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Proposed Language from Louisiana Board of Nursing in Support of Naloxone Distribution

Addressing: Louisiana Hospital Nurses

The Louisiana Board of Nursing supports the distribution of naloxone to community members at-risk of experiencing an overdose, or at risk of witnessing an overdose. Pursuant to TITLE 40 - Public Health and Safety- RS 40:978.2 - Naloxone; prescription; dispensing; administration by third party; limitation of liability, hospitals may distribute naloxone under a hospital-wide standing order, for no charge or compensation.

Essential requirements of compliance are:

- The naloxone must be acquired and stored separately from the hospital's pharmacy inventory. The emergency department, or distribution location, is required to keep a log to track the distribution of the naloxone doses distributed.
- The hospital emergency department, or distribution location, is required to have policies and procedures, which will dictate how the hospital emergency department or distribution center will distribute the naloxone, including storage locations and whether the naloxone will be labeled or not labeled.

The Louisiana Board of Nursing finds that RS. 40:978:2 supersedes existing regulations regarding nursing participation in dispensing and distribution of medications. Naloxone being provided to the community as part of a harm reduction program may be dispensed by a nurse directly to a community member or patient of a hospital if supplied at no charge under a standing order issued by a healthcare provider.



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La. R.S. 40:978.2

Resolution

The Louisiana Board of Nursing met on August 10, 2023 at 17373 Perkins Road, Baton Rouge, La, and did pass the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, by an affirmative vote of board members participating in the decision-making process during this meeting, the Louisiana Board of Nursing recognizes La R.S. 40:978.2 is the most recent expression of the Louisiana Legislatures will regarding the dispensing of Naloxone and does supersede the Boards laws and regulations regarding dispensing.



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La. R.S. 40:978.2:

“D. Notwithstanding any other provision of law or regulation, a person or organization acting pursuant to a standing order issued by a healthcare professional who is authorized to prescribe Naloxone, or another opioid antagonist may store Naloxone or another opioid antagonist and may dispense naloxone or another opioid antagonist if such activities are performed without charge or compensation.”
Louisiana Laws - Louisiana State Legislature.