

Mission:

To protect, promote & improve the health of all people in Florida through integrated state, county & community efforts.



Rick Scott
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Vision: To be the Healthiest State in the Nation

**STATE OF FLORIDA
AMENDED
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
DECLARATION OF PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY
AND STATEWIDE STANDING ORDER FOR NALOXONE**

WHEREAS, on May 3, 2017, Governor Rick Scott declared that the opioid epidemic threatens the State of Florida with an emergency, and that as a consequence of this danger a state of emergency exists in the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has declared a national opioid epidemic which poses a severe threat to the State of Florida and requires that measures are taken to protect the communities and the general welfare of this State; and

WHEREAS, in 2015, opioids were responsible for nearly 3,900 deaths in Florida; and

WHEREAS, opioid abuse has required additional resources from local first responders such as law enforcement, firefighters, and emergency medical services; and

WHEREAS, in 2016, Florida enacted the “Emergency Treatment and Recovery Act” which authorized health care practitioners to prescribe and dispense opioid antagonists to patients, caregivers and first responders pursuant to a non-patient-specific standing order for the emergency treatment of known or suspected opioid overdoses occurring when a health care practitioner is not available; and

WHEREAS, pharmacists are authorized to dispense an appropriately labeled opioid antagonist based on a non-patient-specific standing order for an autoinjection delivery system or intranasal application delivery system, which must be appropriately labeled with instructions for use; and

WHEREAS, the Act authorizes emergency responders, including but not limited to, law enforcement officers, paramedics and emergency medical technicians, to possess, store and administer emergency opioid antagonists as clinically indicated; and

WHEREAS, immunity from civil liability is provided under section 768.13, Florida Statutes, the Good Samaritan Act, to any person, including health care practitioners and emergency responders, who possess, administer or store an approved opioid antagonist in accordance with the Act. A health care practitioner acting in good faith and exercising reasonable care is not subject to discipline under the applicable professional licensure statute and is also immune from civil or criminal liability for prescribing or dispensing an opioid antagonist in accordance with the Act.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Celeste Philip, MD, MPH, Surgeon General of Florida and State Health Officer, by virtue of Executive Order Number 17-146 issued by Governor Rick Scott and the authority vested in me by section 381.00315, Florida Statutes, do hereby declare the following:

Section 1: A Public Health Emergency is declared statewide.

Section 2: As directed by Executive Order Number 17-146, the following Florida standing order for Naloxone is issued.

Naloxone Standing Order

This order authorizes pharmacists who maintain a current active license practicing in a pharmacy located in Florida that maintains a current active pharmacy permit to dispense one of the following naloxone formulations to emergency responders for administration to persons exhibiting signs of opioid overdose. Emergency responders include law enforcement officers, firefighters, paramedics and emergency medical technicians.

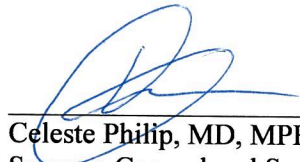
The pharmacy must maintain a copy of the naloxone Standing Order if dispensing naloxone pursuant to the order.

Incorporated in this Naloxone Standing Order is the expectation that the SAMHSA Opioid Overdose Prevention Toolkit Five Essential Steps for First Responders be followed.

Approved Options for Intranasal or Auto-Injector Administration:

Intranasal	Auto-Injector	Intranasal
Naloxone 2mg/2ml prefilled syringe, # 2 syringes SIG: Spray one-half of the syringe into each nostril upon signs of opioid overdose. Call 911. May repeat x 1. Mucosal Atomization Device (MAD) # 2 SIG: Use as directed for naloxone administration. Kit must contain 2 prefilled syringes and 2 atomizers and instructions for administration.	Naloxone 0.4 mg/0.4 ml <u>or</u> Naloxone 0.2mg/0.2 ml #1 twin pack SIG: Use one auto-injector upon signs of opioid overdose. Call 911. May repeat x 1. No kit is required. Product is commercially available.	Narcan Nasal Spray 4mg, #2 SIG: Administer a single spray intranasally into one nostril. Call 911. Administer additional doses using a new nasal spray with each dose, if patient does not respond or responds and then relapses into respiratory depression. Additional doses may be given every 2 to 3 minutes until emergency medical assistance arrives. No kit is required. Product is commercially available.

Executed this 3rd day of May, 2017, in Department of Health Offices, Tallahassee, Leon County, Florida.


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