

# UPDATE TO SHARPS DISPOSAL

Previously, state law mandated that sharps containers must be shipped for disposal within 90 days of the accumulation start date, even if the container was not full.

**Now**, state law allows for a sharps container to be used until it is  $\frac{3}{4}$  full but no longer than 18 months from the date of first sharps were added to the container (Accumulation start date).

## Sharps Containers **MUST**:

- Be properly disposed of **within 18 months**
- **or**
- Be properly disposed of when  **$\frac{3}{4}$  full if prior to 18 months**
- Be labeled with the accumulation start date (mm/dd/yyyy)

