



Ohio Revised Code

Section 4731.94 Authority to supply naloxone.

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(A) As used in this section and sections 4731.941, 4731.942, and 4731.943 of the Revised Code, "physician" means an individual authorized under this chapter to practice medicine and surgery, osteopathic medicine and surgery, or podiatric medicine and surgery.

(B) Notwithstanding any provision of this chapter or rule adopted by the state medical board, a physician may personally furnish a supply of naloxone, or issue a prescription for naloxone, without having examined the individual to whom it may be administered if both of the following conditions are met:

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

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