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Authority

As a means of enhancing the health and safety of its students, staff and visitors, the school may obtain, maintain and administer doses of an opioid antagonist and other facilities, specifically Naloxone, for emergency use to assist a student, staff member or other individual believed or suspected to be experiencing an opioid overdose.^{[1][2]}

Definitions

Drug overdose - shall mean an acute medical condition, including, but not limited to, severe physical illness, coma, mania, hysteria or death, which is the result of consumption or use of one or more controlled substances causing an adverse reaction. An individual's condition may be deemed to be a drug overdose if a prudent person, possessing an average knowledge of medicine and health, would reasonably believe that the condition is in fact a drug overdose and requires immediate medical attention.^[1]

Naloxone - shall mean a medication that can reverse an overdose caused by an opioid drug. As a narcotic antagonist, Naloxone displaces opiates from receptor sites in the brain and reverses respiratory depression that usually is the cause of overdose deaths.

Opioid - shall mean illegal drugs such as heroin, as well as prescription medications used to treat pain such as morphine, codeine, methadone, oxycodone, hydrocodone, fentanyl, hydromorphone, and buprenorphine.

Delegation of Responsibility

The Director or designee, in consultation with the ~~Joint Operating Committee~~ **Student Health Coordinator and the school physician**, shall establish appropriate internal procedures for the ~~acquisition, stocking and~~ administration of Naloxone and related emergency response procedures pursuant to this policy. The School Resource Officer (SRO) contracted through Erie County Sheriffs Department shall be responsible for the administration of Naloxone.

~~The school physician shall be the prescribing and supervising medical professional for the school's stocking and use of Naloxone. The Director or designee shall obtain a standing order from the school physician for administration of Naloxone.~~

~~The supplemental school nurse, under the supervision of the Student Health Coordinator, shall be responsible for building-level administration of Naloxone and management of Naloxone stocks.~~

Guidelines

~~The Student Health Coordinator, in conjunction with the supplemental school nurse,~~ The director or his designee shall develop a plan for annually informing all parents/guardians, students and staff about this policy and specifically:

1. The availability of Naloxone to treat opioid drug overdoses and what it does;
2. The symptoms of opioid drug overdoses;
3. How students and staff should report suspected overdoses;
4. The protection from criminal prosecution provided by law for persons who report a suspected overdose using their real name and remain with the overdosing person until emergency medical services (EMS) or law enforcement arrive, as well as for the person whose overdose they report; and^{[1][2]}
5. The protection from civil liability provided by law for persons who report overdoses or administer Naloxone in overdose emergencies.^{[1][2]}

Standing Order From the School Physician

~~The school physician shall provide and annually renew a standing order for administration of Naloxone to students, staff members or other individuals believed or suspected to be experiencing an opioid overdose.~~

~~The standing order shall include at least the following information:~~

1. ~~Type of Naloxone (intranasal and auto-injector);~~
2. ~~Date of issue;~~
3. ~~Dosage;~~
4. ~~Signature of the school physician;~~

~~The standing order shall be maintained in the Director's office, and copies of the standing order shall be kept in each location where Naloxone is stored.~~

Training

~~Before any employee may have custody of Naloxone or administer Naloxone under this policy, the employee must successfully complete an online Pennsylvania Department of Health training program about recognizing opioid-related overdoses, administering Naloxone and promptly seeking medical attention for drug overdoses. Evidence that such training has been completed shall be placed in the employee's personnel file.^{[2][3]}~~

~~A list of employees who successfully complete such training shall be maintained, updated and kept in the supplemental school nurse's office and the administration office.~~

Acquisition, Storage and Disposal

~~Naloxone shall be safely stored in the supplemental school nurse's office or other location designated by the Student Health Coordinator in accordance with the drug manufacturer's instructions.~~

~~Naloxone shall be made readily accessible to those employees who have completed the required training to administer it in the event of a suspected drug overdose. All properly trained employees shall be informed of the exact location where Naloxone is being stored within the school nurse's office or other location.~~

~~The supplemental school nurse shall obtain sufficient supplies of Naloxone pursuant to the standing order in the same manner as other medical supplies acquired for the school health program. The supplemental school nurse or designee shall regularly inventory and refresh Naloxone stocks, and maintain records thereof, in accordance with the established internal procedures, manufacturer recommendations and Department of Health Guidelines.~~

Administration of Naloxone

When responding to a suspected drug overdose, employees shall follow the steps outlined below:

1. Call for medical help immediately (Dial 9-1-1).
2. Check for signs of opioid overdose.
3. Perform initial rescue breathing (or CPR if needed), as instructed in training.
4. ~~Administer Naloxone, as instructed in training.~~ Naloxone administered by SRO only.
5. Continue rescue breathing (or CPR if needed), as instructed in training.
6. ~~Administer second dose of Naloxone if needed, as instructed in training.~~ Second dose of Naloxone administered by SRO only.
7. Place in recovery position, as instructed in training.
8. Stay with the individual until emergency medical help arrives.
9. Cooperate with EMS personnel responding to the incident.
10. Notify the building administrator or designee of the incident.

Referral to Law Enforcement and Parental Notification

The Director or designee shall immediately report incidents involving the use of controlled substances on school property, at any school-sponsored activity or on a conveyance providing transportation to or from a school or school-sponsored activity, to the local police department that has jurisdiction over the school's property, in accordance with state law and regulations, the procedures set forth in the memorandum of understanding with local law enforcement and Joint Operating Committee policies. [\[4\]](#)[\[5\]](#)[\[6\]](#)[\[7\]](#)[\[8\]](#)[\[9\]](#)[\[10\]](#)

The Director or designee shall notify the parent/guardian of any student directly involved in an incident involving use of controlled substances immediately, as soon as practicable. The Director or designee shall inform the parent/guardian whether or not the local police department that has jurisdiction over the school property has been or may be notified of the incident. The Director or designee shall document attempts made to reach the parent/guardian. [\[4\]](#)[\[9\]](#)[\[10\]](#)[\[11\]](#)

Referral to Student Assistance Program

Any student who experiences a drug overdose shall be referred to the school's Student Assistance Program. [\[12\]](#)

Indemnification

The school shall indemnify and hold harmless any employee who administers Naloxone in good faith to another individual experiencing a suspected drug overdose, if all of these conditions apply: [\[2\]](#)[\[13\]](#)[\[14\]](#)

1. The employee did not act with the intent to harm or with reckless indifference to a substantial risk or harm in administering Naloxone to that individual.
2. The employee successfully completed the training contemplated by this policy.
3. The employee promptly sought additional medical assistance before or immediately after administering Naloxone.
4. The employee is administering Naloxone pursuant to this policy.

1. 35 P.S. 780-113.7
2. 35 P.S. 780-113.8
3. Pol. 324
4. 22 PA Code 10.2
5. 22 PA Code 10.21
6. 22 PA Code 10.22
7. 24 P.S. 1302.1-A
8. 24 P.S. 1303-A
9. Pol. 227
10. Pol. 805.1
11. 22 PA Code 10.25
12. Pol. 236
13. 42 Pa. C.S.A. 8547
14. 42 Pa. C.S.A. 8548
15. Pol. 916