FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

OVERDOSE PREVENTION PROGRAM

NON-PATIENT SPECIFIC STANDING ORDER

FDA approved emergency opioid antagonist medications and products are to be used as indicated for the reversal of opioid overdose. Individuals experiencing an opioid overdose may be unresponsive and experiencing respiratory arrest or respiratory depression. Do not administer FDA approved emergency opioid antagonist medications or products to someone who is awake/responsive. It is contraindicated in patients known to be hypersensitive to determined product. FDA approved emergency opioid antagonist medications and products are not a substitute for emergency medical care. FDA approved emergency opioid antagonist medications or products only last for a product specific time. After administration, a person may return to respiratory depression or respiratory arrest once the medication or product wears off – always get help immediately. The use of FDA approved emergency opioid antagonist medications or products may result in symptoms of acute opioid withdrawal. This non-patient specific standing order (referred to as "standing order") will be reviewed carefully against the most current recommendations and may be revised by the authorized prescriber. This standing order, in compliance with section 381.887, Florida Statutes.

1. This standing order authorizes all regional and headquarter office, employees, and volunteers, of the Department of Children and Families, to possess, store, and administer, FDA approved emergency opioid antagonist medications and products, and distribute directly to people who use drugs, people with a history of drug use, and friends, family, and others at risk of witnessing or experiencing an overdose.

2. Prior to distributing FDA approved emergency opioid antagonist medications or products, employees, and volunteers of the Florida Department of Children and Families, will offer education to individuals on the proper use of the medication. FDA approved emergency opioid antagonist medications or products have instructions printed on the box and a Quick Start Guide in each kit. Education and instructions include:

    - Signs/symptoms of opioid overdose.
    - Assessment with sternal rub.
    - Administer FDA approved emergency opioid antagonist medications or products and call 911.
    - FDA approved emergency opioid antagonist medications or products onset and duration vary depending on product.

- Additional education or training can be offered, but is not required, and should not act as a barrier to someone receiving emergency opioid antagonist medications or products.

3. Maintenance of supplies: FDA approved emergency opioid antagonist medications or products will be stored according to the manufacturer recommended storage parameters.

Persons to receive FDA approved emergency opioid antagonist medications or products.

The following people are authorized to receive free FDA approved emergency opioid antagonist medications or products under this standing order:

- People who use drugs, especially people who use heroin or fentanyl.
- People who have previously experienced a drug overdose, especially people who experienced a heroin, fentanyl, or other opioid-related overdose.
- People entering, enrolled, or being discharged from substance use disorder treatment services, including detoxification, inpatient, residential, outpatient, abstinence-based treatment programs, or aftercare.
- People entering, enrolled, or being discharged from methadone, buprenorphine/suboxone, and naltrexone/Vivitrol programs.
- People on a waitlist or call-back list to receive substance use treatment services, especially those seeking treatment for opioid use disorder.
- People with a history of opioid or other drug use who are currently abstaining from drugs.
- People receiving recovery support services.
- People who inject drugs.
- People participating in a syringe exchange program.
- People currently experiencing homelessness / people without stable housing.
- People re-entering the community from jail or prison.
- People with a prescription for opioid pain medication.
- Family members, friends, or others who know someone at risk of opioid overdose and are likely to witness an opioid overdose.
- Others likely to experience or witness an opioid overdose.

Order to Distribute.

Distribute free FDA approved emergency opioid antagonist medications or products directly to any of the groups mentioned above. People who are actively using drugs should be offered a minimum of FDA approved emergency opioid antagonist medications or products (with the option to request more or take less) so they can provide kits to their friends that may use drugs/are at risk of overdose.

FDA approved emergency opioid antagonist medications or products should include at a minimum:

- Two kits (or four devices) of FDA approved emergency opioid antagonist medications or products.
- Instructions on how to use the product provided.

Directions for Administration.

Administer FDA approved emergency opioid antagonist medications or products to a person believed to be experiencing an opioid overdose with respiratory depression or unresponsiveness as follows:

1. Activate emergency medical services / call 911.
2. Administer product according to manufacturer instructions.
3. If indicated, initiate rescue breathing.
4. Continue initiate basic life support according to American Red Cross and monitor respiration and responsiveness of FDA approved emergency opioid antagonist medications or products recipient.
5. If no response after 2-3 minutes, administer the second dose of FDA approved emergency opioid antagonist medications or product.

When emergency medical services arrive, inform personnel of the product and number of doses that have been administered to the individual.

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