



STATE OF ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF  
**PUBLIC HEALTH**

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State Health Officer

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**M E M O R A N D U M**

TO: Area Health Officers  
Area Administrators  
Area Nursing Directors  
FH/Clinic Coordinators  
Area Disease Control Directors & Program Managers  
Area Home Health Managers  
Area Clerical Directors  
County Office Managers  
County Clinic Supervisors  
Central Office Bureau/Division Directors

FROM: Charles Thomas, Pharmacy Director  
Office of Professional & Support Services

RE: Liability release form for using easy open tops on prescription vials

In order for the department, our nurses, and our employees to minimize liability connected with dispensing medicines in easy tops, it is necessary to obtain a release of liability from patients. Begin using this form as soon as proper prescription vials are stocked in your county health department. The form needs to be signed one time. When signed, this form should be retained with the patient's chart. Medications may be dispensed in easy tops at future visits without obtaining another signature. This has been approved by our legal department. Forms will be stocked in the supply room.

Please direct any questions to me at 334-206-5226.

CT/lf  
Enclosure

cc: Jefferson County Pharmacist  
Mobile County Pharmacist



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### Release Form

I request that beginning today my prescription medication(s) be put in a container(s) that does not have a child safety closure on the container. I agree to release and hold harmless the Alabama Department of Public Health, its county health departments, agencies, bureaus, or any of its employees for any injury that may occur to anyone as a result of my prescription not having a safety closure on it.

\_\_\_\_\_ signed \_\_\_\_\_ date.