

DEA

DIVERSION CONTROL DIVISION



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The Mission of the DIVERSION CONTROL DIVISION

Prevent, detect, and
investigate the diversion
of controlled
pharmaceuticals and
listed chemicals from
legitimate sources



While ensuring an
adequate and
uninterrupted supply for
legitimate medical,
commercial, and scientific
needs.



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Regulatory Authority

Title 21, Code of Federal Regulations, Sec. 1300 et seq.
(21 CFR § 1300 et seq.)

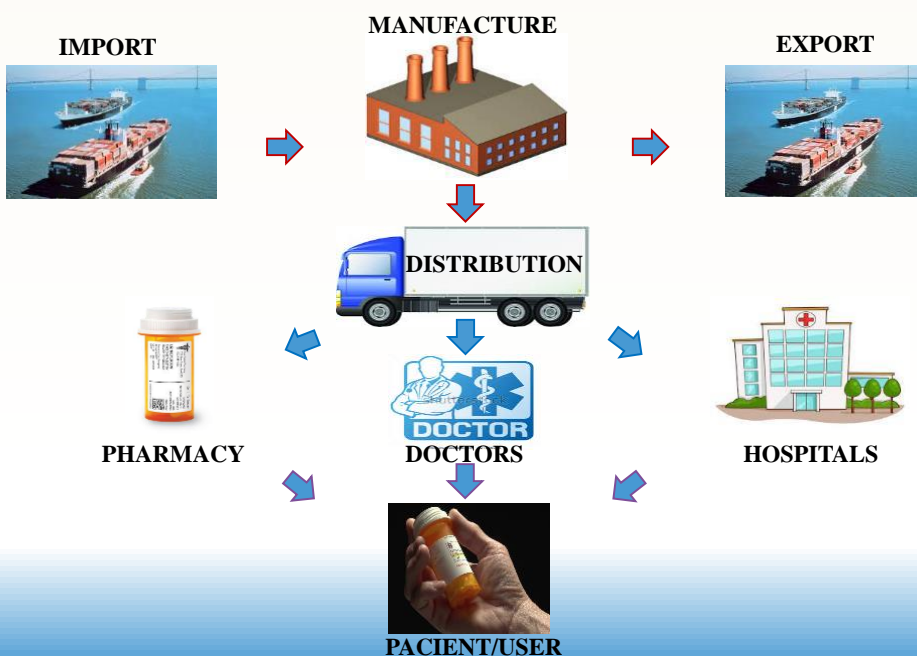


Every person who **manufactures, distributes, dispenses, imports or exports** any controlled substance or who proposes to engage in the manufacture, distribution, dispensing, importation or exportation of any controlled substance, **shall obtain a registration**, (unless exempted by law), as one of the following:

21 CFR § 1301.11 (a); 1301.13

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CHAIN OF DISTRIBUTION



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DEA Registration Entails Several Requirements

RECORDKEEPING REQUIREMENTS 21 CFR Section 1304 et al

Keep records of Controlled Substances:

- Schedules I and II separately from Schedules III, IV, and V and from all other records
- Available for inspection for a minimum of two years
- Complete and accurate records

INVENTORY REQUIREMENTS 21 CFR Section 1304.11

- Complete and accurate record of all CS on hand
- Date inventory was conducted
- Maintain inventory for at least two years
- Biennial Inventory within two years of previous inventory

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DEA Registration Entails Several Requirements

SECURITY REQUIREMENTS 21 CFR Section 1301.71(a)

Requires that all registrants provide effective controls and procedures to guard against theft and diversion of controlled substances.

PRESCRIPTION REQUIREMENTS 21 CFR Section 1306 et al.

- Dated and signed on the date when issued
- Patient's full name and address
- Practitioner's full name, address, and DEA registration number
- Drug name
- Strength
- Dosage form
- Quantity prescribed
- Directions for use
- Number of refills (if any) authorized

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DEA has the authority to deny, suspend, or revoke a DEA registration upon a finding that the registrant has:



- 1. Materially falsified any application filed
- 2. Been convicted of a felony relating to a controlled substance or a List I chemical
- 3. Had their state license or registration suspended, revoked, or denied
- 4. Committed an act which would render the DEA registration inconsistent with the public interest
- 5. Been excluded from participation in a Medicaid or Medicare program

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THE DIVERSION CONTROL PROGRAM CONSISTS OF:



