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>>> DEA Prescription Drug Take Back Day Nets 13.5 Tons in Ohio

Ohioans disposed of 13.5 tons (27,192 pounds) of unneeded, unwanted or expired prescription drugs during Saturday's National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day, according to the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration. The DEA's National Prescription Drug Take-Back Initiative provides a safe, convenient, and responsible means of prescription drug disposal. Unused prescription drugs in homes create a public health and safety concern because the medications can be accidentally ingested, stolen, misused, and abused. "The amount of pills collected sends a strong message that Ohioans care very deeply about properly disposing of their unneeded prescriptions," said Timothy Plancon, DEA assistant special agent in charge. "We are grateful to every resident in Ohio who took time out of their busy day on Saturday to bring their medications to a drop off location." Nine previous nationwide Prescription Drug Take-Back Day events have removed more than 4,823,251 pounds, or 2,411 tons, of prescription drugs from circulation, the DEA said.

>>> ICD-10 Takes Effect Tomorrow

After a decade in the making, the ICD-10 (tenth revision of the International Classification of Diseases) will go into effect tomorrow (Oct. 1). The resulting changes will impact anyone who makes a diagnosis, completes or processes an insurance claim or waits for a claim to be paid. Earlier this summer, the Ohio Department of Medicaid and OhioMHAS jointly prepared an [ICD-10 Behavioral Health Q&A](#) document containing answers to the most commonly asked questions. Click [HERE](#) to access a wide array of ICD-10 related resources available on the Ohio Medicaid website. Questions? Please direct email inquiries to: ICD10questions@medicaid.ohio.gov.

>>> October is National Disability Employment Awareness Month

October is National Disabilities Employment Awareness Month (NDEAM), a time to celebrate the many and varied contributions of America's workers with disabilities. This year's theme is "My Disability is One Part of Who I Am." The U.S. Department of Labor's Office of Disability Employment Policy (ODEP) has [more information about NDEAM and resources you can use to create your own celebration in your area](#).

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9.29.15 | *WCPO-TV* [Hamilton County Heroin Coalition presents strategic action plan](#)

9.29.15 | *Marion Star* [Medication Day collected unused, unwanted medicine](#)

9.27.15 | *Akron Beacon Journal* [New billboards ask children to take anti-drug pledge](#)

9.27.15 | *Youngstown Vindicator* [Crisis intervention team training begins in October](#)

9.24.15 | *Lake County News-Herald* [Chardon Schools receive funds for mental health services](#)

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