



## **Joint Statement Regarding Assembly Bill 259 & Senate Bill 263**

The Wisconsin Association of Local Health Departments and Boards (WALHDAB) and the Wisconsin Public Health Association (WPHA) support Assembly Bill 259 and Senate Bill 263, both of which would allow participants in the SeniorCare program to obtain 100-day supplies of prescription drugs, instead of the current 34-day limit for most types of prescription drugs.

With the increase in the prescription drug supply allowed by this bill, WALHDAB and WPHA want to note the importance of safe prescription drug disposal options for Wisconsinites. An unintended consequence of this bill could be an increased supply of prescription drugs available for misuse. Prescription drug misuse by individuals in Wisconsin is contributing to addiction and overdose, both of which are significant public health issues. The location of permanent drug drop boxes in Wisconsin may be found on the [Department of Health Services website](#). In addition, Drug Take Back Day is an annual event that features collection sites throughout Wisconsin. The next Drug Take Back Day will be held on October 28, 2023. More information may be found on the [DHS website](#).