

# Automated Dispensing Machines

## Issue:

Creating an electronic record of controlled substance access via biometrics (e.g. fingerprints or pictures) — as well as a “blind count” function — can improve controlled substance security in a facility.

## Background:

- Automated dispensing machines provide technological solutions to track controlled substance access and can help facilities track and analyze administration patterns.
- Historically, automated dispensing machines have been a high-cost item that long-term care facilities could not afford.
- The price of automated dispensing machines has decreased, and options exist that may allow long-term care centers to utilize this functionality for both controlled substances and emergency kit functions.

## Advanced Recommendation:

The facility invests in Automated Dispensing Machines with biometrics and “blind counts” for all controlled substance administration.

## Links that may be helpful :

<https://www.capsahealthcare.com/product/nexsysadc-automated-dispensing-cabinet>

<https://www.arxium.com/products/automated-dispensing-cabinets/>

<https://phoenixltc.com/>

[https://www.omnicell.com/us/en\\_us/products/closed-door-pharmacy/non-acute-medication-dispensing](https://www.omnicell.com/us/en_us/products/closed-door-pharmacy/non-acute-medication-dispensing)

\*The Advisory Group has not specified a brand preference for automated dispensing machines. Each home should look at the features and security options available and cross-reference that with their available financial resources to choose the right solution for their clinicians and residents.