

Donation of Drugs and Devices Policy and Procedure # 144

A South Carolina permitted pharmacy may donate legend medications or legend medical devices to free medical clinic operations whose patients are indigent or uninsured.

In order for medications or medical devices to be donated for health care services free of charge the following requirements must be met:

- Any legend drugs or legend medical devices to be donated must have been in the chain of custody of a licensed healthcare provider
- Physical transfer of the legend drugs must be done under the supervision of a South Carolina licensed pharmacist in a voluntary written agreement that allows for record keeping.
- Legend medications or legend medical devices to be donated must be transported with paperwork identifying the donor and the recipient. A copy of the transfer must be retained by the pharmacy for two years for review upon inspection by the Board of Pharmacy.
- Any donated legend medications or legend medical devices must be inspected for expiration date, evidence of contamination and proper identification based on the pharmacist's professional judgment.
- All patient information must be removed from the packages containing legend medications or legend medical devices prior to donation.
- Under no circumstances should medication be accepted for donation from the patient himself/herself.
- No controlled substances shall be accepted for donation.
- Legend medications and legend medical devices may not be accepted if misbranded or adulterated.
- The Free Clinic representative must sign for the transfer of the donated legend medications or medical devices and retain a copy of the transfer for two years for review upon inspection by the Board of Pharmacy.
- Donated medications must be in the original manufacturer containers.
- Legend medication packaged in USP compliant single dose tamper-evident packaging may be donated provided the original manufacturer (or NDC number), manufacturer's lot number and appropriate expiration date of the repackaged medication are maintained and legible.