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Dear Wholesaler:

Chapter 120 of the Laws of 2018 establishes a Drug Take Back Program in New York State, administered by the Department of Health (DOH) and the Department of Environmental Conservation.

The Drug Take Back Act provides New Yorkers with safe and convenient ways to dispose of unused, unwanted, and expired medications. It helps to prevent the diversion of medications, thereby stopping addiction before it can start, and protects the environment by ensuring that medications are securely collected and properly destroyed.

The new law, found at Public Health Law §§290-294, is effective January 6, 2019 and requires each wholesaler that sells covered drugs in or into New York State to provide DOH with a list of manufacturers that produce covered drugs.

The terms “Wholesaler,” “Manufacturer,” and “Covered Drug” are defined in the statute, which is available at <https://legislation.nysenate.gov/pdf/bills/2017/S9100>.

Wholesalers must provide their lists of covered drug manufacturers to DOH on or before Tuesday, February 5, 2019. Any wholesalers who have not yet provided a list of manufacturers should do so as soon as possible.

The Department is only accepting lists electronically, in comma-separated value (CSV) format. Please put “Covered Drug Manufacturer List” in the subject heading of the e-mail and send to dtb@health.ny.gov.

Wholesalers must provide information about their organization and about each covered drug manufacturer as defined in the attached ‘File Specifications – Drug Take Back Wholesaler’s Submission’ document.

Please e-mail questions to dtb@health.ny.gov and put “Question” in the subject heading of the e-mail. Thank you for your anticipated cooperation and participation in the Drug Take Back Program.

Very truly yours,

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