



Walmart's Opioid Stewardship Initiative

The health and safety of our patients is a critical priority. Walmart Inc., including Walmart and Sam's Club pharmacies in the United States and Puerto Rico, has taken the following actions in our pharmacies to be part of the solution to our nation's opioid epidemic.

Implement Policies and Tools that Help Pharmacists Spot Fraudulent or Inappropriate Opioid Prescriptions

As of January 1, 2020, Walmart and Sam's Club will require e-prescriptions for controlled substances. E-prescriptions are proven to be less prone to errors, they cannot be altered or copied and are electronically trackable.

Walmart and Sam's Club pharmacists will have access to and use the controlled substance tracking tool, NarxCare, in states that allow access, by the end of August 2018. NarxCare is a tool that helps pharmacists make dispensing decisions and provides pharmacists with the real-time interstate visibility that currently exists.

The company conducts opioid training and education for its pharmacists, including a pain management curriculum that pharmacists will complete by the end of August.

Walmart and Sam's Club pharmacists are trained to check for indicators of potential concern before filling each prescription.

Reduce the Amount of Opioids Dispensed

Within the next 60 days, Walmart and Sam's Club will restrict initial acute opioid prescriptions to no more than a seven-day supply nationwide, with up to a 50 morphine milligram equivalent maximum per day. This policy is in alignment with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) guidelines for opioid use. Where state law for fills on new acute opioid prescriptions is less than seven days, the company will follow state law.

Walmart and Sam's Club adhere to state laws limiting opioid fills to seven days or less.

The company's pharmacists provide patients with counseling using CDC guidelines, focusing on using the lowest effective dose for pain management for the shortest time possible.

Provide a Free, Accessible Disposal Solution

In January 2018, Walmart Inc. launched a first-of-its-kind opioid disposal solution, DisposeRx – available at no cost – in all Walmart and Sam’s Club pharmacies. DisposeRx enables patients to responsibly dispose of leftover medications in their trash at home.

Patients filling any new Schedule II opioid prescription at the company’s pharmacies receive a free DisposeRx packet. Patients with chronic Schedule II opioid prescriptions are offered a free DisposeRx packet every six months. Existing pharmacy patients can also request a free DisposeRx packet at any time.

In addition to offering DisposeRx for free to patients with new and existing Schedule II opioid prescriptions, Walmart will increase accessibility of DisposeRx by making the packets available online for sale on Walmart.com.

Support and Provide Education to Customers and Youth Aimed at Curbing Abuse

Walmart and Sam’s Club patients receive an opioid safety information brochure when picking up a new acute opioid prescription.

Walmart U.S. helps sponsor Prescription for Life, a high school-based curriculum on the risks associated with prescription drug abuse. This program developed by Everfi is an educational tool that empowers students with information and skills to address the opioid epidemic, should they face it in their community.

Help Reduce Risk of Death by Overdose

Walmart and Sam’s Club are committed to have the overdose medication naloxone behind the pharmacy counters of its stores and clubs and dispensing the drug upon request, where allowed by state law.

As an additional step, the company is reinforcing that pharmacists provide naloxone recommendations for patients who might be at risk for overdose in alignment with CDC guidelines.

Advocate for State and National Policies Aimed at Curbing Abuse and Misuse

The company supports the development and implementation of a national prescription drug tracking database.

The company would also support legislation in states and/or in Congress to require an up to seven-day supply limit for initial prescriptions issued for acute pain and to require all controlled substance prescriptions be issued electronically.