- DIVERSION INVESTIGATORS
- SPECIAL AGENTS
- TASK FORCE OFFICERS
- INTELLIGENCE RESEARCH SPECIALISTS



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Punitive Authority

Title 21, United States Code, Sec. 841
(21 USC § 841)



It shall be unlawful, for any person knowingly of intentionally--

- 1) To manufacture, distribute, or dispense, or possess with intent to manufacture, distribute, or dispense a **controlled substance**; or
- 2) To create distribute, or dispense or possess with intent to distribute, or dispense a **counterfeit substance**;



21 USC § 841

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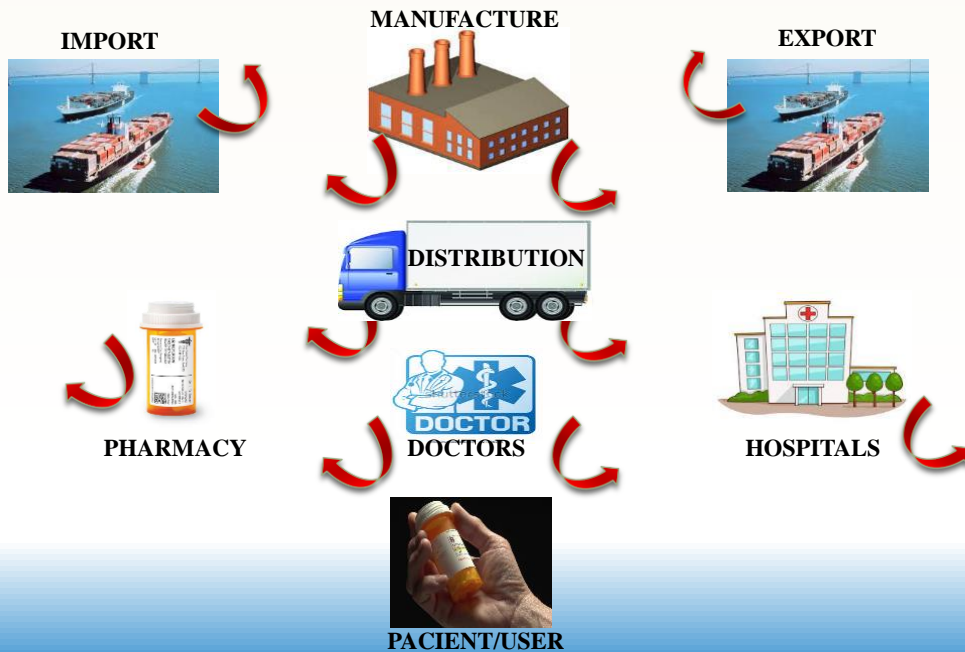
What is DIVERSION?



Diversion is the transfer of a pharmaceutical prescribed controlled substance, from its licit medical purpose to an illicit purpose

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CHANCES FOR DIVERSION



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OUR INVESTIGATIONS INVOLVE, BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO:

- ✓ Physicians who sell prescriptions to drug dealers or abusers;
- ✓ Pharmacists who falsify records and subsequently sell the drugs;
- ✓ Employees who steal from inventory and falsify orders to cover illicit sales;
- ✓ Prescription forgers; Doctor shopping
- ✓ Individuals who commit armed robbery of pharmacies and drug distributors.



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**July 13, 2017: National Health Care
Fraud Takedown
Results in Charges Against Over
412 individuals**

- **\$1.3 billion in fraud losses**
- Counts of **Health Fraud and Prescription Fraud in 41 Districts**
- **Including 13 Health Practitioners in Puerto Rico**



**June 28, 2018: National Health Care
Fraud Takedown
Results in Charges Against Over
601 individuals**

- **\$2 billion in fraud losses**
- Counts of **Health Fraud and Prescription Fraud in 58 Districts**
- Including 165 doctors, nurses and other licensed medical professionals.

