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Procedures for *Health Department Nurses to Dispense Drug Samples and/or Donated
Drugs During an Emergency*

This guidance will give direction to *Alabama Department of Public Health* nurses about dispensing samples during an emergency when drug donations are given to the Health Department.

Mass Shelters:

Samples can be dispensed only if a physician is physically on site and directing the nurses to dispense the samples

When a physician is not at the site, no samples can be dispensed and must be kept under lock and key. Only a licensed nurse, physician or pharmacist can have access to the key.

Other sites where samples can be dispensed:

Charitable pharmacies- samples can be dispensed by licensed charitable clinics under protocol established by the Board of Pharmacy (No Controlled Substances)

Charitable clinics- who have a physician in attendance can dispense samples as the physician directs.

Physician's office -only physicians can dispense controlled substance samples either in his office or when he is personally on site by someone under his direction.