



PRESCRIPTION DRUG REPOSITORY PROGRAM

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Background

- 2006
 - American Cancer Society approached the Board of Pharmacy to create a drug donation program
- 2007
 - Governor John Hoeven signed House Bill 1256 in April authorizing a State Prescription Drug Repository Program for unused medications
 - *Went into effect July 2007*

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What can be Donated?

Items able to donate

- Must be in original, unopened package
- Unopened, single-unit doses are accepted if in original or opened exterior packaging
 - Ex. *Punch cards*
- Medications, devices, and supplies accepted as long as meet this criteria



https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Blister_pack

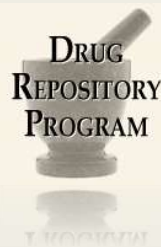
Items unable to donate

- Opened pill bottles
- Single- unit dose packages that have been opened
- Expired medications
- Controlled medications



<https://www.strata.com/downloads/prescription-container-pills/>

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How to Donate

- To find out what pharmacies and practitioners are participating, go to the North Dakota State Board of Pharmacy website at www.nodakpharmacy.com
 - Scroll down and on the right-hand side, click on image for the Drug Repository Program
 - Then, under the 'Searchers' header, click the link that says "Search for a participating Pharmacy or Prescriber"
 - This will pull up an alphabetical list of participating locations
 - You may click on a location to see what medications they have on hand
- Donors must provide a name and address, telephone number and name of patient originally prescribed for, and a signature

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How to Receive a Drug from the Repository Program

- Under the North Dakota Board of Pharmacy website, click on the image for the Repository program
 - Under the 'Searchers' header, click "Search for a Donated Drug or Supply"
 - You may then search by participants and/or drug
 - The name of the medication, supply, strength of drug, and expiration date will be shown
- Recipients need a valid prescription and will need to provide their name, address, and signature to receive the medication.
- No insurance is required to participate

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Reducing costs for patients

- Participants cannot resell the medication
- Participants may choose to redistribute for a small fee or at no charge
 - *Small fee has a maximum cost of \$11.50*
 - *Applies to all medications donated through the program, including insulin and inhalers*



<https://fcw.com/articles/2016/04/22/cost-savings-oped.aspx>

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