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Statewide Standing Order for Naloxone

Governor McCrory signed a bill today that, coupled with a standing statewide prescription order from the State Health Director Randall Williams, MD, cleared the way for licensed pharmacies in North Carolina to dispense either naloxone injection or Narcan nasal spray effective at 2 p.m.

Naloxone and Narcan nasal spray are both on the NC Medicaid Preferred Drug List for patients who are at risk of an opioid overdose, their friends or family members or to people in a position to help them.

The Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), in partnership with UNC-CH, has set up a website to educate pharmacists and the public about the standing order. It may be found at www.naloxonesaves.org.

Pharmacies that would like to dispense under the standing order should go to the website and follow instructions to notify DHHS that they intend to do so. Pharmacies dispensing under a standing order (whether through the State Health Director or through their own standing order) will be listed on the website after contact information is provided to DHHS.

We expect media attention to the new law and the standing order, which could result in a high volume of community members approaching your pharmacy for naloxone. If you have any questions about the standing order that are not answered on the website, you may contact Anna Stein, DHHS Legal Specialist, at anna.stein@dhhs.nc.gov.

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