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## Avoid In-House Packaging with New Pharmacy Unit Dose Plus by American Health Packaging

Known for leadership in providing unit dose products, AHP recently launched a new UD line extension. It is comprised of lower volume, difficult-to-find items. Not only will these items minimize in-house packaging, but the lower-count carton sizes will help to avoid both waste and returns.

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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

With dynamic changes in healthcare, hospital pharmacists are constantly being tasked to do more with less and Pharmacy Unit Dose Plus allows you to do that. This is a new, select line of unit dose products from American Health Packaging (AHP). The Unit Dose Plus line extension was created to support patient safety and pharmacy efficiency goals by aiding pharmacies in avoiding unwanted packaging tasks.

Like our core unit dose line, these items increase safety while adding efficiency to your pharmacy operations in order for you to better focus on core patient care responsibilities. Now you can enjoy the same benefits that pre-packaged unit dose products provide on these lower volume and difficult-to-find items.

### Features & Benefits

As the leaders in supplying unit dose to the healthcare marketplace, AHP is attuned to the needs of hospital pharmacy. We are the only provider to supply a specially created UD line of lower volume items of this type. We recognize that once BCMA is implemented, hospitals require all drugs dispensed to have a barcode, not just the high-volume ones. Thus, the line was developed — to most efficiently supply you with the barcoded unit dose products your patients require.

#### ■ Staff Efficiency

Utilizing pre-packaged UD allows a busy pharmacy to avoid in-house packaging in order to allocate precious resources for other vital duties. AHP UD is packaged in an FDA inspected, cGMP facility, which ensures product quality and ultimately patient safety. You can rest assured our products are packaged correctly and will scan as intended. In addition, pre-packaged UD minimizes liability risks for errors that could occur when packaging on-site.

#### ■ Cost Savings

Utilizing pre-packaged unit dose is often the least expensive route to supporting BCMA. In-house packaging requires purchasing or leasing expensive capital equipment, creating infrastructure, and incurring substantial staff overhead costs. Third-party packaging requires time-consuming logistics, shipping costs, and oftentimes costly delays in receiving products. Pre-packaged UD, stocked in your local servicing distribution center, can be ordered as required to meet the needs of your pharmacy and patients.

#### ■ Smaller-Count Size Cartons

Not all products warrant a 100UD carton size. And not all hospitals have the same volume requirements. UD Plus items are packaged in smaller count-size cartons (eg. 30UD) to accommodate lower usage expectations.

The lower count-sizes also boost efficiency by helping to avoid both pharmacy waste and processing time-consuming returns.

