

## TIPS ON MEDICATION DISPENSERS

Automated Medication Dispensers are available for seniors 60 years of age or older that require assistance with taking their medications. The client will need to have a caregiver that is available to set up and monitor the Medication Dispenser and the client's use of it.

### **The Automated Medication Dispenser:**

- \* Holds 28 doses of dry medication such as pills or capsules
  - 4 Doses a day for 7 days
  - 3 Doses a day for 9 days
  - 2 Doses a day for 14 days
  - 1 Dose a day for 28 days
- \* Alarm in pill dispenser is as easy to set as a digital clock and sounds similar in tone and volume to a beeping microwave. Large ½" L.E.D. displays the time and aids in setting the alarm.
- \* Medication is under lock and key – the dispenser is locked with a key by the caregiver.
- \* Pill compartments are designed to fit adult fingers and “ramped” for easy removal of medication.
- \* Compartment divisions keep medications in place even if the unit is turned upside-down.
- \* The Medication Dispenser should remain plugged into electric power, although there is a 72- hour, rechargeable battery back-up for travel or power failures.

### **We have three different options of dispensers available:**

- \* Basic Dispensers with audible alarm (90dB) only
- \* Dispensers with lower frequency alarm (400 Hz) for those losing high frequency hearing.
- \* Dispensers with alarm and flashing light for the hearing impaired.

The audible alarm can be set up to 4 times a day; the alarm beeps 5 seconds on and 1 second off, continuously until the medication door is slid open. Note: Disabling alarm requires the medication door to be slid open. The programmable alarm sounds from 3 minutes up to 250 minutes, as user selects (3, 30, 45, 60 or 250 minutes).

Only the most recent medication dose is available. The pill tray rotates to the next dose when the next audible alarm sounds. If a client misses a dose, the pill dispenser denies access to the missed dose.

Manufactures instructions are included with each Medication Dispenser.