

DISPOSITION OF CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES

The Drug Enforcement Administration has allowed an optional method for the disposition of Controlled Substances in long-term care facilities in Minnesota employing a consultant pharmacist. Drugs in Schedules II through V may be destroyed in the facility in accordance with the following conditions.

1. All controlled substances destroyed must be destroyed in the presence of the administrator or designee, and either the consulting or vendor pharmacist.
2. The method of destruction must be in accordance with the laws and rules concerning pharmaceutical waste that are enforced by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA). Home health agencies should contact the MPCA for additional information on permissible methods of destruction.
3. An inventory of **all** controlled substances destroyed, and the date and method of destruction must be submitted to the Pharmacy Board on a **monthly basis**.
4. The certificate of destruction must be furnished to the Pharmacy Board within 30 days from the time the drugs were actually destroyed.
5. Mail original copy to: Minnesota Board of Pharmacy
2829 University Ave. SE, #530
Minneapolis, MN 55414-3251
6. A copy of the certificate of destruction with signatures shall be retained in the facility for two years.

Form 8-1 can also be utilized for the recording of the destruction on **non**-controlled drugs. When so used, neither the form title nor the certification statement would be applicable. The form title could be changed so as to read "**NON-CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES**." The certification statement could be ignored and/or crossed out. A pharmacist is **not** required to witness such destruction. Another facility staff person could serve as the witness. The completed form would not be sent to DEA but placed into the resident's health care record. The medications of only one resident would be entered on any one form. Resident's identification data should be present on this form.

NOTE: Controlled drugs should *not* be returned to the pharmacy for destruction or for re-use.