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[DRAFTING NOTE: This policy is only necessary if the Board has chosen to stock opioid antagonists at po5330 - Use of Medication.]

5331 - ADMINISTRATION OF OPIOID ANTAGONISTS

The schools located within this ~~District County~~ District may possess and maintain at the school a supply of opioid antagonists for use in emergency medical care or treatment for an adverse opioid event. Opioid antagonists maintained in the schools shall be in a secure location ~~which~~ that is only accessible by the individuals authorized to administer the opioid antagonist.

Naloxone training and stocking protocols shall be allowed under a written standing order from the State Health Officer. Certified RNs shall receive Naloxone training either in person or through online education with the State Health Officer or an appointed entity by the State Health Office. Educational materials and training will be provided to the certified school RN, other licensed nurses, and school employees working in the opiate-related overdose prevention and treatment programs, as well as materials on administering the prescribed opioid antagonist. Certified School RNs will complete and submit the DHHR Prescription Drug Overdose (PDO)/State Targeted Response (STR) Grants Naloxone Distribution training form to the appropriate agency upon completion of training.

A certified school RN, other licensed RNs and LPNs working in the school, and nonmedical school personnel as defined in WV Code 18-5-22 who have been trained and deemed competent by the certified school RN in the administration of an opioid antagonist and who have been designated and authorized by the certified school RN are authorized individuals that may administer the opioid antagonist to prevent deaths in circumstances involving individuals who have overdosed on opiates. An opioid antagonist may be administered to a student, school employee, or to any person on school property during regular school hours, at a school function, at an event on school property when the authorized and designated nonmedical school personnel ~~reasonable~~ reasonably believes, based upon their training, that the individual is experiencing an adverse opioid event.

All licensed prescribers who prescribe an opioid antagonist to a school or ~~District County~~ District shall provide educational materials to the certified school RN, other licensed nurses, and school employee working in the opiate-related overdose prevention and treatment programs, as well as materials on administering the prescribed opioid antagonist.

If an opioid antagonist has been administered to a student, immediately following the administration, the school shall provide notice to the parent/guardian of the student who received the opioid antagonist.

The ~~District County~~ District must follow the protocols/standards set forth by West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources.

Any certified school RN, other licensed nurses, and designated and trained school personnel who administers an opioid antagonist as provided in this policy and in WV Code 18-5-22d is immune from liability for any civil action arising out of an act or omission resulting from the administration of the opioid antagonist unless the act or omission was the result of the school nurse or trained and authorized nonmedical school personnel's gross negligence or willful misconduct.

Prior notice to the parents of a student of the administration of the opioid antagonist is not required.

A certified school RN, other licensed nurses, and designated trained nonmedical school personnel working in the school who administers an opioid antagonist to a person whom s/he believes to be suffering from an opioid-related overdose shall require the person who has received the administration of the opioid antagonist to seek additional medical treatment at a medical facility to avoid further complications as a result of suspected opioid-related overdose.

A comprehensive notice to the parents of a student who was administered a school maintained opioid antagonist is required and shall include who administered the opioid antagonist, the rationale for administering the antagonist, the approximate time of the administration of the opioid antagonist and any other necessary elements to make the student's parent/guardian fully aware of the circumstances surrounding the administration of the antagonist.

All schools are required to report each reaction resulting in the administration of opioid antagonists injections in the ~~District County~~ District. Public schools also must report other medication errors. The incident will be reported to the West Virginia Poison Center by calling 800-222-1222 after emergency medical services have transported the student, staff member, or other person to acute care. The notification should include:

- A. the name of the student/staff member;
- B. the student's/staff member's age and gender;
- C. date and the approximate time the incident occurred;
- D. symptoms observed;
- E. who administered the injection;
- F. the name of the school the student attends;
- G. a contact telephone number;
- H. the rationale for administering the injection;
- I. the response to the opioid antagonists administration;
- J. the dose of opioid antagonists administered; and
- K. any other necessary elements to provide a complete report for the individual situation.

West Virginia Board of Education policy 2422.7

WV Code 16-46-1 through 6, 18-5-22d

WV Department of Health and Human Resources Naloxone Guide for School Nurses

WV Statewide Standing Order for Distribution of Naloxone by Eligible Recipient Organizations for Opioid Overdose Prevention

Cross Reference

po5330 - Use of Medications

Legal

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po5530 - SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION

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