

Board of Health for Madison and Dane County
Mass Prophylaxis Closed Point of Dispensing

Resolution #2013-05

As part of emergency preparedness planning, Public Health—Madison and Dane County (PHMDC) is required to develop plans to provide medication to the entire population of Dane County within 48 hours. One way to reach this goal is to identify groups that will take responsibility for dispensing medication to their own members—known as a closed point of dispensing (or “closed POD”). Federal guidelines are that in an urban county such as Dane County, 30% of the population should be treated through a closed POD system.

PHMDC has recently finalized an agreement with the University Wisconsin--Madison (UW) where UW has agreed to manage a closed POD in the event of a public health emergency requiring a mass prophylaxis dispensing plan. UW will dispense medications to UW students, faculty and identified family or household members and will not be open to the general public. PHMDC will provide pre-event technical assistance, standing orders and medical protocols, in addition to ensuring that the medication is delivered to them by the State of Wisconsin. While there is no term for the agreement between PHMDC and UW, the parties have agreed to review this agreement at least once every two years.

Instead of being responsible to develop a plan for dispensing medication to 490,000 people, with this plan PHMDC is only responsible for 420,000 people. PHMDC will be working with some of the larger employees in Dane County to become a closed POD. While this resolution specifically names UW, it includes language that gives PHMDC the authority to enter into agreements with other entities.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Health for Madison and Dane County, on behalf of Public Health—Madison and Dane County is authorized to enter into an agreement for a closed point of dispensing with the University of Wisconsin-Madison and the Director is authorized to sign the agreement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Public Health—Madison and Dane County is authorized to enter into agreements establishing closed points of dispensing with other entities in Dane County and the Director is authorized to sign these agreements.

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