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TO: WV Schools, Local Boards of Education, Youth Service Agencies, Health Departments
SUBJECT: ODCP/BPH Guidance on naloxone use in adolescents

With the introduction of fentanyl into the drug supply, including into pressed pills that can be used by youth, overdoses in West Virginia have increased. This memo is in response to concerns raised on dosing of intranasal naloxone for adolescents under 18 that are experiencing symptoms of opioid overdose. The administration of Naloxone is covered under the West Virginia Good Samaritan Law which states no person, including a person licensed to practice medicine or dentistry, who in good faith renders emergency care at the scene of an accident or to a victim at the scene of a crime, without remuneration, shall be liable for any civil damages as the result of any act or omission in rendering such emergency care.

Guidance for the use of naloxone in adolescents under the age of 18 is as follows:

- Naloxone use for adolescents under 18 is covered under the existing naloxone standing order:
<https://dhhr.wv.gov/office-of-drug-control-policy/news/Documents/2020%20ED%20Naloxone%20Toolkit/Standing%20Order%20for%20Naloxone%20Eligible%20Receipient%20Organizations%2008.10.2021%20-%20FINAL.pdf>
- The following are approved formulations for adolescents/youth:
 - Narcan 4mg/0.1mL intranasal and Naloxone (generic) 4mg/0.1mL intranasal
 - https://www.accessdata.fda.gov/drugsatfda_docs/label/2015/208411lbl.pdf
 - Kloxxado 8mg/0.1mL intranasal
 - https://www.accessdata.fda.gov/drugsatfda_docs/label/2021/212045s000lbl.pdf

Naloxone can be obtained at:

<https://dhhr.wv.gov/office-of-drug-control-policy/news/Pages/Naloxone-Distribution-Toolkit.aspx>
or by contacting: naloxone@ucwv.edu

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