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## PUBLIC NOTICE

FROM: Kevin L. Bryant, Lieutenant Governor

DATE: November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2017

SUBJECT: Notice of Grant Opportunity for Law Enforcement

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Dear Law Enforcement Agencies:

The Lieutenant Governor's Office on Aging is proud to announce a grant opportunity to provide law enforcement agencies (LEA) with Drug Take Back Boxes beginning on November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2017. We have worked with the South Carolina Sheriffs Association, South Carolina Police Chiefs Association, and South Carolina Law Enforcement Officers Association to organize this assistance.

South Carolina is experiencing an evolving opioid crisis which is effecting everyone, including seniors. Seniors are unique in that while they are often over prescribed and in some cases abusing opioids, they are also frequently in possession of unused prescription medication. This grant program is part of our effort to promote drug take back as a safe way to dispose of unused prescription medication.

In order to participate, please contact your regional Area Agency on Aging, and they will collect the appropriate documentation and complete the reimbursement process. Our initial goal is to ensure a Take Back Box in every county, and we therefore ask that LEAs coordinate to that end.

Take Back Express ([www.takebackexpress.com](http://www.takebackexpress.com)) is the preferred vendor for this grant. There are four receptacle options that fit within the reimbursement maximum of \$770 plus tax and meet the criteria for the grant.

The criteria are as follows: The unit should include a double- lock door, anchoring system or mechanism, be designed to prevent retrieval of the contents until removed by authorized personnel, and meet the requirements for a collection receptacle, under 21 C.F.R. § 1317.60 and § 1317.75, and any other standards set forth for these receptacles by the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA).

Any LEA requesting reimbursement shall be responsible for any and all continuing costs for operation and maintenance of the receptacle, including, but not limited to, proper destruction of the collected medication.

Please consult with the DEA for any necessary clarification on procedures for such receptacles.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kevin L. Bryant".

Kevin L. Bryant  
Lieutenant Governor

Below is the Contact Information for each Area Agency on Aging and the Counties in their region:

Appalachian Area Agency on Aging (Anderson, Cherokee, Greenville, Oconee, Pickens, and Spartanburg) - 864-242-9733

Upper Savannah Area Agency on Aging (Abbeville, Edgefield, Greenwood, Laurens, McCormick, and Saluda) - 864-941-8069

Catawba Area Agency on Aging (Chester, Lancaster, York, and Union) - 803-329-9670

Central Midlands Area Agency on Aging (Fairfield, Lexington, Newberry, and Richland) - 803-376-5390

Lower Savannah (Aiken, Allendale, Bamberg, Barnwell, Calhoun, and Orangeburg) - 803-649-7981

Santee-Lynches Area Agency on Aging (Clarendon, Kershaw, Lee, and Sumter) - 803-775-7381

Pee Dee Area Agency on Aging - Vantage Point (Chesterfield, Darlington, Dillon, Florence, Marion, and Marlboro) - 843-383-8632

Waccamaw Area Agency on Aging (Georgetown, Horry, and Williamsburg) - 843-546-8502

Trident Area Agency on Aging (Berkeley, Charleston, and Dorchester) - 843-554-2275

Lowcountry Area Agency on Aging (Beaufort, Colleton, Hampton, and Jasper) - 843-473-3991