



## LEGISLATIVE ALERT

# New Jersey's Governor Murphy Signs Charlie's Law Legislation Requires Pharmacists to Provide Information and Method for Safe and Proper Medication Disposal

January 21, 2020—After more than two years of legislative effort, Governor Phil Murphy today signed Charlie's Law—a bipartisan bill that requires pharmacists to provide written and oral information on medication disposal, as well as a safe disposal method, for all controlled substances.

DisposeRx, Inc. has in place a network of more than 1,000 pharmacies in New Jersey that is ready to meet the requirements of new legislation.

“New Jersey legislators and the governor have taken a huge step forward in battling the opioid public health crisis across their communities,” said William Simpson, DisposeRx President. “Our pharmacies and their pharmacists have DisposeRx packets in their inventories and are prepared to respond immediately. Our integrated and consultative program includes education for the pharmacists and technicians, as well as their patients, and we look forward to continuing to support them as these new regulations go into effect.”

The legislation, which was first introduced in 2018, honors Charlie Van Tassel who lost his battle to addiction in 2017.

“DisposeRx has engaged with and invested in pharmacies, health plans, hospitals and legislators over the past three years to help them understand the risks associated with unused medications in the home and the need for behavior change,” said Ben Donaldson, DisposeRx Senior Vice President for Legislative Affairs. “There is no doubt that legislation is going to encourage and facilitate medication disposal behavior change so that disposal is an active decision rather than an after thought.”

DisposeRx recognizes the efforts of Assemblymen Raj Makherji and John Armato, Assemblywomen Valerie Vainieri Huttle and Carol Murphy, as well as Senators Robert Singer and Nicholas Scutari.

### About DisposeRx, Inc.

DisposeRx, Inc., a North Carolina-based company, is dedicated to decreasing the risks of drug diversion, overdoses, accidental poisonings and antibiotic resistance by facilitating medication management behavior change and eradicating the misuse of leftover medications. DisposeRx's patented drug disposal packets and education programs are currently available at almost 50% of retail pharmacies and through 90% of the wholesale pharmacy and medical distributors across the nation. For more information, visit [DisposeRx.com](http://DisposeRx.com).