

August 4, 2016

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Dear Provider,

**RE:** Increasing Access to Naloxone for Opioid Overdose

On October 26, 2015, the Governor's Prescription Drug and Opioid Abuse Task Force made a series of recommendations to combat the growing prescription drug and opioid problem in Michigan. One of the recommendations made by the Task Force was to broaden access to naloxone, a drug that reduces the potential fatal effects of an opioid overdose. The purpose of this letter is to announce the methods of dispensing naloxone to Medicaid beneficiaries at risk of opioid overdose.

If a beneficiary does not have a naloxone prescription and is requesting one, the pharmacist should work with the prescriber to obtain a prescription. In addition, pharmacists who have a Permissive Delegation Agreement with a physician pursuant to MCL § 333.16215, which allows them to generate a prescription for naloxone, may dispense naloxone to eligible beneficiaries who do not already have a prescription for the product.

Medical and pharmacy providers should offer instruction to beneficiaries as well as their friends and family members on the appropriate response to an opioid overdose, including proper administration of naloxone and the importance of calling 911 before or immediately after administering naloxone.

Prescribers and pharmacists are encouraged to complete training on opioid overdose prevention and naloxone rescue. The following resources contain valuable information on this topic:

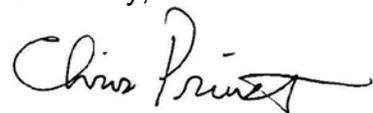
- Opioid Overdose Prevention Toolkit published by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)
- [PrescribeToPrevent.org](http://PrescribeToPrevent.org)
- Project Lazarus Community Toolkit
- Michigan Pharmacists Association

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As a reminder, current coverage for medications can be found on the Michigan Pharmaceutical Product List (MPPL), found at [Michigan.fhsc.com](http://Michigan.fhsc.com) >> Providers >> Drug Information >> MPPL and Coverage Information.

We thank you in advance for your partnership in preventing deaths due to opioid overdose.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Chris Priest". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "C" and a long, sweeping underline.

Chris Priest, Director  
Medical Services Administration