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PRESS RELEASE

TO: Marquette County Media

FROM: Marquette County Cares & the Marquette County Health Department

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SUBJECT: Drug Take Back Locations

Prescription Drug Disposal Sites Announced: Did you know that one in four Michigan teens has misused or abused prescription medication? Communities across the U.P. and the country are fighting to halt prescription drug abuse and the opioid epidemic. Marquette County Cares has joined forces with the U.P. Coalition Network to reach out to our U.P. community about safe drug disposal.

Most often, medications are taken from a family medicine cabinet. Keeping expired or leftover prescriptions in the home can lead to accidents, overdoses, or abuse. To keep our teens safe, you can now safely dispose of unwanted prescription pills at locations in 14 Upper Peninsula counties. Proper disposal of unneeded prescriptions and over-the-counter medications help prevent substance abuse. Safe disposal—rather than flushing pills or burying them in landfills—also reduces groundwater contamination.

Drop off locations for Marquette County include state police posts, city police departments, and Marquette County Solid Waste Management. In Marquette County, you can safely dispose of unwanted prescription pills at these locations and times:

- Marquette City Police Department, Open Daily, 24 hours per day
- Chocolay Township Police Department, Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Negaunee Police Department, Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Ishpeming Police Department, Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and
- Forsyth Police Department, Monday-Friday, 7 a.m.-3 p.m.

Contact Marquette County Solid Waste Management for more information about household medication collection and waste management programs, at 906-249-4125.

Law enforcement officers remind you to always transport medications in their original containers. When arriving at the drop off location, you will need to transfer the pills into a plastic bag before putting them in the drop box.

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Marquette County Cares is working to make Marquette County a safer and healthier place for youth. For more information on drug take back sites or the Marquette County Cares Coalition, please contact Mary Harris at 906-315-2613 or CTCmarquettecounty@gmail.com. You can download a list of U.P. wide drug take back sites at www.UPprevention.org/dispose.