



INLAND COUNTIES EMERGENCY MEDICAL AGENCY POLICY AND PROTOCOL MANUAL

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LEAVE BEHIND NALOXONE DISTRIBUTION - PILOT PROGRAM

I. PURPOSE

To establish a policy and the authorization for the distribution of “Leave Behind Naloxone” kits by EMS field personnel to individuals who are at risk for experiencing an opioid overdose. “Leave Behind Naloxone” kits may also be distributed to individuals who may come in contact with individuals who are at risk for experiencing an opioid overdose.

II. BACKGROUND

The Naloxone Distribution Project (NDP) is a federally funded “Leave Behind Naloxone” initiative administered by the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) in California. The project was designed to combat opioid overdose-related deaths through the free distribution of naloxone to qualifying entities, for the purpose of distribution to persons at risk for opioid overdose and those in a position to assist those persons at risk. Local EMS agencies in California are qualified entities to participate in this program.

III. POLICY/PROCEDURE

- This policy applies only to “Leave Behind Naloxone” kits intended for laypersons’ use.
- All patients treated for an opioid overdose shall be assessed and managed by the responding EMS field personnel per ICEMA Reference #14060 - Altered Level of Consciousness/Seizures - Adult, and ICEMA Reference #14160 - Altered Level of Consciousness - Pediatric.
- All patients treated for an opioid overdose who refuse transport shall be managed per ICEMA Reference #6080 - Patient Refusal of Care - Adult.
- This policy does not pertain to the Naloxone (Narcan) administration listed in ICEMA Reference #7010 - Standard Drug and Equipment List - BLS/LALS/ALS.
- EMS field personnel shall document distribution of “Leave Behind Naloxone” kits per ICEMA Reference #5030 - Requirements for Patients Care Reports.
- EMS providers participating in the NDP and their EMS field personnel must follow all applicable guidelines for the procurement, reporting, training and distribution of “Leave Behind Naloxone” kits.

IV. REFERENCES

<u>Number</u>	<u>Name</u>
5030	Requirements for Patient Care Reports
6080	Patient Refusal of Care - Adult
7010	Standard Drug and Equipment List – BLS/LALS/ALS
14060	Altered Level of Consciousness/Seizures - Adult
14160	Altered Level of Consciousness - Pediatric