

CAMP TAKAJO

INFORMATION RE: KIDSMEDPACKS

Dear parents,

This summer we will again be working with KIDSMEDPACKS, a pre-packaged medication system founded by a board certified, practicing pediatrician. **If your child will be taking any medications or vitamins *in pill form on a regular basis during the summer, they MUST be packaged by KIDSMEDPACKS' licensed pharmacy.*** This will ensure that we dispense the proper medication at the correct time of day and that all medication is sent to camp *prior* to the start of the season. We are confident this will be a reliable, safe and efficient way to dispense all medication.

We will only dispense pills that have been pre-packaged by the KIDSMEDPACKS pharmacy. This includes the following:

- any medication **in pill form taken on a regular basis**
- non-prescription items **in pill form** such as vitamins

Medications in **pill form** will be packaged so that all medications taken at a given time are in one packet. The packets are labeled and placed on a dispensing roll in chronological order to ensure that every camper receives the correct medication at the correct time of day. These secure packets are also portable for day and overnight trips. KIDSMEDPACKS' pharmacy will bill the cost of prescription medications through your insurance carrier. There is a one-time \$55 registration fee for the summer which covers the cost of packaging and shipping all of your child's medications directly to camp. Our Health Center will continue to stock typical over-the-counter medications such as Tylenol, Advil, Benadryl, etc.

PLEASE NOTE: You are NOT REQUIRED to have KIDSMEDPACKS fill prescriptions that are *not* in pill form (such as inhalers, liquids, ointments, etc.). You may send these types of medication directly to camp. PLEASE MAKE SURE they arrive NO LATER THAN June 15 so our nurses have time to process them before the start of camp.

Any camper who will be taking medication or vitamins in pill form this summer MUST be registered with KIDSMEDPACKS by June 1, 2010 in order to avoid late charges. (Each camper must be registered individually.)

Please visit www.kidsmedpacks.com to register your child and to obtain additional information. Should you wish to speak directly with a KIDSMEDPACKS representative, call 866-585-8746. For your convenience, a list of Frequently Asked Questions is included on the other side of this letter.

We are confident that KIDSMEDPACKS will help us achieve our primary goal which is the health and safety of each camper.

As always, if you have questions about any of this, please feel free to call.

Sincerely,



Jeffrey A. Konigsberg

Frequently Asked Questions about KIDSMEDPACKS

Will KIDSMEDPACKS fill all of my child's medications? Yes. KIDSMEDPACKS will pre-package all medications in *pill form*, including vitamins. KIDSMEDPACKS can also fill liquids, ointments and inhalers. **Only exceptions are accutane and injectables such as insulin, epi-pens, and growth hormone.** Refer to your camp letter to determine which medications must be processed through KIDSMEDPACKS.

My child's prescription is for half a pill. Will it be dispensed that way? Yes. The pharmacy can pre-package ½ a pill. Prescriptions will be filled "as written"; therefore it is important that you check that your original prescriptions clearly state the correct dispensing instructions.

What if my child's medications are usually refilled during the summer? Prescriptions with refills will be maintained by the pharmacy and they will be sent before they are due.

Will KIDSMEDPACKS accept my insurance plan? Yes. Our pharmacy accepts most insurance plans. **If the pharmacy does not accept your insurance or is unable to obtain pre-authorization, then KIDSMEDPACKS will notify you.** You will be responsible only for co-payments, deductibles and any over-the-counter requests not covered by insurance.

I have a 90-day prescription plan; will KIDSMEDPACKS be able to fill my child's prescriptions? The pharmacy can only dispense a 30-day supply of medications at a time. If you have a 90-day prescription plan, please do the following: 1. Count the number of days your camper will need medications at home before camp and request only that number of days be filled for home use. 2. Call your insurance plan to notify them that your camper will need medication dispensed by the KIDSMEDPACKS pharmacy and request a "summer/vacation override." This will help to ensure that your camper's medications will be covered by your plan, excluding any co-pay for which you would normally be responsible.

What if I need to fill a prescription for my child before camp starts? You may refill your child's medications anytime before camp, if necessary. In order to help ensure that medications for camp will be covered by your insurance plan, request **only the amount of medication you need at home** before your camper leaves. If it is within 2 weeks of your camper's start date, **you must obtain a vacation override from your insurance plan.** The pharmacy will not bill your insurance until camp begins in order to avoid conflicting with your insurance billing cycle.

How are "as needed" medications packaged? KIDSMEDPACKS will pre-pack "as needed" medications separately from those medications taken daily. Your child will go to the nurse for these medications when he/she needs them and they will be refilled only if necessary. Any unused medications will be sent home at the end of the summer.

What times are medications dispensed at camp? Medications are typically dispensed at meal times and bedtime. Any exceptions MUST be clearly written on the prescription by your doctor and indicated on the Medication Request Form. If a prescription is written "to be given daily" or "1x/day" it will always be dispensed at breakfast.

What if my child takes a controlled medication such as Adderall or Concerta? An **original prescription** must be sent to the pharmacy for all controlled medications. By law, KIDSMEDPACKS' pharmacy cannot accept a verbal order or fax for these medications from your doctor. For campers staying for more than 30 days, you must provide KIDSMEDPACKS with **two** prescriptions. Please provide your physician with the "Letter to Doctor" located on our website which will explain how prescriptions for controlled medications should be provided.

My child takes an over-the-counter multi-vitamin, do I need to use KIDSMEDPACKS? Yes. All multivitamins and nutritional supplements taken daily, prescription or non-prescription, must be dispensed by KIDSMEDPACKS.

What if KIDSMEDPACKS doesn't stock the brand of vitamins my child takes? Our pharmacy carries most vitamins, specialty vitamins and nutritional supplements. Please visit this link at www.KIDSMEDPACKS.com to view the brands we supply. If the pharmacy does not stock a particular brand, please contact us to discuss.

What if my child takes lactaid pills at meals? Lactaid pills *do not* need to be prepackaged with KIDSMEDPACKS. Camps stock this and they are kept in the Dining Hall.

When do I need to register with KIDSMEDPACKS? You must register by the deadline date noted in your camp's letter and on our website under the parent's section. Any information received AFTER our deadline date will delay our ability to process your order on time and will be subject to a late fee

What if my child is placed on a prescription or non-prescription daily medication after the deadline date to register and submit prescriptions has passed? KIDSMEDPACKS will accept late registrations. We understand that late medication changes do occur and KIDSMEDPACKS will be able to process your order. You will be required to send 10 days of medications to camp as back up and a late fee will apply.

Can you fill requests from International and Canadian campers? No. Unfortunately, KIDSMEDPACKS can only accept prescriptions from licensed U.S. doctors. However, we can fill requests for any over-the-counter items such as vitamins, Zyrtec and Claritin. Please contact us at info@KIDSMEDPACKS.com for more information.

How much does KIDSMEDPACKS cost? The registration fee for the entire summer is \$55 per camper. This includes the cost of packaging and shipping all of your child's medications directly to camp.

When will the pharmacy bill me for my camper's medications? Our partner pharmacy, Adler's, will not bill you until camp commences. You may not receive a charge on your credit card until AFTER your camper returns home. Please notify us if your credit card information changes during the summer.

I have a question about KIDSMEDPACKS, whom do I call? Please contact Dr. Debby Tesler at KIDSMEDPACKS at info@KIDSMEDPACKS.com or toll-free at 1-866-585-8746.