

Everyone Can Do **Something!**

House Bill 4

What is Naloxone?

Naloxone is an overdose reversing medication that blocks an opioid from attaching to the receptors in the brain. If given to an individual experiencing an overdose, Naloxone can stop the overdose and offer them a chance for recovery.

Naloxone Facts:

- ✓ In 2015, Naloxone was administered over 12,000 times in Ohio.
- ✓ Currently many police, EMS, and other first responders carry Naloxone.
- ✓ Medicaid and many private insurances will pay for the medication. If you do not have insurance, there are places that give Naloxone out for free.
- ✓ Naloxone is available in both injection and intranasal forms.

For more info on Naloxone visit the following website:

www.samhsa.gov/medication-assisted-treatment/treatment/naloxone.

Effective July 16, 2015, House Bill 4 allows pharmacies to dispense Naloxone without a prescription to a person who may be at risk of an opioid overdose or to a person who may be in a position to assist someone who is at risk of an overdose, such as a friend or family member.

The law now permits pharmacies around the state of Ohio to dispense Naloxone to individuals without a prescription. While this is great news, not all pharmacies are taking advantage of this opportunity. Those who are at risk of an overdose need access to this life-saving medication from their local pharmacy

Before a pharmacy can dispense Naloxone, it must fill out a protocol form, complete with a physician's signature. Originally a road block for some pharmacies without a physician on staff, the law has been revised to also accept the signatures of local health commissioners and medical directors.

Recently, CVS, Kroger, and Walgreens pharmacies announced they would dispense Naloxone in our state. We applaud their efforts. However out of the 25 independent pharmacies in Ohio that are certified to dispense Naloxone without a prescription, only six of them are in Hamilton County. Let's change this. Attached is a list of independent pharmacies that are not yet participating in Naloxone distribution. Ask your local pharmacy to become a Naloxone dispensary! Walk in, call, or write a letter. You can use the MHAC's template or use your own words. What is most important is that we increase access to Naloxone for families and friends.

For more information, feel free to contact your friends at the MHAC:

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Sample Letter

How to use the sample letter:

You can either type or handwrite this letter and send it to your local pharmacy. Feel free to use the sample letter word-for-word or paraphrase it to make it more personal.

Don't want to send a letter? That's okay!

Give your pharmacy a call or walk in and talk with your pharmacist. You can use the sample letter to guide your conversation.

Resources for pharmacies:

www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/Naloxone

Here pharmacies can access the protocol form and all other resources needed to become a certified prescription free Naloxone dispensary.

Date

Dear _____,

Under House Bill 4, effective July 16, 2015, pharmacies can now dispense Naloxone to individuals without a prescription. Naloxone was used over 12,000 times in Ohio last year and has saved the lives of many of our family members and friends. It is currently being carried by police and first responders. There is a strong need to get this life-saving medication in the hands of family members and friends who know someone using opiates. As Naloxone becomes more accessible and carried by more people, the potential of saving lives is even greater.

These are the lives of our children, spouses, siblings, coworkers, and friends, and they deserve a chance at recovery. Recovery is not possible if we cannot save their lives.

I am asking you, as my local pharmacy, to consider becoming a certified pharmacy. So far in Ohio, only 25 independent pharmacies have done so, and only six of them are here in Hamilton County. We need more. The Ohio State Board of Pharmacy website makes it easy. Simply go to their website, www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/Naloxone. Here you will find all the resources you need including the protocol form, information on HB 4, and any other document you will need.

Thank you for your time. I hope you decide to do the right thing and help our county in the fight against the opioid epidemic that is plaguing our state.

Sincerely,
Your name
Address

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Pharmacies in Hamilton County Dispensing Naloxone without a prescription:

- Bethesda North Apothecary
500 Montgomery Rd.
Cincinnati, OH 45242
- Good Samaritan Hospital
Outpatient Pharmacy
375 Dixmyth Ave.
Cincinnati, OH 45220
- Hart Pharmacy, Inc.
4861 Glenway Ave.
Cincinnati, OH 45238
- The Oak Apothecary
629 Oak St.
Cincinnati, OH 45206
- Schaeper's Northside Pharmacy
4187 Hamilton Ave.
Cincinnati, OH 45223
- The Christ Hospital Apothecary
2139 Auburn Ave, Suite 1005
Cincinnati, OH 45219
- All CVS, Kroger, and Walgreens
pharmacies located in Ohio

Independent Hamilton County Pharmacies Not Dispensing Naloxone without a Prescription:

Adrien Pharmacy: 7023 Miami Ave., Cincinnati, OH 45243
(513) 561-7700

Berners Convalescent Pharmacy: 5053 Glenway Ave.,
Cincinnati, OH 45238 (513) 471-7575

Brossart Pharmacy: 45 S. Miami Ave., Cleves, OH 45002
(513) 941-0428

Community Pharmacy: 1019 Linn St., Cincinnati, OH 45203
(513) 241-3444

Days Miami Heights Pharmacy: 7567 Bridgetown Rd.,
Cincinnati, OH 45248 (513) 941-4011

Deer Park Pharmacy: 4075 E. Galbraith Rd., Cincinnati, OH
45236 (513) 791-7958

Gehring Pharmacy: 210 East Sharon Rd., Cincinnati, OH
45246 (513) 771-7350

Mullany Pharmacy: 5907 Cheviot Rd., Cincinnati, OH
45247 (513) 587-1474

Northmark Pharmacy: 1945 CEI Dr., Blue Ash, OH 45242

Pack Pharmacy: 2114 Madison Rd., Cincinnati, OH 45208
(513) 871-7770

Rohe Pharmacy: 4047 Harrison Ave., Cincinnati, OH 45211
(513) 661-0480

Roselawn Pharmacy, Inc.: 7601 Reading Rd., Cincinnati,
OH 45237 (513) 761-1212

Sharonville Pharmacy: 5275 Winneste Ave., Suite A.,
Cincinnati, OH 45232 (513) 242-5700

Tischben Pharmacy, Inc.: 3500 Erie Ave., Cincinnati, OH
45208 (513) 321-9282

Village Pharmacy: 114 Harrison Ave., Harrison, OH
45030 (513) 367-4836