancer Drug Donation Program?**

A. The purpose of the CDDP is to provide access to the drugs and supplies used to treat cancer to patients who are uninsured and do not qualify for Medicare, third-party insurance or any other state or federal programs. **Section 499.029, Florida Statutes**, authorizes the donation of cancer drugs and supplies by any person or entity to a participant facility for re-dispensing to an eligible recipient. 61N.1.026 Florida Administrative Code addresses the following:

Recipient eligibility requirements;

1. Donor eligibility requirements;
2. Participant facility requirements;
3. Record keeping requirements;
4. Required forms
5. Dispensing fees;
6. Categories of drugs and supplies that may be accepted for donation
7. The creation of a website to be maintained by the Department of Business and Professional Regulations.

### **Q. Who can donate cancer drugs and supplies?**

A. Drugs may be donated to a participant facility by the following individuals or entities:

1. A cancer patient or their authorized representative. Donations will be made on the patient's behalf by the healthcare facility where they are receiving treatment (e.g., nursing homes, hospices, or hospitals).
2. A physician licensed under Chapter 458 or 459, Florida Statutes, who receives cancer drugs or supplies directly from a manufacturer, wholesaler, or pharmacy.
3. A pharmacy.
4. A drug manufacturer.
5. A medical device manufacturer.
6. A wholesaler of drugs or supplies

### **Q. What is a participant facility?**

A. A participant facility is a hospital pharmacy that elects to participate in the program, and accepts donated cancer drugs and supplies under the program.

**Q. How does a hospital pharmacy become a participant facility?**

A. The hospital pharmacy must complete and submit a Notice of Participation form to the Program Office. This form can be found on our website at:

<http://www.myfloridalicense.com/dbpr/ddc/documents/NoticeofParticipationWithdrawal-form.pdf>

**Q. How does a participating hospital discontinue their participation?**

A. A participant facility may discontinue their participation in the program by completing the Notice of Withdrawal form. This form can be found on our website at:

<http://www.myfloridalicense.com/dbpr/ddc/documents/NoticeofParticipationWithdrawal-form.pdf>

**Q. What are the drug donation requirements?**

A. Donations must:

1. Never have been in the actual control of the patient, but rather have been maintained by a health care facility (e.g., nursing home, hospice, or hospital).
2. Be accompanied by a completed Program Donation and Destruction Record Form that is signed by the donor or that person's authorized representative.
3. The drug is not adulterated, misbranded, or mislabeled.
4. The drug will not expire until at least six months after the donation is made.
5. The drug is in its original, unopened tamper-evident unit dose packaging.

**Q. What is an adulterated, misbranded, or mislabeled prescription?**

A. Adulterated means the medication has degraded, been stored improperly or has had something happen to it where the medication is no longer safe to use. Misbranded or mislabeled may mean the medication was originally labeled incorrectly and, therefore, makes the medication unsafe to use.

**Q. What does tamper evident unit dose packaging mean? Can I donate medications that I received from the pharmacy in a bottle?**

A. Tamper evident unit dose packaging is packaging where each individual pill is sealed in a plastic bubble typically with a foil type backing. Eligible packaging may also be an inhaler sealed in a foil wrapper or an injectable medication with the manufacturer vial cap intact. Medications received from a pharmacy in the typical brown or amber bottle are not eligible for donation.

**Q. Can controlled substances be donated?**

A. Controlled substances such as morphine, oxycodone or lorazepam cannot be donated. These medications are typically used for pain, anxiety and sleep and cannot be returned to a pharmacy or medical facility according to federal law.

**Q. Where can I donate my prescription?**

A. There are currently 15 participant hospital pharmacies. For a list please visit [www.myfloridalicense.com/dbpr/ddc/index.html](http://www.myfloridalicense.com/dbpr/ddc/index.html).

**Q. Can cancer drugs and supplies be donated from people in other states?**

A. No, cancer drugs may not be donated from people in other states. Donations must be made by facilities, physicians, pharmacies, drug manufacturers, medical device manufacturers, or drug wholesalers who are licensed in the State of Florida.

**Q. Who is eligible to receive the medications?**

A. Florida residents

- (1) who have a valid prescription from their physician,
- (2) who have been diagnosed with cancer, and
- (3) who are uninsured and do not qualify for third-party insurance coverage, Medicaid, or any other state or federal assistance programs.

**Q. Is there a charge to receive the medications or supplies?**

A. Pharmacies may charge a fee up to \$15, for the counseling, preparation and documentation they are required to do when dispensing donated medications.

**Q. How do we find out which medications are available?**

A. Please contact the participating pharmacies regarding which medications they may have available. They can be found at [www.myfloridalicense.com/dbpr/ddc/index.html](http://www.myfloridalicense.com/dbpr/ddc/index.html).

Or

Search the Medication Supply Availability Form at the following website.

<http://www.myfloridalicense.com/dbpr/ddc/CancerDrugDonationProgram.html>

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