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## Skilled Nursing Medication Disposal and Waste Policy and Procedure

Facilities are encouraged to destroy all unused and discontinued medications **On-Site**. This can be done by rendering the medication unrecognizable and irretrievable using either chemical destruction, mixing with coffee grounds or cat litter, or flushing down the toilet (see [FDA Flush List](#)). Medical waste providers such as Stericycle can also be used. Mercury carries ready-to-use chemical destruction jugs.

**Full cards or unused medications** accepted under the following conditions:

1. Medication is refused upon delivery.
2. Dispensed within the last 14 days.
3. Returned in its original condition.
4. Stored under proper USP conditions.
  - a. Insulins, biologicals, IV compounds, or anything with sensitive storage requirements are not eligible for reversal of charge.

**Partial cards** accepted under the following conditions:

1. Patient must have MedA/Managed Care billing.
2. Dispensed within the last 14 days.
3. Facility cost of medication is over \$10.00.

**Required: Medication Return Form filled out completely** for **ALL** returned meds, and the following conditions must be met:

1. Medication originated from Mercury Pharmacy.
2. All medications identified with affixed label and information transcribed to form.
3. **Controlled medications** (packages with a **red C** stamped on them) are **NOT ACCEPTED** per State and Federal Law.
4. Medication returned for destruction must have the preparer's name on form.
5. A copy of the attached sheet should remain at facility, the original should accompany the driver.

Once the transaction is completed, the pharmacy will assume responsibility for proper handling. Please call or email your account manager if you have any questions.