

# WAY 10

## EXCLUSIVE Unit Dose from AHP Enhances Pharmacy Efficiency

AHP Exclusive unit dose SKUs are the only commercially available bar-coded offering in the marketplace. This group of 90+ items are an attractive offering to hospitals seeking reliably safe and easily scannable prepackaged unit dose items to support BCMA.

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### Company Background

Located in Columbus, Ohio, American Health Packaging is a subsidiary of AmerisourceBergen. Our manufacturing facility is registered with the FDA and fully adheres to current cGMP. Industry veterans with over 100 years of collective experience, lead the quality and manufacturing departments. American Health Packaging is licensed by the Drug Enforcement Administration to package Schedule II to V controlled substances.

### Product Overview

Hospital pharmacies juggle many critical tasks. The top priority is patient safety. Operational efficiency is important too as institutions seek to provide bar-coded medications to enable BCMA in the most efficient and cost effective way possible. American Health Packaging supports this health systems' priority with its growing line of prepackaged unit dose products.

### Market Leadership in Providing Unit Dose

Bar-coded to the dose level, our unit dose line continues to grow! The line now contains over 400 SKUs. And, nearly a third are industry exclusives - only available from American Health Packaging in a unit dose bar-coded package format. Our products support all the major therapeutic classes. Recently launched AHP exclusives include: Fenofibrate 48 mg and 145 mg tablets, Irbesartan 150 mg tablets, Naltrexone HCl 50 mg tablets and Sildenafil Citrate 20 mg tablets.

### Features & Benefits

**There are many benefits to American Health Packaging prepackaged unit-dose products:**

**Safety.** Companies that specialize in pharmaceutical packaging are highly regulated and scrutinized by the FDA. Good Manufacturing Practices (cGMP) compliance ensures that products are packaged in a regulated and safe environment. Packaging professionals are adept at ensuring the product's lot number, National Drug Code and expiration date are recorded correctly and legibly.

American Health Packaging's easy-to-read bar codes ensure both accurate and easy scanning. In addition, our cartons feature color-coded labels with "tall man" lettering to more easily distinguish between similar items on the pharmacy shelf.

**Pharmacy efficiency.** Pharmacies are concerned with the timely processing of orders to supply the proper medications to patients as quickly as possible. Adding a multitude of steps to package and check commercially available products in-house not only slows down this process, it also takes those clinicians away from their core competency - patient care.

**Liability management.** Packaging products within health system pharmacies can be met with various distractions in terms of quality systems and process controls. Errors that arise can place the liability on the hospital, as well as the caregivers themselves. Mitigation of risk is key. Purchasing medications from a highly regulated, cGMP compliant company such as AHP shifts some of the burden of responsibility from the health system.

**Cost savings.** In addition to shifting the potential costs of errors, health systems that choose to package onsite must consider other direct costs such as establishing the packaging infrastructure as well as paying the highly trained professional staff to perform, manage and support non-core work.

