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TO: Law Enforcement Officers
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SUBJECT: Distribution and administration of naloxone (HB 2395)

House Bill 2395 ([2023 Oregon Laws, chapter 593](#)) which passed during the 2023 legislative session modified ORS 689.681, “The Oregon Pharmacy Act,” to allow the distribution and administration of naloxone by law enforcement officers, firefighters, and emergency medical service providers. ORS 689.681 supersedes the Oregon Medical Board, EMS Scope of Practice provisions in OAR 847-035-0030 and thus does not require a standing order from an EMS supervising physician for either licensed EMS providers or unlicensed public safety personnel such as law enforcement officers and single role firefighters.

Please note the following relevant bill language:

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a pharmacy, a health care professional, a pharmacist with prescription and dispensing privileges, a law enforcement officer, a firefighter, an emergency medical services provider or any other person designated by the State Board of Pharmacy by rule may:

- Distribute and administer a short-acting opioid antagonist and distribute the necessary medical supplies to administer the short-acting opioid antagonist, and
- Distribute multiple kits to:
 - An individual who has experienced an opioid overdose or is likely to experience an opioid overdose.
 - Family members of an individual who has experienced an opioid overdose or is likely to experience an opioid overdose.
 - Any other individual who requests one or more kits.

To learn more or to see if your agency qualifies for no-cost supplies through the Harm Reduction Clearinghouse, please visit <https://www.savelivesoregon.org/apply/>.

If you have any questions, contact the OHA EMS & Trauma Systems Program at ems.trauma@odhsoha.oregon.gov.