
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO PHARMACISTS PRESCRIBING AND DISPENSING OF OPIOID
ANTAGONIST.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. During the 2018 legislative session, the
2 legislature addressed the nationwide opioid epidemic by
3 authorizing pharmacists, who received the appropriate education
4 and training, to prescribe and dispense opioid antagonists to
5 patients who are at risk for an opioid overdose or family member
6 or caregiver of an individual at risk for an opioid overdose.

7 The legislature found that pharmacists are well situated to
8 provide education and access to opioid antagonists to assist
9 with the prevention of addressing opioid overdoses in Hawaii.

10 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to clarify the name
11 on the prescription for the opioid antagonist, whether it is the
12 individual who is at risk for an opioid overdose or the name of
13 the family member or caregiver of an individual who is at risk
14 for an opioid overdose who is requesting the opioid antagonist.

15 SECTION 2. Section 461-11.8, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
16 amended to read as follows:



1 " [f] §461-11.8 [f] Opioid antagonist; authority to prescribe
2 and dispense; requirements. (a) A pharmacist, acting in good
3 faith and exercising reasonable care, may prescribe and dispense
4 an opioid antagonist to an individual who is at risk for an
5 opioid overdose or a family member or caregiver of an individual
6 who is at risk of an opioid overdose regardless of whether the
7 individual has evidence of a previous prescription for an opioid
8 antagonist from a practitioner authorized to prescribe opioids.
9 The opioid antagonist prescribed and dispensed for a family
10 member or caregiver of an individual who is at risk for an
11 opioid overdose may be prescribed and dispensed in the name of
12 the individual who is to be treated with the opioid antagonist
13 or in the name of the individual who is requesting the opioid
14 antagonist, or an "Opioid Antagonist Recipient" or "OAR".

15 (b) A pharmacist who prescribes and dispenses opioid
16 antagonists pursuant to subsection (a) shall:

17 (1) Complete a training program related to prescribing
18 opioid antagonists that is approved by the
19 Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE), a
20 curriculum-based program from an ACPE-accredited
21 college of pharmacy, a state or local health



1 department program, or a program recognized by the
2 board;

3 (2) Provide the individual who is receiving the opioid
4 antagonist with information and written educational
5 material on risk factors of opioid overdose, signs of
6 an overdose, overdose response steps, and the use of
7 the opioid antagonist; and

8 (3) Dispense the opioid antagonist to the individual who
9 is at risk for an opioid overdose, family member, [~~or~~]
10 caregiver, or individual requesting the opioid
11 antagonist for an individual at risk for an opioid
12 overdose as soon as practicable after the pharmacist
13 issues the prescription."

14 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
15 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

16 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050, and
17 shall be repealed on June 30, 2024; provided that section 461-
18 11.8, Hawaii Revised Statutes, shall be reenacted in the form in
19 which it read on the day prior to the effective date of this
20 Act.



Report Title:

Opioid Antagonist; Pharmacists; Prescribing; Dispensing

Description:

Authorizes pharmacists, acting in good faith and exercising reasonable care, to prescribe and dispense an opioid antagonist to patients at risk of overdose, and family members and caregivers of patients at risk of overdose. (SB535 HD1)

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