#### § 1317.35

- (b) The following non-registrant persons in lawful possession of a controlled substance in Schedules II, III, IV, or V may transfer that substance to the authorized persons listed in paragraph (a) of this section, and in a manner authorized by this part, for the purpose of disposal:
- (1) An ultimate user in lawful possession of a controlled substance;
- (2) Any person lawfully entitled to dispose of a decedent's property if that decedent was an ultimate user who died while in lawful possession of a controlled substance; and
- (3) A long-term care facility on behalf of an ultimate user who resides or resided at such long-term care facility and is/was in lawful possession of a controlled substance, in accordance with §1317.80 only.

# § 1317.35 Collection by law enforcement.

- (a) Federal, State, tribal, or local law enforcement may collect controlled substances from ultimate users and persons lawfully entitled to dispose of an ultimate user decedent's property using the following collection methods:
- (1) Take-back events in accordance with \$1317.65:
- (2) Mail-back programs in accordance with §1317.70; or
- (3) Collection receptacles located inside law enforcement's physical address
- (b) Law enforcement that conducts a take-back event or a mail-back program or maintains a collection receptacle should maintain any records of removal, storage, or destruction of the controlled substances collected in a manner that is consistent with that agency's recordkeeping requirements for illicit controlled substances evidence.
- (c) Any controlled substances collected by law enforcement through a take-back event, mail-back program, or collection receptacle should be stored in a manner that prevents the diversion of controlled substances and is consistent with that agency's standard procedures for storing illicit controlled substances.
- (d) Any controlled substances collected by law enforcement through a take-back event, mail-back program,

- or collection receptacle should be transferred to a destruction location in a manner that prevents the diversion of controlled substances and is consistent with that agency's standard procedures for transferring illicit controlled substances.
- (e) Law enforcement that transfers controlled substances collected from ultimate users pursuant to this part to a reverse distributor for destruction should maintain a record that contains the following information: If a sealed inner liner as described in §1317.60 is used, the unique identification number of the sealed inner liner transferred, and the size of the sealed inner liner transferred (e.g., 5-gallon, 10-gallon, etc.); if a mail-back package as described in §1317.70 is used, the unique identification number of each package: the date of the transfer; and the name, address, and registration number of the reverse distributor to whom the controlled substances were transferred

# § 1317.40 Registrants authorized to collect and authorized collection activities.

- (a) Manufacturers, distributors, reverse distributors, narcotic treatment programs, hospitals/clinics with an onsite pharmacy, and retail pharmacies that desire to be collectors shall modify their registration to obtain authorization to be a collector in accordance with §1301.51 of this chapter. Authorization to be a collector is subject to renewal. If a registrant that is authorized to collect ceases activities as a collector, such registrant shall notify the Administration in accordance with §1301.52(f) of this chapter.
- (b) Collection by registrants shall occur only at the following locations:
- (1) Those registered locations of manufacturers, distributors, reverse distributors, narcotic treatment programs, hospitals/clinics with an on-site pharmacy, and retail pharmacies that are authorized for collection; and
- (2) Long-term care facilities at which registered hospitals/clinics or retail pharmacies are authorized to maintain collection receptacles.
- (c) Collectors may conduct the following activities:

- (1) Receive and destroy mail-back packages pursuant to §1317.70 at an authorized registered location that has an on-site method of destruction;
- (2) Install, manage, and maintain collection receptacles located at their authorized collection location(s) pursuant to §§ 1317.75 and 1317.80; and
- (3) Promptly dispose of sealed inner liners and their contents as provided for in §1317.05(c)(2).

#### § 1317.55 Reverse distributor and distributor acquisition of controlled substances from collectors or law enforcement.

- (a) A reverse distributor is authorized to acquire controlled substances from law enforcement that collected the substances from ultimate users. A reverse distributor is authorized to acquire controlled substances collected through a collection receptacle in accordance with §§ 1317.75 and 1317.80.
- (b) A distributor is authorized to acquire controlled substances collected through a collection receptacle in accordance with §§ 1317.75 and 1317.80.
- (c) A reverse distributor or a distributor that acquires controlled substances in accordance with paragraph (a) or (b) of this section shall:
- (1) Acquire the controlled substances in the manner authorized for reverse distributors in §1317.15(b)(1) and (2);
- (2) Dispose of the controlled substances in the manner authorized for reverse distributors §1317.15(c) and (d); and
- (3) Securely store the controlled substances in a manner consistent with the security requirements for Schedule II controlled substances until timely destruction can occur.

## § 1317.60 Inner liner requirements.

- (a) An inner liner shall meet the following requirements:
- (1) The inner liner shall be water-proof, tamper-evident, and tear-resistant;
- (2) The inner liner shall be removable and sealable immediately upon removal without emptying or touching the contents;
- (3) The contents of the inner liner shall not be viewable from the outside when sealed:

- (4) The size of the inner liner shall be clearly marked on the outside of the liner (e.g., 5-gallon, 10-gallon, etc.); and
- (5) The inner liner shall bear a permanent, unique identification number that enables the inner liner to be tracked.
- (b) Access to the inner liner shall be restricted to employees of the collector
- (c) The inner liner shall be sealed by two employees immediately upon removal from the permanent outer container and the sealed inner liner shall not be opened, x-rayed, analyzed, or otherwise penetrated.

## §1317.65 Take-back events.

- (a) Federal, State, tribal, or local law enforcement may conduct a take-back event and collect controlled substances from ultimate users and persons lawfully entitled to dispose of an ultimate user decedent's property in accordance with this section. Any person may partner with law enforcement to hold a collection take-back event in accordance with this section.
- (b) Law enforcement shall appoint a law enforcement officer employed by the agency to oversee the collection. Law enforcement officers employed and authorized by the law enforcement agency or law enforcement component of a Federal agency conducting a takeback event shall maintain control and custody of the collected substances from the time the substances are collected from the ultimate user or person authorized to dispose of the ultimate user decedent's property until secure transfer, storage, or destruction of the controlled substances has occurred.
- (c) Each take-back event should have at least one receptacle for the collection of controlled substances. The collection receptacle should be a securely locked, substantially constructed container with an outer container and a removable inner liner as specified in §1317.60 of this chapter. The outer container should include a small opening that allows contents to be added to the inner liner, but that does not allow removal of the inner liner's contents.
- (d) Only those controlled substances listed in Schedule II, III, IV, or V that are lawfully possessed by an ultimate user or person entitled to dispose of an