

DRUG OVERDOSE PREVENTION PROGRAM

The Illinois Department of Human Services/Division of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse (IDHS/DASA) is pleased to announce its Drug Overdose Prevention Program. Illinois Public Act 096-0361 (20 ILCS 301/5-23 new) is a new life saving law which took effect in 2010. This law made it legal in Illinois for non-medical persons to administer Naloxone to another individual in order to prevent an opioid/heroin overdose from becoming fatal. Naloxone has been successfully prescribed and distributed to heroin users, their families, and friends in several areas of the United States including Chicago.

This law also allows Illinois Department of Human Services/Division of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse (IDHS/DASA) to establish and authorize programs to distribute Naloxone. Agencies or programs must enroll with the Illinois Department of Human Services/Division of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse in order to operate a Drug Overdose Prevention Program. DASA has developed guidelines to inform potential enrollees about how to become enrolled as a Drug Overdose Prevention Program. Potential enrollees will include: DASA Treatment Programs, licensed prescribing practitioners, for profit community-based organizations, not-for-profit community-based organizations, hospitals, local health departments, urgent care facilities, and faith-based organizations. IDHS/DASA is providing the attached Drug Overdose Prevention Program Guidelines for Implementation and enrollment forms to help potential enrollees take steps necessary to operate and enroll a Drug Overdose Prevention Program. Submission of enrollment applications may be forwarded by fax at 312.814.5864.

GUIDELINES AND ENROLLMENT FORMS

- ▶ Drug Overdose Prevention Program Guidelines for Implementation
- ▶ Drug Overdose Prevention Program Enrollment Form
- ▶ Drug Overdose Prevention Program Enrollment Procedures
- ▶ Standing Order to Dispense and Administer Naloxone
- ▶ Drug Overdose Reversal and Naloxone Administration Reporting Form
- ▶ Enrolled Programs Quarterly Report Form

In the near future, guidelines and enrollment information will be available on the DASA website, www.dhs.state.il.us/page.aspx?item=32300. Until they are posted, requests for additional copies of the guidelines and enrollment forms may be obtained by e-mailing DASA as noted below.

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