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LET'S TALK ABOUT PRESCRIPTION MEDICINE

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JACKSON (October 9, 2014) – October marks “Talk about you Medicines” month. Open communication between patients and healthcare providers is extremely important in preventing the abuse of prescription drugs.

This year, the theme of the month is *Align My Refills*. Currently, there is push to adopt a new patient care service called the Appointment Based Model (ABM). ABM provides patients the opportunity to meet with their pharmacist to discuss adherence to the prescription(s), and to build pharmacy efficiency. Patients enrolled in ABM have a designated day to pick up all medications. This model creates an opportunity to develop a relationship with pharmacists, and leads to a better understanding of how medications work. ABM creates a shift in pharmacy culture, from passive prescription filling to a model of proactive medication synchronization.

Recognizing the widespread effect prescriptions have on the community, the Jackson County Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition (JCSAPC) works to prevent prescription drug misuse and abuse. National studies show that up to 93.5 million Americans who take one or more prescriptions do not take these prescriptions as prescribed. Medication adherence and proper disposal are both great ways to prevent prescription drug abuse. JCSAPC has a permanent drop box location for disposing of unused or expired prescriptions. ***Please note: only pills are accepted, no liquids or needles.***

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