

# MEDICAL SUPPLY ITEMS (CLASS VIII) and PHARMACEUTICALS

## GENERAL INFORMATION

Class VIII medical supply items and pharmaceuticals (i.e. medications) on the installation are typically managed by the medical support activities such as battalion aid stations and medical companies. Policy Memorandum USAG-HI-45, Management of Class VIII Medical Supply Items establishes the procedures for managing these items on U.S. Army installations in Hawaii. Units and activities with excess and expired Class VIII medical supply items and pharmaceuticals will turn in these items to their Brigade Medical Support Office (BMSO) or the Installation Medical Supply Activity (IMSA) at Tripler Army Medical Center (TAMC) who utilizes a “Reverse Distributor” as part of the Army’s mandatory Guaranteed Returns Contract (GRC).

## POTENTIAL HAZARDS

Medical supply items and pharmaceuticals may be dangerous if not handled properly. Only trained medical personnel should handle these items.

## WASTE CHARACTERIZATION

The unit/activity must make a hazardous waste determination on any items or pharmaceuticals that are not accepted under the GRC. These items must be managed IAW the IHWMP. Contact the DPW Environmental Division TAP for assistance in making a proper hazardous waste determination.

## HANDLING AND DISPOSAL PROCEDURES

**Step 1:** Turn-in excess and expired Class VIII medical supply items and pharmaceuticals to the BMSO or IMSA. Contact TAMC Logistics for more information.

**Step 2:** Qualified items will be turned over to the Reverse Distributor under the GRC.

**Step 3:** Individual non-MEDCOM units must receive approval from their Major Subordinate Command Environmental Science Officer to dispose of unserviceable Class VIII medical supply items and pharmaceuticals at the DPW Environmental Division TAP.

**Step 4:** Contact the DPW Environmental Division Compliance Inspections Program for more information.

For more info contact: TAMC Logistics or  
DPW Environmental Compliance Inspections Program.

