



Stanislaus County Emergency Medical Services Agency

Category	Facilities & Critical Care		
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Title	Leave Behind Naloxone		
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I. AUTHORITY

Health and Safety Code, Division 2.5, CA. Code of Regulation, Title 22, Division 9.

II. DEFINITIONS

- A. **Opioid (narcotic) overdose** is the result of an individual's exposure to opioid narcotic pharmacological substances (accidental or intentional). Common opioid substances include heroin, morphine, oxycodone, hydrocodone, fentanyl, methadone, Dilaudid and Demerol.
- B. **Naloxone (Narcan)** is an antagonist to opioid narcotics and is not effective with other medications. It will NOT reverse non-opiate exposures.

III. PURPOSE

To provide guidance for using Stanislaus EMS Agency-provided naloxone kits (Leave-Behind Narcan) to reduce the risk of opioid overdose and to ensure accurate tracking of distributed kits.

IV. POLICY

- A. EMS personnel & First Responders are authorized to leave behind a Stanislaus EMS Agency-provided naloxone kit with any individual who is deemed at risk of an opioid overdose or individuals who are considered likely to encounter and assist a person experiencing an opioid overdose. Specific examples include, but are not limited to:
 - 1. A reversed overdose regardless of further treatment or transport disposition.
 - 2. If Prescription opioids, drug paraphernalia, or suspected opioid use are found on a scene, then Narcan can be left behind with anyone remaining on scene, including bystanders.
 - 3. A person who self-identifies as a person who uses drugs (recreationally or prescribed).
 - 4. A person who states that they have close contacts who use drugs.
- B. EMS personnel & First Responders may consider offering leave-behind naloxone regardless of the nature of the contact between personnel and the subject(s) receiving the naloxone kit(s). Leave-behind naloxone distribution is not limited to 911 calls for service for a suspected overdose.

V. PROCEDURE

- A. EMS & First Responder agencies will receive naloxone kits from Stanislaus EMSA that have been labeled with tracking numbers.
- B. EMS providers may offer leave-behind naloxone kits as described in the policy above.
 - 1. Providers shall not leave behind naloxone from department-purchased supplies of medication.
- C. EMS provider(s) shall provide brief instructions to the recipient of the leave-behind naloxone kit, including:
 - 1. Recognition of opiate overdose and activation of 911
 - 2. Signs and Symptoms of opiate overdose
 - 3. Lay-person Rescue Breathing
 - 4. Administration of intra-nasal naloxone
 - 5. Post-Overdose Care
 - 6. Direction to complete the form at the QR code.
 - 7. Recommend that the trained individual complete further training online at:
<https://youtu.be/nurz9qPGKws>

VI. REPORTING REQUIREMENT

- A. Participating agencies are responsible for assisting Stanislaus EMS Agency in tracking state required information on the distribution of naloxone kits into the community. Each carton of naloxone (containing two doses) will have a QR code (below) that personnel must scan and complete when naloxone is left behind.

VII. STANISLAUS COUNTY EMS AGENCY NALOXONE QR CODE

