

ViroPharma Incorporated

Plan for Safe Collection and Disposal of Waste Devices

Introduction

In 2009, the California legislature enacted Senate Bill 486 requiring any “pharmaceutical manufacturer that sells or distributes a medication in California that is usually intended to be self-injected at home through the use of a hypodermic needle, pen needle, intravenous needle, or any other similar device . . . [to] submit to the board, or its successor agency, a plan that describes how the manufacturer supports the safe collection and proper disposal of the waste devices.”

To comply with the above legislation, ViroPharma Incorporated (“ViroPharma”) presents the following plan supporting safe collection and disposal of waste devices. In accordance with California Public Resources Code Section 47115-47116, this plan summarizes ViroPharma Incorporated’s efforts to do the following:

- (a) Provide for the safe collection and proper disposal of the waste devices.
- (b) Educate consumers about safe management and collection opportunities.
- (c) Support efforts by retailers, pharmaceutical distributors, manufacturers of injection devices, and other partners, including local governments, health care organizations, public health officers, solid waste service providers, and other groups with interest in protecting public health and safety through the safe collection and proper disposal of waste devices.

A. Safe Collection Practices

ViroPharma does not distribute its medications directly to patients. Instead, licensed specialty pharmacies provide patients or health care providers with the medications to be administered in the patient’s home or the health care professional’s office. ViroPharma relies on these specialty pharmacies to provide patients with safety containers specifically designated for proper sharps disposal in accordance with state law. Additionally, patients have the option of having the medications administered by a licensed health care professional in a private office environment. These professionals properly dispose of all used medical waste devices and sharps.

B. Consumer Education

Licensed health care professionals educate patients on proper methods for reconstitution and administration of all medications. As part of these demonstrations, professionals discuss proper procedures for the disposal of sharps and other medical waste incident to administration of ViroPharma’s products. Additionally, educational support materials, patient guide videos, the package insert and patient instruction leaflets included with the products

demonstrate proper use of all medical waste devices and warn patients to safely dispose of all used needles and syringes in an appropriate container. Furthermore, as required under Section 47116 of the California Public Resources Code, ViroPharma shall post and maintain a copy of this plan on its Internet Web Site.

C. Support Efforts

ViroPharma contracts with licensed specialty pharmacies to provide high-quality delivery of both its products as well as all accompanying sharps safety containers. In addition, ViroPharma considers any grant funding requests from qualifying non-profit organizations addressing the topics of safe collection, management, and proper disposal of sharps waste.