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## **MEDCHI SUPPORTS DEA’S NATIONAL PRESCRIPTION DRUG TAKE BACK DAY TO FIGHT OPIOID MISUSE**

**BALTIMORE, MD – April 24, 2025** — On **Saturday, April 26, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**, MedChi, The Maryland State Medical Society, will join the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) in supporting **National Prescription Drug Take Back Day**, a nationwide initiative to safely dispose of unneeded medications and help prevent prescription drug misuse and overdose.

As part of this important public health effort, the DEA and its national, state, and local partners will collect tablets, capsules, patches, and other solid forms of prescription medications at **nearly 5,000 locations** across the country. Maryland residents are encouraged to participate by locating a nearby collection site using their ZIP code at [takebackday.dea.gov](https://takebackday.dea.gov).

“For over a decade, Take Back Day has played a critical role in reducing the risk of addiction by helping people remove old, unused, or expired medications from their homes,” said **Gene Ransom, CEO of MedChi**. “This program is an essential piece of Maryland’s broader strategy to combat the opioid crisis, and MedChi is proud to support it. We encourage all Marylanders to take this opportunity to safely dispose of medications they no longer need.”

Since its inception, the DEA’s National Prescription Drug Take Back Day has safely removed more than **19.2 million pounds (9,600 tons)** of medications from circulation thanks to partnerships with local law enforcement and community organizations.

Please note: Collection sites **cannot accept** syringes, sharps, or illicit drugs. **Liquid medications**, such as cough syrup, should remain **sealed in their original containers**, with tightly closed caps to prevent leaks.

This event is **free, anonymous, and open to the public**. By participating, Marylanders can play an important role in preventing prescription drug misuse and protecting their loved ones.

For more information about the safe disposal of medications or to find a local collection site, please visit: <https://takebackday.dea.gov/>.

### About MedChi

MedChi, The Maryland State Medical Society, is a non-profit membership association of Maryland physicians. Formed in 1799, it is still the largest physician organization in Maryland today. The mission of MedChi is to serve as Maryland’s foremost advocate and resource for physicians, their patients and the public health of Maryland. For more information, please visit [www.medchi.org](http://www.medchi.org).