



Regulatory Statement – Personally Furnishing Naloxone

The following resolution was adopted on March 1, 2016 by the State of Ohio Board of Pharmacy. The resolution does the following:

- Clarifies the responsibilities of an individual who personally furnishes naloxone under a physician’s protocol.
- Permits individuals who are authorized to personally furnish naloxone under a physician’s protocol to personally furnish the drug to themselves in the event of an emergency. This addresses a concern raised by a number of entities (community correction facilities, homeless shelters, schools etc.) that wanted to have naloxone on-site but could not afford the cost of equipping all staff. The resolution allows entities licensed as terminal distributors of dangerous drugs to keep doses of naloxone on-site for use by appropriately trained staff in the event of an overdose emergency. For more information, please review the resolution language below.

Resolution Language:

Authorized individuals personally furnishing naloxone on behalf of a physician pursuant to a protocol established in accordance with section 4731.941 of the Revised Code, are authorized to conduct all of the following:

- (1) Prepare, package and appropriately label the naloxone.
- (2) Conduct the final check of the naloxone prior to personally furnishing on behalf of the prescriber.
- (3) Keep and maintain all records in accordance with rule 4729-9-22 of the Administrative Code.
- (4) Conduct patient counseling, including training on the use of naloxone, as specified in the physician protocol.

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Revised Code may personally furnish the drug to themselves in order to assist an individual who there is reason to believe is experiencing an opioid-related overdose if all of the following conditions are met:

(1) The authorized individual complies with the protocol established by the authorizing physician, including having completed the training required by the protocol.

(2) The authorized individual has received training instructing them to summon emergency services as soon as practicable either before or after administering naloxone.

(3) Such practice is authorized in the physician approved protocol.

(4) Authorized individuals personally furnishing naloxone to themselves shall not be required to conduct the following prior to personally furnishing the drug [i.e. using the drug in the event of an overdose]:

(a) Prepare, package and appropriately label the naloxone.

(b) Conduct the final check of the naloxone prior to personally furnishing on behalf of the prescriber.

(c) Conduct patient counseling, including training on the use of naloxone, as specified in the physician protocol.

(PLEASE NOTE: Individuals personally furnishing naloxone to themselves are still responsible for maintaining proper records. However, such activity should be conducted following the administration of the drug.)