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July 24, 2018

- **Psychiatrist indicted**
- **18 Federal Charges of Health Fraud,**
- **3 Charges of identity theft,**
- **3 Charges of False Declarations**
- **8 Charges of Intent of Distribution of Controlled Substances**
- **\$225,250.00 in losses**

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INICIO NOTICIAS EL TIEMPO 88°

**Cargos federales contra
psiquiatra por fraude a
Medicare**

Por CYBERNEWS

Publicado martes 24 de julio de 2018



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March 14, 2019:

- Nurse indicted by State on 231 charges for illegal appropriation of controlled substances at a hospital & destruction of evidence.
- 219 units of Demerol and 12 Tramadol pills at Hospital Pavía (Santurce)

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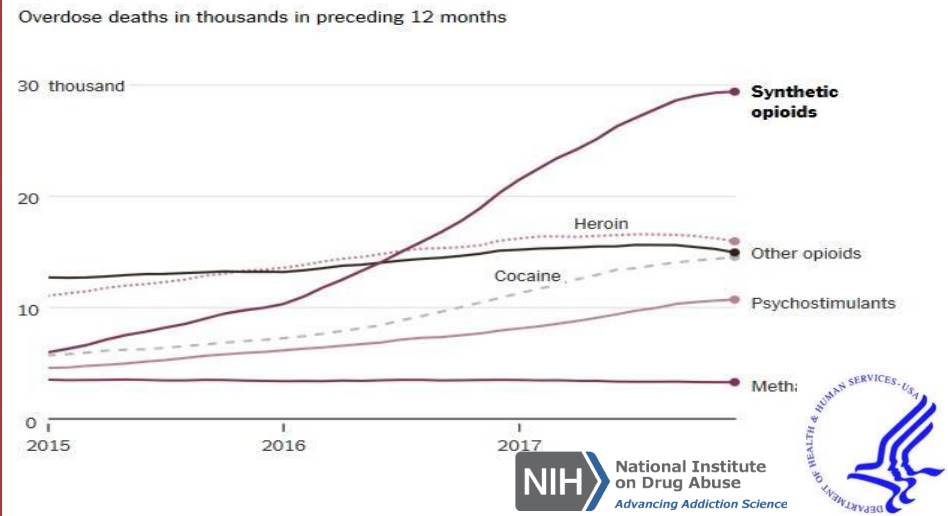
LOCAL OPIOID CRISIS



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On 2017
Over 72 thousand overdose deaths on 2017.
 In USA, Puerto Rico y USVI

- **66 thousand deaths by** **October 2018** (CDC)
- **598 people in PR** (ASSMCA)
- **130 Deaths per Day.**
- **66%** involved the misuse or abuse of an opioid.



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That's enough to fill
 El Choliseo three times



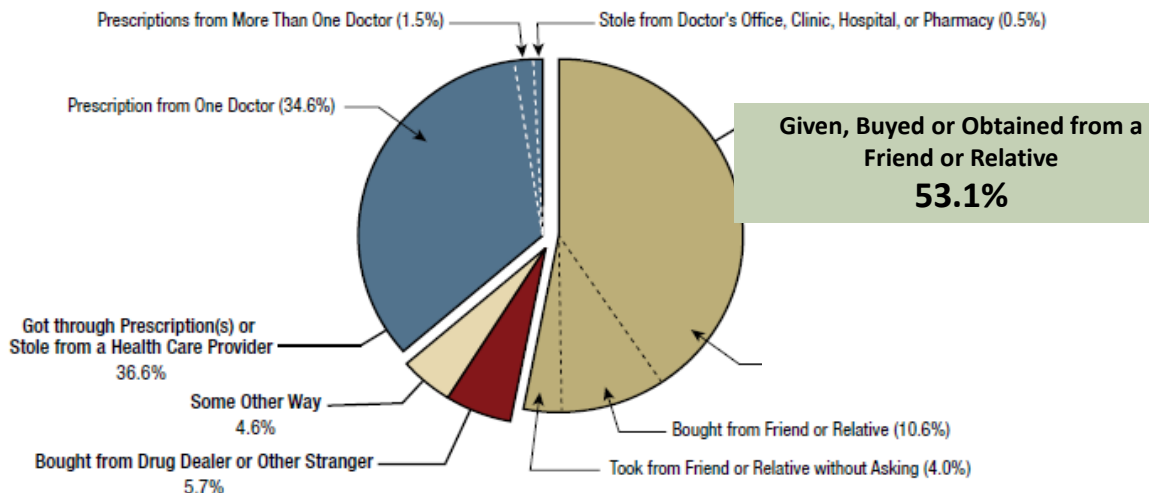
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drugabuse.gov

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SAMHSA Report from September 2017: 53.1% of misused prescriptions come from a friend or relative



11.1 Million People Aged 12 or Older Who Misused Prescription Pain Relievers in the Past Year

SAMHSA
Substance Abuse and Mental Health
Services Administration

NSDUH
National Survey on Drug Use and Health



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Misplaced Meds can be Misused



El Caldo de la Abuela

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Minors intoxicated as a result of ingesting Parent's prescriptions

El Vocero,
October 27, 2017
Carolina, PR

Telemundo PR
July 5, 2018
Mayagüez, PR

Infante intoxicado con medicamento en Carolina

Redacción elvocero.com 27/10/2017 0



Un menor intoxicado fue reportado a las 7:35 de la noche de ayer, en el residencial El Coral en Carolina.

