

# Drug Take-Back Program Legislation Implementation

## Materials Management

November 18, 2020

# Overview

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- Introduction to Materials Management and Extended Producer Responsibility
- Legislative history and intent
- Drug Take-Back Law requirements
- Timeline and Implementation
- Current Status

# Materials Management Program



## Materials Management in Oregon

2050 Vision and Framework for Action

Adopted by the  
Environmental Quality Commission  
December 6, 2012



# What is EPR?

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- Primary responsibility on producers
- Law and agency set standards
- Producers have flexibility to develop and implement services

# Impacts of unwanted drugs



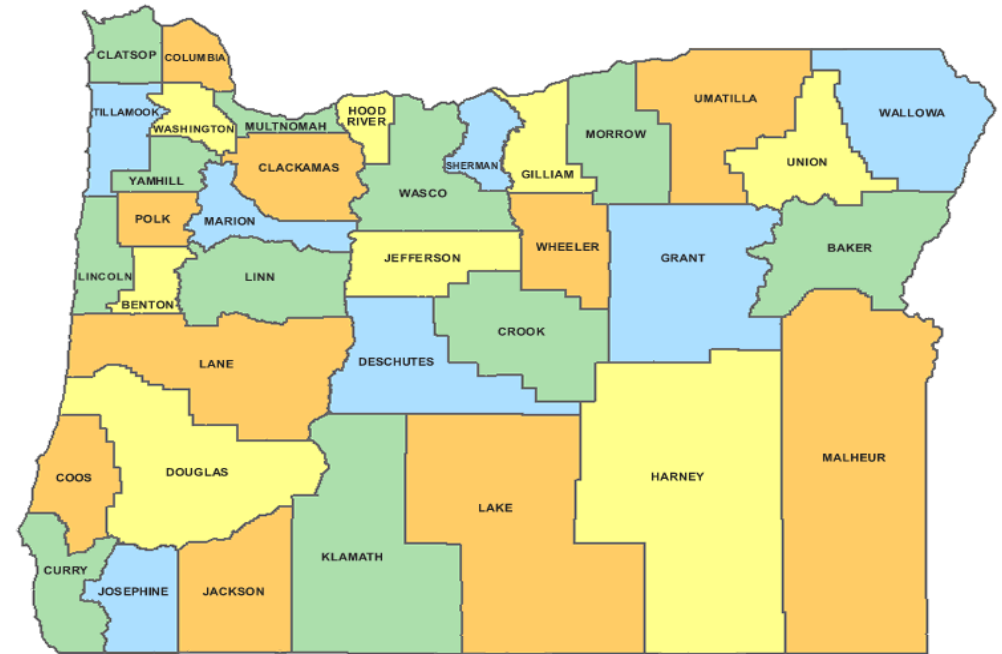
Prevents abuse, addiction and accidental poisoning



