# EMD Serono, Inc. Plan to Support Safe Needle Collection and Disposal for Serostim® (somatropin(rDNA origin) for injection)

EMD Serono is committed to meeting the needs of patients and the communities in which they live in. As part of this, we have developed a plan to support the safe collection and disposal of waste devices in support of Senate Bill 486 for the residents of California.

### I. Providing for Effective Safe Needle Collection and Disposal

EMD Serono is working with a third-party organization to support the safe collection and disposal of waste devices. This program developed by EMD Serono will offer California residents who are Serostim® (somatropin(rDNA origin) for injection) patients, the opportunity to participate in a free, Sharps container mail back program. The following items will be sent to California residents on Serostim therapy upon enrollement and request:

- An introduction kit inclusive of 2 collection containers including mail back packaging.
- A replacement container and mail back packaging upon return of any prior filled container

Enrollment into this program is available for residents of California using Serostim and accomplished by calling our patient support services at 800-714-2437. Once enrolled and upon request a free introduction kit inclusive of 2 collection containers and mail back packaging will be provided. Continued replenishment will be offered upon request and return of any prior container.

#### II. Educating Patients

EMD Serono will place information about the sharps disposal ban in California on our company Web site in order to educate patients and the greater community. We will also proactively reach out to patient and professional organizations in the state of California to make them aware of EMD Serono's plan to comply with SB 486. Further, we will encourage patients to call our toll-free patient support service for any questions that they have related to the safe collection and disposal of waste devices. We will communicate to the patient community through our various on-going channels of communication.

#### III. Coordinating with California Organizations

EMD Serono will work with organizations to make them aware of the company's commitment and support of the safe collection and disposal of waste devices. We will proactively reach out to organizations in the state of California to make them aware of EMD Serono's plan.

## IV. Involving Consumers and the Community

As part of our on-going commitment to meeting the needs of patients, EMD Serono will work to obtain feedback on our plan for the collection and disposal of waste devices.

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