Dear Long Term Care Provider:

On Saturday, April 28, 2018, the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) will be conducting our Fifteenth National Prescription Pill Take-Back Day. On October 28, 2017, the DEA worked with our partners throughout the country to collect 456 tons of unwanted, unused or expired prescription drugs. Locally, the DEA New York Division collected over 21.4 tons of discarded prescription drugs from our designated collection sites. I hope you will consider having your facility participate in this worthy public safety endeavor.

As you know, the disposal of prescription drugs presents unique challenges to the safety of our community and environment. The National Prescription Pill Take-Back Day provides a safe and convenient way for facilities like yours to dispose of these potentially dangerous controlled substances in an expedient manner. The New York State (NYS) Department of Health, Bureau of Narcotic Enforcement (BNE) has advised that those facilities/programs licensed by the BNE as a Class 3A Institutional Dispenser Limited, who wish to participate in the DEA National Take Back must complete and submit the requisite disposal/destruction forms (Approval of Disposal/Destruction of Controlled Substances (DOH-2340), and Controlled Substance Inventory Form (DOH-166)) to the applicable BNE office. In order to participate in the Take Back Event THESE TWO COMPLETED FORMS MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE APPROPRIATE BNE REGIONAL OFFICE ON OR BEFORE MARCH 15, 2018.

BNE will provide a list to the DEA of those Class 3A Institutional Dispenser Limited facilities regionally approved to participate. The DEA will not collect any controlled substances on the day of the event. Prior to the date of the Take Back event, the DEA will contact only those facilities on the BNE list to schedule a time for pick-up. For questions regarding the DEA Take Back Initiative for Class 3A facilities, please contact the Bureau of Narcotic Enforcement at 866-811-7957. BNE has provided a Frequently Asked Questions document which has been enclosed with this letter to assist you in participating in this event. Please note that we are not able to accept liquid formulations for destruction in this event.
I am grateful for the valuable service provided by your facility. General questions regarding the DEA Take Back Initiative can be sent via email to Diversion Program Manager Susan D. Baker at susan.d.baker@usdoj.gov.

Sincerely,

James J. Hunt
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