Según Nayoka Douglas Richardson, madre del infante Jacob Castro Aponte de 3 años, el menor accidentalmente ingirió varias píldoras, de un medicamento recetado para Israel Castro Rijos padre del

http://www.telemundopr.com/noticias/parentado/Minor-intoxicado-se-fue-ningun-medicamento-46732030.html

Menor intoxicado tras ingerir medicamentos de su padre en Mayagüez

Publicado jueves 5 de julio de 2018



Agentes del Negociado de la Policía de Puerto Rico investigaron ayer en el Residencial Mayagüez Gardens, un incidente donde un menor de 5 años resultó intoxicado al ingerir unos medicamentos pertenecientes su padre.

El menor fue transportado por un familiar al Hospital San Antonio en Mayagüez y fue evaluado por el Doctor Moisés Florian quien diagnosticó al menor.

LO QUE ESTÁ TRENDING

1. **NOTICIA** Mine aquí nuestra programación en vivo
2. **NOTICIA** Advertencia de inundaciones para varias municipalidades
3. **NOTICIA** Asesino confiesa cómo mató a tres personas
4. **NOTICIA** Asesino confiesa de cómo se suicidó

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The National Take-Back Day is one of the DEA's initiatives to address the Opioid Crisis



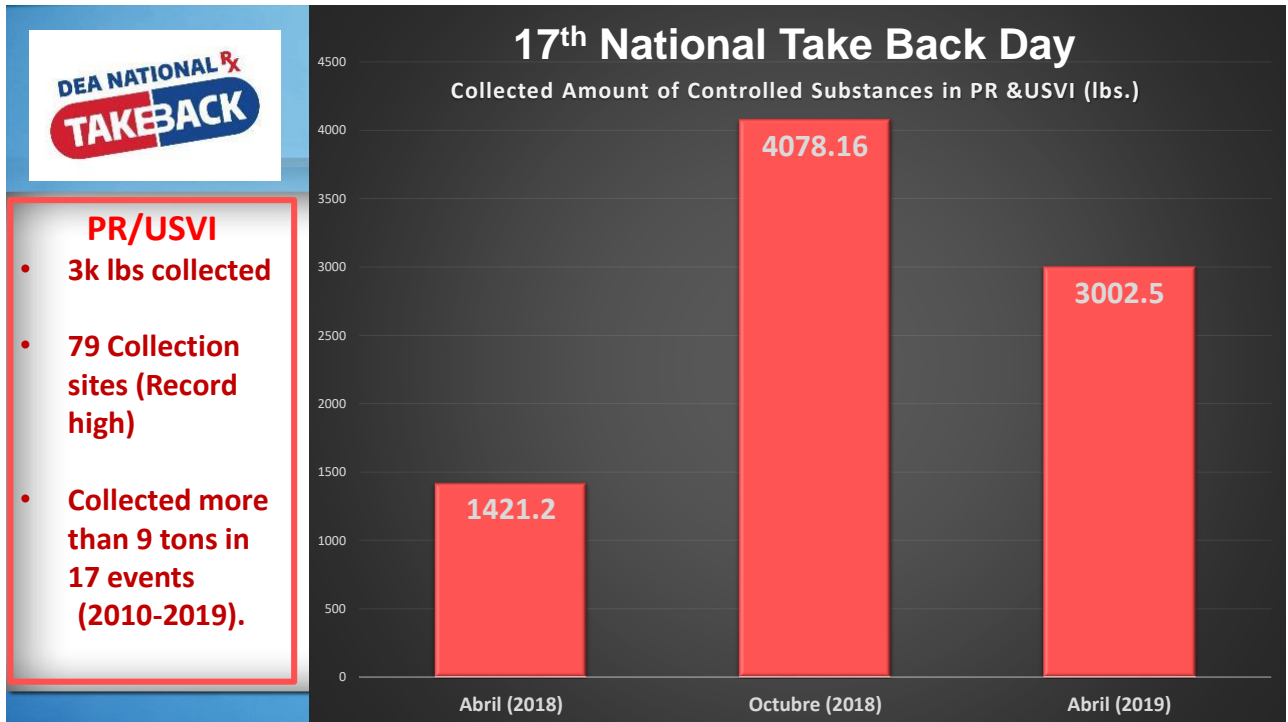
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Impacted Municipalities



