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Medication Packaging Divides Doses by Day

Taking medications -- at home or away from home -- may be made easier as pharmacies use automated packaging, a U.S. company says.

Parata Systems in Durham, N.C., offers onePAC, a person's medications divided by day and dosing in a sealed, clear-plastic packet described as arthritic-approved for easy opening.

Customers can request onePAC from a pharmacist. The packaging is filled at the pharmacy, using Parata's automated technology and then verified by the pharmacist.

Tom Rhoads of Parata Systems said in a company statement Thursday that nearly one-quarter of nursing home admissions occur because someone is no longer able to safely and independently follow a medication regimen.

"If you or a loved one have faced the stress of missed doses of an important medication, or struggled to use a pillbox, the peace of mind and ease of onePAC packaging is immediately appealing," Rhoads said.