

# Administration of Opioid Overdose Medication

## 608.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The purpose of this policy is to provide guidelines for the safe administration of opioid overdose medication in the event department, collaborative agency personnel, clients or client family members are exposed to opioids.

## 608.2 AUTHORITY AND REFERENCES

- Health & Safety Code § 1797.197;
- California Civil Code § 1714.22;
- California Code of Regulations Title 22 § 100019;
- Policy 646: Incident Reporting.

## 608.3 POLICY

It is the policy of the Riverside County Probation Department that personnel be trained to administer opioid overdose medication to themselves or others in accordance with mandated training guidelines established by Health & Safety Code 1797.197 and California Civil Code 1714.22 and in conjunction with the standard work (attached).

## 608.4 ADMINISTRATION OF OPIOID OVERDOSE MEDICATION

The Chief Probation Officer, or designee, shall designate a department program coordinator, the Staff Development Unit's Assistant Division Director, who will work in collaboration with the Riverside Emergency Medical Services Agency (REMSA) and program physician to monitor the distribution and administration of opioid overdose medication. Division managers will provide support and report to the department program coordinator. Division managers will exercise oversight for tracking, storing, maintaining, and replacing opioid overdose medication kits as outlined in the standard work.

### 608.4.1 OPIOID OVERDOSE MEDICATION KITS

Opioid overdose kits will contain at a minimum:

- Gloves;
- Mask;
- Eye protection; and,
- Opioid overdose medication.

## 608.5 OPIOID OVERDOSE MEDICATION USER RESPONSIBILITIES

The department program coordinator or personnel qualified to administer opioid overdose medication shall handle, store, and administer the medication consistent with training. Trained

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personnel may utilize opioid overdose medication kits in the field or office. The opioid medication and associated administration equipment shall be inspected regularly to ensure they are serviceable and not expired. The kits shall not be kept in vehicles overnight or for extended periods of time.

#### **608.6 MAINTENANCE AND REPLACEMENT KITS**

The maintenance and replacement of opioid overdose medication kits will be the responsibility of an assigned supervisor. Used, lost, expired, or damaged opioid overdose medication kits will be reported to the immediate supervisor and returned to the appropriate supervisor for replacement.

#### **608.7 OPIOID OVERDOSE MEDICATION REPORTING**

Personnel administering opioid overdose medication shall detail its use in an incident report (Policy 646: Incident Reporting). The report shall include the nature of the incident and the care provided.

After review, the division manager will forward the incident report to the department program coordinator, who will notify REMSA that opioid overdose medication was deployed. The department program coordinator shall also advise the Executive Team through the chain of command.

#### **608.8 TRAINING**

Personnel may administer opioid overdose medication upon completion of training in accordance with Riverside Emergency Medical Services Agency (REMSA) guidelines. The training includes:

- (a) An overview of California Civil Code 1714.22;
- (b) An overview of the department's Administration of Opioid Overdose Medication policy;
- (c) Patient assessment and recognizing symptoms of opioid overdose;
- (d) CPR/First Aid;
- (e) Universal precautions; and,
- (f) The administration of opioid overdose medication.

The Staff Development Unit will coordinate initial and refresher training to personnel authorized to administer opioid overdose medication. Training should be coordinated with REMSA and comply with the provisions of California Code of Regulations Title 22 § 100019, Health and Safety Code 1797.197, and applicable POST standards (Civil Code § 1714.22).

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