

**OPTIONAL SUPPLEMENTAL PROTOCOL
NALOXONE “LEAVE BEHIND”**

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1. PURPOSE

Naloxone is a prescription medication indicated for the reversal of respiratory depression or unresponsiveness due to opioid overdose. Increasing the accessibility and availability of naloxone to family members, close friends, or the public, specifically those at risk for an opioid overdose, may reduce the chance of a prolonged hypoxic event or eventual cardiac arrest



MARYLAND EMS CLINICIANS APPROVED TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS PILOT PROTOCOL DO SO IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH ORDER OF JUNE 1, 2017, “MARYLAND OVERDOSE RESPONSE PROGRAM STATEWIDE NALOXONE STANDING ORDER,” AND COMAR 13.3101.

2. INDICATIONS

- a) Following an administration of naloxone prior to arrival of EMS or as described by the *Maryland Medical Protocols for Emergency Medical Clinicians* or
- b) Following evaluation by a crisis intervention team at a fire/EMS station (e.g., Safe Station for opioid treatment referral) that has identified an opioid dependent individual when immediate placement cannot occur and the individual is released

3. CONTRAINDICATIONS

- a) “Leave Behind” naloxone shall not be dispensed to anyone who has not yet reached their 18th birthday.

4. PROCEDURE

- a) Following completion of all general patient care, which may include a patient-initiated refusal of care, naloxone hydrochloride(s) and necessary paraphernalia that has been approved by the EMS Operational Program in accordance with Maryland Department of Health Guidelines may be issued.
- b) Document the distribution of naloxone in the patient care report as required by the EMS Operational Program.