

STANDING ORDER FOR FDA-APPROVED OPIOID ANTAGONIST DISPENSING FROM PHARMACIES IN SOUTH DAKOTA VIA STATEWIDE PROTOCOL

“Opioid antagonist” is a FDA-approved medication indicated for the reversal of opioid overdose in the event of a drug overdose that is the result of consumption or use of either legally prescribed opioids or from illegal opioids such as heroin.

I. Purpose

This standing order authorizes pharmacists who maintain a current active license practicing in a pharmacy located in South Dakota to initiate a prescription and dispense any FDA-approved opioid antagonist. This standing order is intended to ensure that opioid antagonists may be readily obtainable by any person (“eligible recipient”) who is:

- a) An individual at risk of an opioid-related overdose; or
- b) A family member, friend, or other close third party to a person at risk of experiencing an opioid-related overdose; or
- c) A healthcare professional or first responder.

II. Authority

This standing order is issued pursuant to South Dakota Codified Law (SDCL) § 34-20A-104 which permits that a person who is a family member, friend, or close third party to a person at risk for an opioid-related drug overdose may be prescribed, possess, distribute, or administer an opioid antagonist that is prescribed, dispensed, or distributed by a licensed health care professional directly or by standing order; and § 34-20A-105 which permits a licensed health care professional to directly or by standing order, prescribe an opioid antagonist to a person at risk of experiencing an opioid-related overdose, or prescribe to a family member, friend, or other close third party the health care practitioner reasonably believes to be in a position to assist a person at risk of experiencing an opioid-related overdose.

III. Authorization

This standing order may be used as a prescription to obtain FDA-approved opioid antagonists. This order is authorization for a pharmacist licensed in South Dakota under SDCL §§ 36-11 to dispense opioid antagonists and devices used for administration of the FDA-approved opioid antagonist.

IV. Order to Dispense

The pharmacist must utilize the assessment form provided by the South Dakota Board of Pharmacy, found at <https://letsbeclearsd.com/providers/pharmacy/standing-order-participation>. Upon satisfactory assessment that the person to receive the opioid antagonist is an eligible recipient pursuant to this standing order, and upon delivery of basic instruction and information on how to recognize and respond to a possible opioid overdose and how to administer the dispensed opioid antagonist, the pharmacist shall determine the appropriate product to be dispensed.

V. Standing Order Compliance Requirements

Pharmacists utilizing this standing order to dispense opioid antagonist products must:

- a) Maintain a copy of the standing order at the pharmacy.
- b) Comply with all South Dakota Board of Pharmacy requirements for prescription orders, labeling, recordkeeping, and counseling.
- c) Pharmacies choosing to participate in FDA-approved opioid antagonist dispensing under the authority of this standing order must provide notification by completing the form at:

<https://letsbeclearsd.com/providers/pharmacy/standing-order-participation>.

- d) Complete at least one hour of training related to opioid antagonist dispensing, administration and recipient education.
- e) Educate the patient and distribute the patient education materials at the time of dispensing. Education materials can be viewed and requested at no cost at:
<https://letsbeclearsd.com/providers/pharmacy/standing-order-participation>.

VI. Recordkeeping and Reporting

- a. Pharmacists must maintain dispensing records according to SDCL 36-11-2.2 (3) and 36-11-68 requirements.
- b. Each pharmacy must maintain the original record of each assessment, regardless of the eligibility determination following the assessment, and dispensing of all FDA-approved opioid antagonists to each eligible recipient. These records shall be available for inspection or copying by the board of pharmacy or its authorized agent for at least two (2) years from the date of the assessment.
- c. Pharmacists must report quarterly all FDA-approved opioid antagonists dispensed through the statewide standing order. Reporting periods and due dates are as follows:

Reporting period June 1 – August 31	Due: Sept. 30
Reporting period September 1 – November 30	Due: Dec. 31
Reporting period December 1 – February 28	Due: March 31
Reporting period March 1 – May 31	Due: June 30

Quarterly reports are submitted via: <https://letsbeclearsd.com/providers/pharmacy/naloxone-quarterly-report>

VII. Labeling

A prescription label shall be affixed to the opioid antagonist product as required by SDCL 36-11-46.6. The prescription shall be dispensed in the name of the eligible recipient.

VIII. Expiration and Review

This standing order will automatically expire two years from the date of authorization. It may be reissued or revoked at the discretion of the signing medical provider. This standing order will be reviewed, and may be updated, if there is relevant new information about opioid antagonist administration.


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Date

This standing order is valid for two years from signature date.