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DAL: DACF #24-21
Subject: Naloxone Accessibility in Adult
Care Facilities

Dear Adult Care Facility Administrator:

According to the 2023 New York State Opioid Annual Report, there were 5,017 overdose deaths involving opioids in 2021, an 18.5% increase from 2020. With recognition that the opioid epidemic continues to ravage communities, it is crucial to have opioid overdose reversal medication available in the event of an emergency as well as appropriate training and procedures for its administration. To that end, the Department of Health ("Department") partnered with the New York State Office of Addiction Services and Supports to distribute naloxone to each Department-licensed adult care facility in New York State and provides this correspondence to outline available guidance and supports as we partner to address this health challenge.

To maintain ongoing access to naloxone, all Adult Care Facilities have been registered as Opioid Overdose Prevention Programs through the Department's [Office of Drug User Health](#). Becoming a registered program allows direct access to order naloxone, support for training and administration, and access to a clinician to discuss naloxone and/or harm reduction practices. As a registered Opioid Overdose Prevention Program, the facility must complete an online form that reports use to the Office of Drug User Health and will be required to complete quarterly reports as prescribed by the Department.

Enclosed is the Adult Care Facility Naloxone Policy and Procedure Toolkit that includes templates for the facility's consideration and use. We encourage facilities to review [Putting the Pieces Together: A Guide for New York State's Registered Opioid Overdose Prevention Programs](#) a comprehensive guide to the Opioid Overdose Prevention Program, and the following videos that train individuals about the signs and symptoms of an overdose and the administration of naloxone:

- [Adult Naloxone Administration Video](#)
- [Children Naloxone Administration Video](#).

Please join the Office of Drug User Health for a formal, one-hour training on **January 15, 2025 at 12:00pm**. Participants will achieve an understanding about the administration of naloxone and what is required after an event has occurred. Pre-registration is required at <https://meetny-gov.webex.com/weblink/register/r34726ff3f46dc2a54a3db6108ac39c2a>.

If you have any questions about this correspondence, please contact the Division of Adult Care Facility and Assisted Living Surveillance via email to acinfo@health.ny.gov. Thank you for your partnership in this important endeavor.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ka Walker".

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