

Our Role

- Pre-event planning and technical assistance
- Training and education
- Providing medications during an emergency
- Assisting with SIP Partner Program

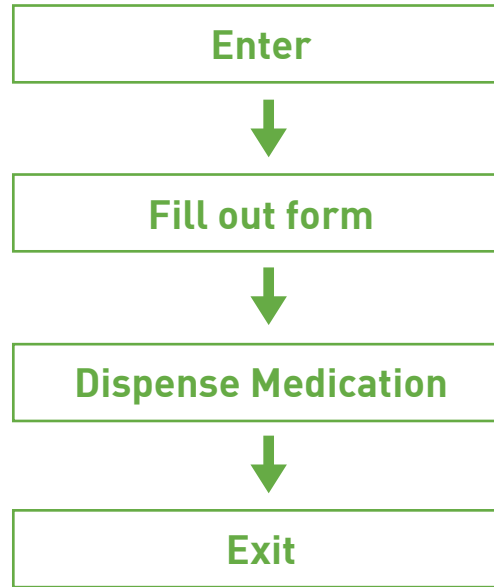
Your Role

- Developing a POD plan
- Participating in trainings and exercises
- Maintaining the necessary supplies and equipment needed to operate a SIP Partner POD
- Follow guidance provided by the OCCHD

Next Steps

1. Discuss the SIP Partner concept with management and identify key persons who will be part of your dispensing team.
2. With step by step guidance from OCCHD, construct your dispensing plan.
3. Inform your employees about their new benefit.
4. Exercise your SIP Partner POD.
5. Participate in warehouse exercises and recalls.

Basic steps required for non-medical model of dispensing



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Are you ready to become a Sheltered In Populations (SIP) Partner?

Protecting your organizations
during public health emergencies



We need your help!



Preparing for the next public health emergency

No one can predict the next public health emergency. Unfortunately, a natural disaster or act of terrorism could happen at any time. Therefore, we have to be prepared to respond to our community at a moment's notice. During a public health emergency, the general public in Oklahoma County, may be directed to the closest **Point of Dispensing (POD) to receive lifesaving antibiotics or other medications to prevent disease and death.** These locations will be highly stressed in a situation where the entire population needs to be given medications within a short time frame. Providing medicines through **SIP Partners** is one method **OCCHD** is utilizing to reach populations faster and relieve some of the burden placed on common dispensing sites.

OCCHD will work closely with your organization to ensure that you have the needed information and resources to establish a **SIP Partner POD.** As with all preparedness activities, the more we communicate and exercise our response plans now, the better we will respond if an emergency occurs.

Providing medicines through Closed Point of Dispensing (POD) is one method planners are utilizing to reach populations faster and relieve some of the burden placed on Open PODs. A Closed POD is a private location where medications are dispensed to a specific group of people.

A Closed POD or SIP Partner POD is a private location where medications are dispensed to your organization's employees. You would receive enough medication for your employees, your employee's family members and your clients or patients if you choose to include them.

With the help of businesses, cities, government, churches, community organizations, schools, hospitals and organizations like yours, we can decrease the number of people going to the same places for medicine during a public health emergency. SIP Partners help to reach specific portions of the community more quickly. As a result, long lines and public anxiety can be reduced and resources can be used more efficiently.

Benefits our community

- Helps achieve the community dispensing goal more rapidly
- Decreases the number of people going to public dispensing sites



Benefits your organization

- Protects your organization, your families, your clients/patients
- Helps to ensure your organization's continuity of operations

Protect what means most to you! Our goal is to provide medicines to people within 48 hours if needed. Our goal can be reached with your help. Becoming a SIP Partner with OCCHD is a significant step in helping protect the health and safety of your organization, your family, and our community.