

## MEDICAL ITEM DONATION POLICY

HSSC cannot accept prescription medication donations of any kind. Animal shelters and veterinary clinics are not covered by Ohio's drug repository laws. The only places allowed by law to accept drug donations are:

- (1) A hospital;
- (2) A hospice care program, pediatric respite care program, or other institution that specializes in comfort care of patients in a terminal condition or in a permanently unconscious state;
- (3) A nursing home;
- (4) A home health agency;
- (5) An intermediate care facility for individuals with intellectual disabilities;
- (6) A regulated community mental health organization.

Ohio Administrative Code Rule 4729:5-10-01 | Definitions - drug repository programs.

If a non-prescription drug or supplement is donated it must be unexpired and in the original unopened and sealed container. If the donation does not follow the above guidelines it cannot be accepted. If a donation does not meet the guidelines and is accidentally accepted, it must be destroyed.

Prescription diet donations are acceptable if unopened and unexpired. Individual cans or sample packs are acceptable as long as they are unopened. Any prescription diets must be used in-house and cannot be included in the food pantry program.

HSSC is also not able to accept needles or insulin syringes, even if unused. Any form of medical supply (gauze, bandages, face masks) must be in an original unopened and sealed container.