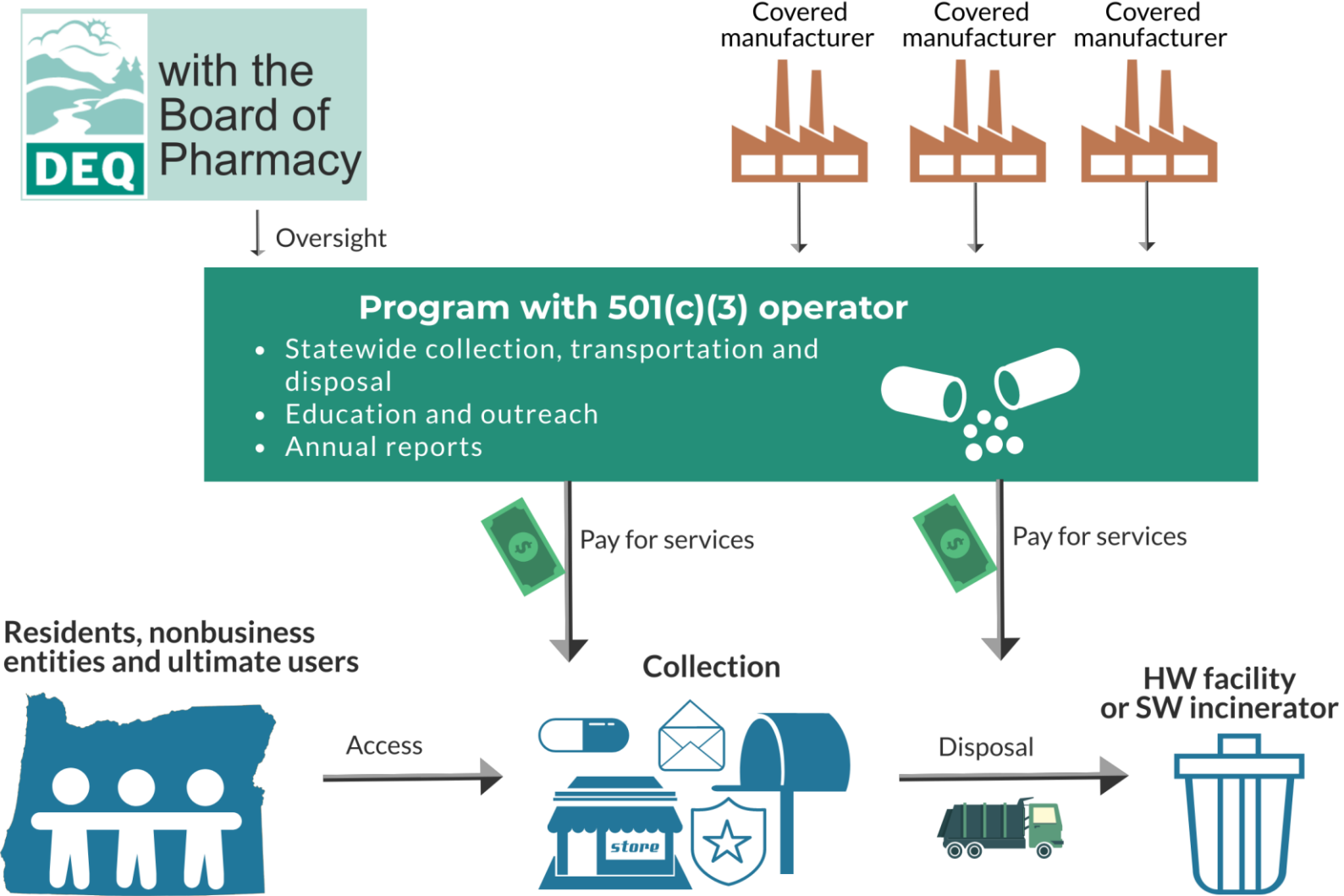
Other health and environmental impacts

# Legislative history and intent

- House Bill 3273 (2019)
- Convenient statewide service
- Operational by July 1, 2021



# Program Overview



# What drugs are covered?

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## **Drugs covered:**

- Prescription drugs
- Over-the-Counter (OTC) drugs
- Brand name drugs
- Generic drugs

## **Drugs not covered (examples):**

- Supplements
- Homeopathic drugs
- Exposed sharps
- Drugs used for animal medicines
- Biologics



# Program operator responsibilities

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## Collection Services:

- Mail-back
- Drop-off sites
  - Per county, additional per population center
  - Reasonably convenient and equitable access
  - If can't establish, offer services and events
- No charge to covered entities

# Program operator responsibilities

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## Public awareness:

- Website and toll-free number
- Written materials
- Goal to foster full public awareness
- Biennial survey

# Timeline for Implementation

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# Rulemaking

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Adopted by EQC in Sept.

- Ensure effective oversight
- Set fees
- Ensure access for minority, low-income, rural and other historically underserved communities

# Resources and Engagement

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- [Webpage](#)
- [Fact sheet](#)
- [Guide for Drug Take-Back Programs](#)
- Stakeholder Workgroup

# Committing to Equity

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## Rulemaking:

- “Convenient and equitable access” includes access for historically underserved communities
- Set goal for fostering awareness in underserved communities
- For additional services/events, show engagement with underserved communities

# Committing to Equity

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## Implementation:

- Ongoing process for DEQ and program operators
- Engaging local public health officials
- Identifying community groups and partners

# Current status

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- Two plans received
- DEQ will post plans and invite input
- Issue decision by end of Jan. 2021
- Additional rounds of review possible



# Questions?

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