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To: Nursing Homes

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Bureau of Quality Assurance

<b>Destruction of Controlled Substances</b>
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The Bureau of Quality Assurance has received a letter from the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) regarding the destruction of controlled substances in Wisconsin nursing homes. The DEA **no longer requires** that nursing homes complete a DEA 41 form, identifying medications that have been destroyed.

As a result of this change, the Bureau of Quality Assurance is issuing a statewide waiver of HFS 132.65(6)(c)3, Wisconsin Administrative Code, which requires that controlled substances that have been destroyed be identified on the DEA 41 form and sent into the DEA. This waiver allows nursing homes to destroy medications using the following procedure. The destruction of all medications in a nursing home must be witnessed by two persons (one of whom is licensed in the health field) and records of the destruction shall be kept in the home. No other special requirements exist for the destruction of medications.

If you have any questions regarding this issue, please contact the Bureau Pharmacy Consultant, Rick Shannon, at the above address or by phone at (608) 266-5388.

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