

OPIOID OVERDOSE PREVENTION

I. Statement of Intent

The Board of Education recognizes that opioid addiction has caused an increase in opioid-related deaths in New York State. Schools are now authorized to provide and maintain opioid antagonists (naloxone) on-site for use by appropriately trained staff where any student or staff member is suspected of having an opioid overdose. The Board believes that being prepared for potential opioid overdose may save lives and therefore authorizes and directs that Questar III register with the NYS Department of Health (NYSDOH) as a Registered Opioid Overdose Prevention Program.¹

II. NYSDOH Registered Opioid Prevention Program (Program)

- A. The Board designates the school physician/medical director to be the Clinical Director of the Program. The Clinical Director is authorized to issue non-patient specific orders for the administration of naloxone (also known as Narcan, among other brand names) in the event of suspected opioid overdose by student or staff member. The non-patient specific order shall include a written protocol containing the elements required by the regulations of the Commissioner of Education.² The Clinical Director will also carry out responsibilities for Medical Directors required by the Program.
- B. The Board designates the School Nurse Teacher Practitioner to be the Program Director. The Program Director will ensure that appropriate policies and procedures are in place for administering the Program; serve as the contact with the Clinical Director; coordinate training for responders; order and dispense or provide shared access to naloxone kits to trained responders; oversee maintenance of records as required for the Program; monitor inventory of naloxone kits; and carry out other requirements for the Program Director required by the Program. The Program Director may obtain assistance as necessary or desirable from the Director of Health and Safety.
- C. The Board permits the administration of naloxone pursuant to the non-patient specific order to any student or staff at school or a school event who is displaying symptoms of an opioid overdose or is suspected of having an opioid overdose by a regularly employed registered professional nurse, a regularly employed

¹ Registering as an Opioid Overdose Prevention Program with NYSDOH is “option 1” on the “Administration of Naloxone in School Settings Option Chart” found at <https://www.schoolhealthny.com/cms/lib/NY01832015/Centricity/Domain/85/OpioidFlowChart2016.pdf>

² See <http://www.op.nysed.gov/prof/nurse/part64.html>

licensed practical nurse operating at the on-site direction of a registered professional nurse, or a school employee acting as a volunteer, provided such nurses or volunteers are trained by NYSDOH-approved training programs in accordance with Public Health Law and regulations. Registered nurses may administer either intranasal naloxone or intramuscular naloxone. All others may administer intranasal naloxone only. Certificates of training will be maintained by the Program Director and/or the Director of Health and Safety.

- D. Registered Programs may receive naloxone overdose kits for free through the NYSDOH. Naloxone kits will be maintained in designated Questar III buildings or sites and should be stored in secure but accessible locations in accordance with the building emergency response plans.
- E. The Program Director and Clinical Director must be notified of all administrations of naloxone as soon as practicable. The Clinical Director and the Program Director will report instances when naloxone is administered as may be required by NYSDOH.
- F. Any administration of naloxone will be documented in accordance with this Policy, Registered Program requirements, and, where applicable, Questar III protocols for nursing medications documentation.

III. Emergency Responders

Local emergency responders will be contacted immediately in the event any student, staff member, or visitor displays symptoms of an opioid overdose.

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References:

Education Law, sections 922; 6527; 3023 6509-d; 6909

8 NYCRR 64.7(e)

Public Health Law, section 3309

10 NYCRR 80.138

Guidance for Implementing Opioid Overdose Prevention Measures in Schools, New York State Education Department, 12/ 2016

https://www.schoolhealthny.com/cms/lib/NY01832015/Centricity/Domain/85/OpioidGuidance12_29_16.pdf

Opioid Overdose Prevention: Guidelines for Policies and Procedures, New York State Department of Health, March 2014,

www.health.ny.gov/diseases/aids/general/opioid_overdose_prevention/docs/policies_and_procedures.pdf

Nursing Practices and Alerts

<http://www.op.nysed.gov/prof/nurse/nonpatient-specific-orders-and-protocols.htm>

Administration of Naloxone in School Settings

<https://www.schoolhealthny.com/cms/lib/NY01832015/Centricity/Domain/85/OpioidFlowChart2016.pdf>