



Ohio Revised Code

Section 4730.434 Overdose reversal drugs prescribed or furnished without examination.

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(A) As used in this section and in sections 4730.435 and 4730.436 of the Revised Code, "overdose reversal drug" has the same meaning as in section 4729.01 of the Revised Code.

(B) Notwithstanding any provision of this chapter or rule adopted by the state medical board, a physician assistant who holds a valid prescriber number issued by the board and has been granted physician-delegated prescriptive authority may personally furnish a supply of overdose reversal drugs, or issue a prescription for such drugs, without having examined the individual to whom it may be administered if both of the following conditions are met:

(1) The supply is furnished to, or the prescription is issued to and in the name of, a family member, friend, or other individual in a position to assist an individual who there is reason to believe is at risk of experiencing an opioid-related overdose.

(2) The physician assistant instructs the individual receiving the supply or prescription to summon emergency services as soon as practicable either before or after administering an overdose reversal drug to an individual apparently experiencing an opioid-related overdose.

(C) A physician assistant who under division (B) of this section in good faith furnishes a supply of overdose reversal drugs or issues a prescription for overdose reversal drugs is not liable for or subject to any of the following for any action or omission of the individual to whom the drugs are furnished or the prescription is issued: damages in any civil action, prosecution in any criminal proceeding, or professional disciplinary action.
