Emergency Use of Naloxone (Narcan)/ Overdose Reversal Drugs

1. **General Statement**
   The emergency use of opioid overdose reversal medication in the school setting is intended to address the immediate health needs of students and staff to reduce the risk of serious injury or death from an opioid overdose.

2. **Purpose**

   The purpose of this policy is to authorize the possession, storage, and emergency administration of overdose reversal drugs, including naloxone (Narcan), in school buildings to respond to suspected opioid overdoses and to protect the health and safety of students, and staff.

3. **Definitions**

   For purposes of this policy, an "overdose reversal drug" has the same meaning as in ORC 4729.01 and includes: Naloxone; and Any other drug approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration for the reversal of a known or suspected opioid-related overdose and designated by the Ohio Board of Pharmacy under ORC Chapter 119.

4. **Emergency Authorization Forms**

   Emergency forms must be completed by parents at the beginning of each school year or upon entrance to the District. These forms should inform parents of the District's policy regarding emergency use of Naloxone.

5. **Procurement and Supply of Naloxone**

   Each school shall comply with ORC 3715.50(C)(1) and shall ensure the following:

   Training and Instructions at Point of Access
   Any individual who accesses the overdose reversal drug supply shall be provided instructions on emergency administration of the drug, including a clear instruction to summon emergency medical services (EMS) as appropriate.

   Replacement of Supply
   The District shall establish a process to replace any overdose reversal drug that is accessed or used within a reasonable time period. Nurse /Health Aide will complete monthly checks on stock medication.

   Proper Storage
   Overdose reversal drugs shall be stored in accordance with manufacturer or distributor instructions.

   Quantity of Supply
   Each school shall maintain (2 boxes) an adequate supply of overdose reversal drugs as

determined by the Superintendent or designee based on building size, staffing, and risk assessment.

Secure and Accessible Storage

Each school's supply shall be stored in a secure location that is easily accessible to trained school employees.

6. **Training for Overdose Reversal Drugs**

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that designated employees, who may access or administer overdose reversal drugs complete training that includes:

- Recognition of opioid overdose symptoms
- Proper storage and maintenance of overdose reversal drugs
- Emergency administration procedures
- Requirement to contact EMS immediately
- Documentation procedures following administration

Training shall comply with applicable Ohio Department of Health, Ohio Board of Pharmacy, and other state guidance.

7. **Emergency Administration**

A trained employee may administer an overdose reversal drug to any student, or staff member, in good faith, believes the individual is experiencing an opioid overdose.

8. **Parental Notification and EMS Notification**

Emergency Medical Services (EMS) shall be contacted immediately in all suspected overdose situations involving administration of an overdose reversal drug.

The parent or guardian of a student shall be notified as soon as practicable after administration of an overdose reversal drug.

9. **Immunity**

Employees and other individuals authorized to administer overdose reversal drugs shall be immune from civil liability and professional disciplinary action for actions taken in good faith in accordance with Ohio law, including ORC 3715.50(C), except in cases of willful or wanton misconduct.

10. **Documentation and Reporting**

Immediate Reporting

As soon as practicable after administration of an overdose reversal drug in an emergency, the Superintendent shall report the incident to:

- The Board of Education; and
- The parent or guardian of the student to whom the drug was administered (if applicable)

- Post event review with staff involved in drug administration and action

Annual Reporting

The Superintendent shall annually report the District's use of overdose reversal drugs in emergency situations to the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce.

11. **Persistent Pattern Notification**

If the Superintendent determines that a persistent pattern of overdoses has emerged within the District, the Superintendent shall notify the parent or guardian of each student enrolled in the District.

12. **Emergency Use Only**

The use of Naloxone/Overdose Reversal Drugs are for emergency purposes only. This policy does not modify other Board policies regarding the administration of medication to students.

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Legal Refs:

ORC
3313.7110 — School possession and use of naloxone
3313.7113 — School employee immunity related to naloxone
3313.7119 – Reporting requirements for overdose reversal drug use
3715.50 – Overdose reversal drug access and requirements
4729.01 – Definitions (overdose reversal drug / naloxone)
4729.44 — Naloxone dispensing without a prescription
4729.514 — Pharmacist protocol for naloxone
3795.50 — Qualified immunity regarding drug overdose (Good Samaritan law)
4765.49 — EMS duties and emergency medical response

Chapter 119 – Administrative rulemaking authority