April 2019 – 27 Municipalities

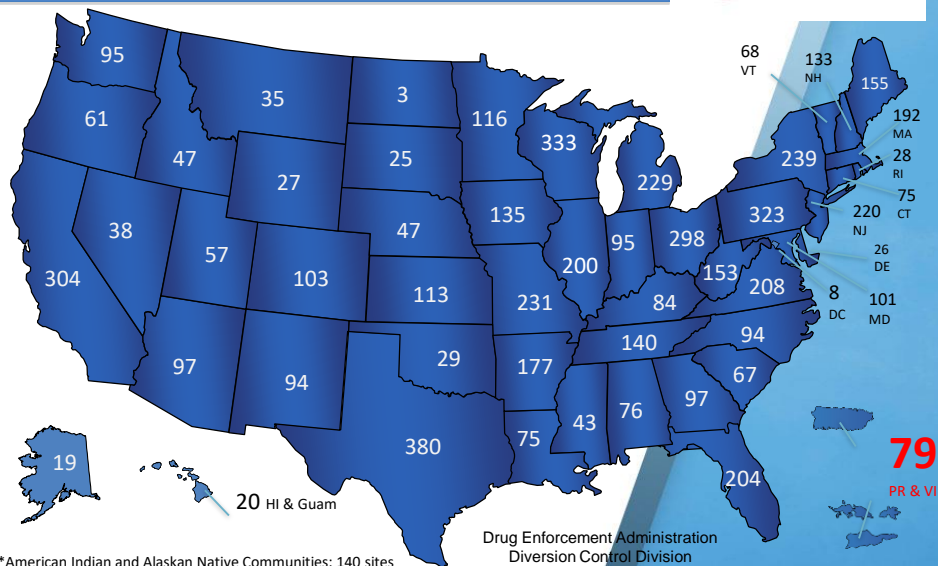
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17th National Take Back Day: April 27, 2019

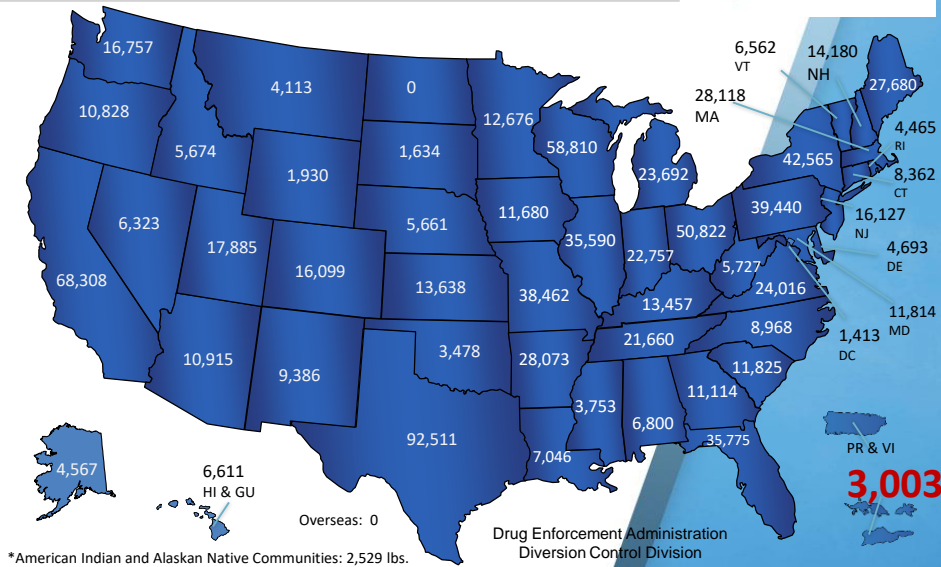
Total Collection Sites: 6,258



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17th National Take Back Day: April 27, 2019

Total Weight Collected: 937,443 lbs. (468.72 Tons)



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