Delivery of Naloxone by Terminal Distributors of Dangerous Drugs

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The Board hereby permits a terminal distributor of dangerous drugs (TDDD) that is authorized to personally furnish naloxone pursuant to section 4731.941 of the Revised Code to deliver the drug to an individual requesting the naloxone if the TDDD meets the following:

(1) The TDDD has established a process to ensure compliance with the training and education requirements pursuant to section 4731.941 of the Revised Code and such a process is included as part of the physician-approved protocol.

(2) The naloxone is delivered to the patient by means of an authorized employee of the TDDD (i.e. authorized in protocol), United States Postal Service or common or contract carrier.

(3) Except as provided for in paragraph (4) of this resolution, naloxone that is delivered to a patient may not be returned to stock.

(4) If naloxone is returned by an authorized employee (i.e. has not left the possession of the employee) or is returned in original packaging (i.e. return to sender) by the United States Postal Service or common or contract carrier, it may only be returned to stock if the naloxone meets either of the following prior to initially leaving the TDDD:
   (a) The naloxone is personally furnished in a tamper evident container or package prior to leaving the TDDD; or
   (b) The naloxone is personally furnished in the manufacturer's original tamper evident packaging.

(5) Naloxone that is personally furnished and shows any signs of tampering or adulteration shall not be returned to stock.

(6) The drug is properly labeled in accordance with rule 4729-5-17 of the Administrative Code.

(7) Unless the patient is unavailable, patient counseling shall be conducted by telephone.

(8) Documentation shall be provided with the naloxone that includes a telephone number where an authorized TDDD employee or physician may be contacted regarding the medication’s use. It shall include the hours an authorized TDDD employee or physician is available. The telephone service must be available at no cost to the TDDD’s primary patient population.

(9) All required records are maintained in accordance with rule 4729-9-22 of the Administrative Code.