

## **Opioid-Related Overdose Reversal**

The board recognizes that the opioid epidemic is a public health crisis and access to opioid-related overdose reversal medication can be lifesaving. To assist a person at risk of experiencing an opioid-related overdose, the NWESD 189 will seek to obtain and maintain at least one set of opioid overdose reversal medication doses in each of its cooperative programs.

The NWESD 189 has the authority to obtain and maintain opioid overdose reversal medication either through a standing order, prescribed and dispensed according to RCW 69.41.095(5), or through one or more donation sources. The NWESD 189 will seek at least one set of opioid reversal medication doses for each of its cooperative programs. However, if the NWESD 189 documents a good faith effort to obtain and maintain opioid overdose reversal medication through a donation source, and is unable to do so, the NWESD is exempt from the obligation to have a set of opioid reversal medication doses for each cooperative program.

The following personnel may distribute or administer the cooperative program-owned opioid overdose reversal medication to respond to symptoms of an opioid-related overdose:

- A NWESD 189 nurse,
- Cooperative program personnel who become designated trained responders, or
- A health care professional or trained staff person located at a health care clinic on cooperative program property or under contract with the NWESD 189.

Training for cooperative program personnel to become designated trained responders and distribute or administer opioid overdose reversal medication must meet the requirements for training described in the statute and any rules or guidelines for such training adopted by the Office of Superintendent Public Instruction. If a cooperative program does not have a full-time program nurse or trained health care clinic staff, the NWESD 189 shall identify at least one member of each cooperative program's personnel to become a designated trained responder who can distribute and administer opioid overdose reversal medication.

Opioid overdose reversal medication may be used on cooperative program property, including the facility, playground, and school bus, as well as during field trips or sanctioned excursions away from the cooperative program property. A NWESD 189 nurse or designated trained responder may carry an appropriate supply of cooperative program-owned opioid overdose reversal medication on in-state field trips and sanctioned in-state excursions.

Individuals who have been directly prescribed opioid overdose reversal medication according to RCW 69.41.095 lawfully possess and administer opioid overdose reversal medication, based on their personal prescription. However, such "self-carrying" individuals must show proof of training as verified by a licensed registered professional nurse employed or contracted by the NWESD 189 or participate in NWESD 189 training as specified in the accompanying procedure.

If any type of overdose is suspected, including an opioid-related overdose, NWESD 189 staff will call 9-1-1 and alert a first responder. The NWESD 189 nurse, designated trained responder, or trained staff person located at a health care clinic on cooperative program property or under contract with the NWESD 189 will follow the Washington Department of Health steps for administering naloxone for a suspected opioid-related overdose.

**NORTHWEST EDUCATIONAL SERVICE DISTRICT 189**

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3416 – Medication at School