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899 North Capitol Street NE
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Dear Colleagues,

The Department of Health (DC Health) has established a policy statement to allow pharmacists to dispense naloxone without a prescription pursuant to a standing order. The policy will allow National Pharmacy Organizations (NPO) to use their own training programs and standing orders to dispense naloxone to District residents. The NPO standing order must be signed by a DC licensed physician. The training program must meet the requirements outlined in the policy statement.

Pharmacies that are not members of a National Pharmacy Organization can dispense naloxone if the pharmacists have completed the DC Health's Naloxone Training Program and have signed the DC Health Standing Order. The DC Health training program can be found on the Center for Rational Prescribing (DCRx) Website: <https://dchealth.dc.gov/dcrx>. Additionally, the pharmacist in charge will need to complete the written standing order from DC Health and provide a certificate of completion from the DCRx course. If your pharmacy would like to complete the DC Health standing order, email Dr. Justin Ortique- Supervisory Pharmacist, at justin.ortique@dc.gov for additional information.

If there is a change in the Pharmacist in Charge; a new DC Health Standing Order will need to be completed. A copy of the Standing Order must be maintained at the pharmacy and readily available upon request by the Board of Pharmacy.

Thank you for your help in ensuring the safety of District residents and visitors.

Sincerely,



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Attachments: DC Health Policy Statement
DC Health Standing Order