

Assistive Technology Product/Service Information Form

Candidate's Name: Sam Dowd

Company Name and Product Name(s): MedCenter System by Dynamic-Living.com

Product/service information web site: <http://www.dynamic-living.com/product/med-center-medication-reminder/#clear>

Product/service address and toll free number (if available): 888-940-0605

Product/service format(s) (hardware, software, stand-alone product, etc.): Stand-Alone Product

Product Information Resources: Highlight (or italicize) the resources in the list below you used (at the product/service web site and other resources) to learn about the product/service. (If you're not sure how to highlight on your computer, email your instructor for quick instructions.) Use as many different resources as possible to develop as complete an understanding of the product as possible.

- Print descriptions, brochures, product specification sheets
- Webinar(s)
- Downloaded trial copy and used it
- Participated in a face-to-face demo of the product
- Video tutorial/demo
- Audio tutorial/demo
- Talked/emailed/communicated with a product representative
- Talked/emailed/communicated with a product user
- Other: Online articles and reviews of the product

Product/Service Description

Use each question below to guide your description of the product. Provide as much information as possible. You are contributing to a collection of AT resource information that you and your peers prepare.

1. "Big picture" description of the product/service (2-3 sentences):
MedCenter is a very basic system for remembering to take medicine on time and in the right dose. It is based on a full month's worth of medicine and does not involve any intense electronics or software.
2. Detailed description of the product/service, its purpose, features, what it can do, areas it addresses, limitations, etc. Provide as much in-depth detail as possible here. Be detailed. Feel free to include a picture, if that will help us understand the product. *Do not* just copy/paste product information from the product web site/materials. Read/study and synthesize. You may use an occasional quotation, if necessary.



The key here is in the word “system”. The product by itself doesn’t really do much. But when a patient is able to put the colors, timed reminders, and the overall setup together, it can be very effective. The product involves one tray of medicine for every day of the month. Each tray has a slot for morning, noon, evening, and night time medicines. The trays are filled up a month at a time and sit in a stacked stand where they are arranged by day of the month. Each tray is numbered on both ends. One end in red, the other in green. Upcoming days are in green, while days that have

passed are flipped over once empty and shown in red. There is a spot at the front of the product to put the tray for that particular day. There is also a digital calendar/clock that has 4 daily alarms corresponding to the slots in the trays. The device alerts the user visually on the calendar, verbally by announcing that it is time to take the medicine, and also by setting of an alarm. The device even has extra loud volume levels for people with hearing loss. By using colors, the clock/calendar, and a repeatable process, the MedCenter encourages medication adherence and does so very easily with minimal electronic gadgetry.

3. What prerequisite skills does a person need in order to use the product/service?
None.
4. If the product is used in conjunction with a computer, are Windows and Mac versions available? Are versions for smart phones and other mobile devices available (e.g. Blackberry, iPhone, Android, iPad, other tablets, etc.)? If versions are available for different devices, are they essentially the same?
N/A
5. What qualifications or eligibility criteria, if any, does an individual need to meet in order to obtain the product/service (e.g. disability, age/grade level)? What documentation is required if there are eligibility criteria?
None.
6. What does the product/service cost? Include information about different options’ costs, if available.
The MedCenter System is \$59 plus the cost of batteries.
7. Other important information:

Reflection: Your thoughts, comments and lingering questions about this product/service:

The MedCenter is a very interesting spin on the medication adherence idea. While most products try to go for the high-tech and really complex systems, this product provides a pretty sufficient system without any of that. I think that what’s great about the product is the color coding. It makes following the steps really easily. The product also makes it very easy to get into a routine of taking medicine. One thing that I thought was odd is

that the trays are in rows of 8. It would be a little more intuitive if they were in rows of 7 simulating the days of the week. This could cause some confusion for users.