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## 8400.01 - ADMINISTRATION OF OPIOID ANTAGONISTS

The schools located within this District may possess and maintain at the school a supply of opioid antagonists for use in emergency medical care or treatment for an adverse opioid event. Opioid antagonists maintained in the schools shall be in a secure location which is only accessible by the individuals authorized to administer the opioid antagonist.

A certified school RN, other licensed RNs and LPNs working in the school, and nonmedical school personnel as defined in WV Code 18-5-22 who have been trained and deemed competent by the certified school RN in the administration of an opioid antagonist and who have been designated and authorized by the certified school RN are authorized individuals that may administer the opioid antagonist to prevent deaths in circumstances involving individuals who have overdosed on opiates. An opioid antagonist may be administered to a student, school employee, or to any person on school property during regular school hours, at a school function, at an event on school property when the authorized and designated nonmedical school personnel reasonable believes, based upon their training, that the individual is experiencing an adverse opioid event.

All licensed prescribers who prescribe an opioid antagonist to a school or District shall provide educational materials to the certified school RN, other licensed nurses, and school employee working in the opiate-related overdose prevention and treatment programs, as well as materials on administering the prescribed opioid antagonist.

The District must follow the protocols/standards set forth by West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources.

Any certified school RN, other licensed nurses, and designated and trained school personnel who administers an opioid antagonist as provided in this policy and in WV Cod 18-5-22d is immune from liability for any civil action arising out of an act or omission resulting from the administration of the opioid antagonist unless the act or omission was the result of the school nurse or trained and authorized nonmedical school personnel's gross negligence or willful misconduct.

A certified school RN, other licensed nurses, and trained nonmedical school personnel designated by the Superintendent working in the school who administers an opioid antagonist to a person whom s/he believes to be suffering from an opioid-related overdose and who is acting in good faith is not, as a result of his/her actions or omissions, subject to criminal prosecution arising from the possession of an opioid antagonist or subject to any civil liability with respect to the administration of or failure to administer the opioid antagonist unless the act or failure to act was the result of gross negligence or willful misconduct.

Prior notice to the parents of a student of the administration of the opioid antagonist is not required.

A certified school nurse, RN, other licensed nurses, and designated trained nonmedical school personnel working in the school who administers an opioid antagonist to a person whom s/he believes to be suffering from an opioid-related overdose shall require the person who has received the administration of the opioid antagonist to seek additional medical treatment at a medical facility to avoid further complications as a result of suspected opioid-related overdose.

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A comprehensive notice to the parents of a student who was administered a school maintained opioid antagonist is required and shall include who administered the opioid antagonist, the rationale for administering the antagonist, the approximate time of the administration of the opioid antagonist and any other necessary elements to make the student's parent/guardian fully aware of the circumstances surrounding the administration of the antagonist.