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DRUG OVERDOSE PREVENTION PROGRAM WEBINAR

The Illinois Department of Human Services, Division of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse (IDHS/DASA) is pleased to announce its updated Drug Overdose Prevention Program (DOPP). Illinois Public Act 099-0480 (HB0001) passed and became effective September 9, 2015 as an enhancement to Illinois Public Act 096-0361, enabling non-medical persons to administer naloxone to persons experiencing an opioid overdose. Not only emergency responders such as EMS, firefighters, law enforcement, and pharmacists can be trained in dispensing naloxone through its various forms of administration. The law permits trained personnel to obtain, possess, and administer naloxone to any person who appears to be suffering an opioid-related overdose. Family, friends, first responders - all laypeople - can be taught to recognize an overdose and administer naloxone during an overdose emergency. Illinois law allows for laypersons to use this lifesaving drug and they are completely protected under the Good Samaritan provision of this law to do so.

IDHS/DASA is inviting all treatment providers to participate in a training webinar regarding the opiate crisis in Illinois, options for accessing naloxone, and to learn about the benefits of enrolling in the Drug Overdose Prevention Program (DOPP). The webinar will be held on Thursday, March 9, 2017 from 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. A recording of the webinar will also be available. Register:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/9052921727144502018>

Components of the DOPP include:

Enrollment Process: Enrolling as a registered naloxone program involves submitting form IL444-2051, located at http://www.dhs.state.il.us/OneNetLibrary/27896/documents/By_Division/OASA/Overdose_Prevention_Program/IL444-2051.pdf. During enrollment, the program will identify the Program's Official Designee as the primary contact for the Program. Once enrolled, agencies may train staff to administer naloxone when necessary to save lives.

WHAT: DOPP Webinar

WHO: All Treatment Providers

WHEN: Thursday, March 9, 2017

1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

To REGISTER:

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Questions: Contact Rosie Gianforte at
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or 312-814-2136

Guidelines: IDHS/DASA's Program Guidelines for Implementation may be used by drug overdose prevention programs in Illinois to help develop their own policies and procedures and to understand the responsibilities of an enrolled Drug Overdose Prevention Program (DOPP). A safe and successful DOPP will demonstrate a shared leadership responsibility and collaboration between the Program's Official Designee and the Program's identified Health Care Professional. http://www.dhs.state.il.us/OneNetLibrary/27896/documents/By_Division/OASA/Overdose_Prevention_Program/DOPP_GuidelinesforImplementation.pdf

Brochures: Effective January 1, 2017, all substance use treatment programs licensed by IDHS/DASA must provide educational information to clients identified as having or seeking treatment for opioid use disorder, including the use of a medication for the use of opioid use disorder, recognition of and response to opioid overdose, and the use and administration of naloxone (PA 99-0553). People entering and exiting treatments for opiate use disorders (OUDs) are most vulnerable. IDHS/DASA has developed a brochure providing this information: <http://www.dhs.state.il.us/page.aspx?item=93456>.