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Re: Leave Behind Naloxone Program for Overdose Treatment

Distribution: All EMS Providers, REMO Physicians

Effective Date: 11/27/2019

This program allows EMS agencies who have signed up to participate in naloxone distribution to allow providers to leave behind a naloxone overdose treatment kit when in a situation where they believe opioids may be used. Regional Community Naloxone Distribution Programs may also work with their local EMS agencies on this intervention after advising REMO of their intention. REMO and the Albany Medical Center, Department of Emergency Medicine and its affiliated agencies have these programs and will assist in the creation of leave behind naloxone programs. The NYS DOH Community Naloxone Distribution Programs will supply the naloxone without cost to the agencies participating.

This program authorizes EMS agencies who have either responded to an individual experiencing an opioid-related overdose (At-Risk Person), or someone they believe may be otherwise at risk of opioid overdose, to leave behind an Overdose Response Kit. Kit will be left with either the At-Risk Person or with family members, friends, or other persons who are in a position to assist the At-Risk Person. The naloxone distribution must be done with brief “just in time” training of the indications and use of the naloxone including use of the company video training. The only naloxone to be issued through this program will be the single step 4mg in 0.1mg nasal formulation.

Agencies will maintain kits to distribute to At-Risk Persons, family, friends, or other person who are in the position to assist the At-Risk Person. EMS will provide instruction on use, a standardized handout and will stress that persons MUST call 911 in addition to administering naloxone.

The use of Overdose Response Kits has been proven to decrease patient mortality and morbidity in our community by reducing the “down-time” of overdose patients, decreasing rates of hospitalization, as well as the incidence of costly long-term care related to anoxic brain injury.

It is important to keep in mind that the distribution of the Overdose Response Kit is not the solution to the overdose crisis, but it serves as a mechanism to begin the conversation of access to care, treatment, and recovery. To that end, it is important to professionally convey that treatment and recovery services are available through the contact information found in the kit.

Provider training: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G6cUmY\\_HQhU](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G6cUmY_HQhU)

## Leave Behind Naloxone Procedure

After patient care is complete, while on the scene with the patient or bystanders, EMS providers may offer an Overdose Response Kit that contains two doses of nasal naloxone and information to seek recovery help and social services.

### BACKGROUND

- NYS Public Health Law Section 3309(2) allows registered programs to train community members (lay responders), other para professionals, professionals, clients or patients and their families on how to recognize, respond to overdose and to distribute Naloxone.
- Training provided by an authorized Opioid Overdose Prevention Program shall not constitute the unlawful practice of a professional or other violation under title eight of the education law or article 33 of the public health law.
- Agencies must send an email requesting participation in the Leave Behind Naloxone program to [leaveNaloxone@remo-ems.com](mailto:leaveNaloxone@remo-ems.com) and they will be added to the AMC or the REMO registered programs
- Agencies may register as Opioid Overdose Prevention Program independently, but must still please notify REMO of their intent to participate in a leave behind program

[https://www.health.ny.gov/diseases/aids/general/opioid\\_overdose\\_prevention/become\\_a\\_program.htm](https://www.health.ny.gov/diseases/aids/general/opioid_overdose_prevention/become_a_program.htm)

### TRAINING and CREDENTIALING

- EMS providers must view the “Leave Behind Naloxone” training on the REMO website prior to participating. [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G6cUmY\\_HQhU](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G6cUmY_HQhU)
- Agencies must maintain a list of their credentialed members

### DISTRIBUTION

- If naloxone was used prior to EMS arrival, an Overdose Response Kit can be given to resupply the patient.
- The Overdose Response Kits may be carried in any participating agency vehicle.
- These Kits should not be used during EMS treatment of suspected opioid overdose unless absolutely necessary.
- If patient chooses to RMA/AMA, the Overdose Response Kit can be given to the patient and/or an involved bystander.

### DOCUMENTATION

- This is a key to the success of the program - we must be able to track the number of doses that are distributed by EMS.
  - In EMS Charts, on Page 8 “Activity Log”, select “Narcan” and for “Route Administered” enter “Left Behind - Not Administered”
  - In the line in the Activity Log or in the narrative, note who received the Overdose Response Kit (e.g. patient, spouse, friend, etc.)
- In any other electronic documentation program please use the appropriate medication administration record and mode of delivery.

Training for public: <https://www.narcan.com/patients/how-to-use-narcan/>