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Subject: FW: Opioid Disposal Solution Launches at Walmart

This is interesting. I would be interested to know whether this is approved by the DEA.

*Best Regards,
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From: Brooke Mueller [mailto:Brooke.Mueller@walmart.quorum.us]
Sent: Wednesday, January 24, 2018 9:27 AM
To: Lt. Governor's Office
Subject: Opioid Disposal Solution Launches at Walmart

Dear Kevin Bryant,

In an effort to help curb abuse and misuse, Walmart is launching a first-of-its kind opioid disposal solution – **available at no cost** – in all company pharmacies.* Known as DisposeRx, the small packet contains ingredients that, according to the manufacturer, when emptied into a pill bottle with warm water, ultimately enable patients to responsibly dispose of leftover medications in their trash.

According to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration and the National Institute of Drug Abuse, more than 65 percent of people misusing prescription opioids are getting them from family and friends, and personal prescriptions are one of the main sources of nonmedical opioid abuse. DisposeRx provides a virtually effortless way for patients to destroy leftover opioids and a way to do so without ever leaving home.

The innovative disposal solution will now be provided in addition to ongoing counseling available to Walmart patients on proper opioid use when filling an opioid prescription at any one of its 4,700 pharmacies nationwide. Now, pharmacists can also counsel patients on how to use DisposeRx and distribute an opioid awareness brochure outlining risks and helpful resources.

For more information about the launch of our opioid disposal solution at all pharmacy locations, please visit [here](#).

Best Regards,

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