

**7017 - POLICY ON USE OF NALOXONE ON SCHOOL CAMPUS**

**Adopted and Effective:** Nov. 16, 2022

In accordance with s. 1002.20(3)(o), Florida Statutes, it is Odyssey Charter School's policy to store and administer the emergency opioid antagonist naloxone to administer to students in the event of opioid overdose. Naloxone is a life-saving medication that can reverse an overdose from opioids—including heroin, fentanyl, and prescription opioid medications, and can be administered by prefilled nasal spray or injection.

Naloxone use in schools was authorized earlier this year. On April 6, 2022, Governor DeSantis approved Chapter 2022-28, S.B. No. 544, which amended sections 381.887, 381.981, 395.1941, and 1002.20, Florida Statutes.

Relevant to the school, Section 1002.20(3)(o), Fla. Stat., was amended to say:

*Naloxone use and supply.* —

1. A public school may purchase a supply of the opioid antagonist naloxone from a wholesale distributor as defined in s. 499.003 or may enter into an arrangement with a wholesale distributor or manufacturer as defined in s. 499.003 for naloxone at fair-market, free, or reduced prices for use in the event that a student has an opioid overdose. The naloxone must be maintained in a secure location on the public school's premises.
2. A school district employee who administers an approved emergency opioid antagonist to a student in compliance with ss. 381.887 and 768.13 is immune from civil liability under s. 768.13.

**Board Secretary Certificate**

I hereby certify that the foregoing Policy on Use of Naloxone on School Campus was adopted by a majority vote of a quorum of the Governing Board of Directors at a duly noticed meeting held on November 16, 2022.

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Board Secretary

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## **HEALTH SERVICES: STANDARD OF CARE**

### **TITLE: Management of Narcan (Naloxone) Administration in the School Setting**

#### **PURPOSE:**

The purpose of this policy is to establish guidelines and procedures governing the utilization of the opioid antagonist Naloxone administered by staff members. Naloxone is a rapid reversal agent and can reverse the effects of opioid overdose. Staff members trained in accordance with the Odyssey School Safety Specialist (OSSS) shall make every reasonable effort, including the use of Naloxone combined with rescue breaths/CPR to revive the victim of any apparent drug overdose.

#### **POLICY:**

It is the policy of Odyssey Charter School, Inc. that each school facility shall provide and maintain on-site opioid antagonists. To treat a case of suspected opioid overdose in a school setting, any trained staff member may administer an opioid antagonist, during an emergency, to any student or staff suspected of having an opioid-related drug overdose. When Naloxone is administered a 911 call is required as there may be a need for more advanced life-saving measures or additional doses of the opioid antagonist to reverse the effects of the opioid overdose.

#### **TRAINING:**

It is the responsibility of the OSSS to implement the use of Naloxone (Narcan) for the School in compliance with SB 544: Drug-related Overdose Prevention. School personnel shall be trained in the use of Naloxone (Narcan) by the OSSS, or a designee. Schools are encouraged to send additional staff to be trained, including coaches, teachers, and administrators on the proper use of Naloxone (Narcan). Each school clinic will keep a current list of staff who have completed the Naloxone training. Annual training and recertification will be required.

#### **PROCUREMENT OF NALOXONE:**

The Principal, OSSS, or designee will be responsible for the procurement of Naloxone. Odyssey Charter School, Inc. will work in consultation and follow standing orders extended from a designated physician or physician group. The OSSS will verify standing orders annually for updates.

## **STORAGE:**

Naloxone will be clearly marked and stored in accordance with the manufacturers' instructions. Naloxone will be stored with the AED located in or nearest to the school clinic. The OSSS will ensure that all other trained staff are aware of the Naloxone storage location. Inspection of the Naloxone shall be conducted daily along with the AED, including checking the expiration date found on the medication.

## **USE OF NALOXONE:**

In case of a suspected opioid overdose, the OSSS or other trained staff shall follow the protocols outlined in the Naloxone training:

- Call 911
- Administer rescue breathing
- Prepare and administer naloxone (the AED should be readily available at the time of naloxone administration)
- Alert the school crisis response team
- Continue rescue breathing
- Give another dose of Naloxone in 3 minutes if no response or minimal breathing or responsiveness
- Naloxone wears off in 30-90 minutes, which necessitates definitive medical care
- Comfort them; withdrawal can be unpleasant
- Encourage survivors to seek treatment

## **FOLLOW-UP:**

After the administration of Naloxone, the OSSS, or other staff, will follow the Odyssey Charter School, Inc. reporting protocols.

The OSSS or other staff will:

- Ensure that the overdose victim was transported to the emergency department
- Notify appropriate student services including the OSSS
- Provide substance abuse prevention resources to the overdose victim and family, as appropriate

**SPECIFIC AUTHORITY:** F.S. 1001.43, SB 544