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Re: Policy on Naloxone Availability and Administration in OASAS Settings

Dear Programs/Providers,

This policy will establish guidelines for the distribution and administration of naloxone in OASAS treatment settings.

Distribution

Clients receiving services from any OASAS treatment program must be offered naloxone training and either a prescription or a naloxone kit. Preference shall be given to prescriptions for naloxone unless circumstances warrant immediate distribution of a naloxone kit, such as a client is leaving a program against medical advice, is actively engaged in substance use or is uninsured. Clients, and their significant others as available, should be trained in the administration of naloxone and advised of the NYS DOH Naloxone Co-Payment Assistance Program (N-CAP), which provides co-payment assistance, up to \$40.00, at most pharmacies around the state. Additional information about the NCAP program, including a list of participating pharmacies, can be found at: https://www.health.ny.gov/diseases/aids/general/opioid_overdose_prevention/directories.htm. Providers should maintain an accurate record of naloxone training and kit distribution, to be made available upon request.

Administration

For purposes of administering naloxone, OASAS settings are defined as any program or location certified, funded or otherwise authorized by OASAS.

Each OASAS setting must have at least one staff member available at all times trained in the administration of naloxone. Each OASAS setting must have on hand, at minimum, one naloxone kit to be used in the event of an overdose on the premises. The identity of available staff and the location of the naloxone kit should be readily available, such as by visibly posting such information at each OASAS setting or other means of educating staff and clients.

Training in the administration of naloxone and naloxone kits are available free of charge by contacting a registered Opioid Overdose Prevention Program, found here:

https://www.health.ny.gov/diseases/aids/general/opioid_overdose_prevention/. OASAS programs may apply to become a registered Opioid Overdose Prevention Program and provide such training and a naloxone kit to any clients/patients receiving services in OASAS settings.

Questions should be directed to the Legal mailbox at Legal@oasas.ny.gov.

Sincerely,

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