
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 antagonist 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 "[+]§461-11.8[+] 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 [øf] for an opioid overdose regardless of whether
7 the individual has evidence of a previous prescription for an
8 opioid antagonist from a practitioner authorized to prescribe
9 opioids. The opioid antagonist prescribed and dispensed for a
10 family member or caregiver of an individual who is at risk for
11 an opioid overdose may be prescribed and dispensed in the name
12 of the individual who is to be treated with the opioid
13 antagonist or in the name of the individual who is requesting
14 the opioid antagonist, or an "Opioid Antagonist Recipient" or
15 "OAR".

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

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



- 1 college of pharmacy, a state or local health
 2 department program, or a program recognized by the
 3 board;
- 4 (2) Provide the individual who is receiving the opioid
 5 antagonist with information and written educational
 6 material on risk factors ~~[e]~~ for opioid overdose,
 7 signs of an overdose, overdose response steps, and the
 8 use of the opioid antagonist; and
- 9 (3) Dispense the opioid antagonist to the individual who
 10 is at risk for an opioid overdose, family member, ~~[e]~~
 11 caregiver, individual requesting the opioid
 12 antagonist, or an opioid antagonist recipient as soon
 13 as practicable after the pharmacist issues the
 14 prescription.

15 For purposes of this section, an individual is "at risk for
 16 an opioid overdose" if the person has an increased risk for
 17 opioid overdose based on history of overdoses, a history of
 18 substance use disorder, higher opioid dosages, or concurrent
 19 benzodiazepine and opioid usage."

20 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
 21 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.



1 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval
2 and shall be repealed on June 30, 2024; provided that section
3 461-11.8, Hawaii Revised Statutes, shall be reenacted in the
4 form in which it read on the day prior to the effective date of
5 this Act.



Report Title:

Opioid Antagonist; Pharmacists; Prescribing; Dispensing

Description:

Clarifies the scope of practice of pharmacists to authorize pharmacists to prescribe and dispense an opioid antagonist to individuals at risk for an opioid overdose or the family members and caregivers of individuals at risk for an opioid overdose or individuals requesting the opioid antagonist. Sunsets June 30, 2024. (SD1)

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