



**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) BETWEEN
MILWAUKEE COUNTY OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT (OEM)
&
CITY OF XXXXXXXXXX
REGARDING LAW ENFORCEMENT ADMINISTERED NALOXONE**

Background: The 2013 Wisconsin Act 200¹ grants law enforcement agencies the ability to administer naloxone (Narcan) if an opioid-related overdose is suspected. The Act declares civil and criminal immunity to the dispensing officer when acting in good faith and when affiliated with an Emergency Medical Services (EMS) entity that provides training and medical direction.

Opioid-related overdoses have been increasing in Wisconsin since 2003. In 2013, 72 percent of all overdose deaths were related to opioids.² Naloxone serves as an opioid antagonist, blocking opioid effects (e.g., heroin) such as life threatening respiratory depression.

Assessment: EMS providers may or may not be the first responder to an opioid-related drug overdose victim. Law enforcement officers may encounter an overdose patient before medical help arrives and in such case, a properly trained officer can take simple measures in safely administering naloxone, potentially saving a life.

Action: Milwaukee County Office of Emergency Management (OEM), EMS Division, contracts with the Medical College of Wisconsin (MCW) for medical direction, maintaining 24/7 physician coverage over the direction and control of County EMS providers. This medical direction and control is extended, via this MOU, to law enforcement agencies named herein.

The law enforcement agency responsible for administering naloxone shall have proper training through either OEM, EMS Division, or through their local fire department. Standard operating procedures shall be developed that capture methods to properly identify a person undergoing an opioid-related overdose, subsequent victim distress, and how to safely dispense naloxone.

¹ 2013 Wisconsin Act 200; <https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/2013/related/acts/200>, October 26th, 2015.

² Wisconsin: Special Emphasis Report: Drug Overdose Deaths 1999-2013; <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/publications/p01077.pdf>; October 26th, 2015.

OEM, EMS, and Medical Direction & Control:

- The Medical Director contracts with and is compensated by Milwaukee County through the Medical College of Wisconsin (MCW) to provide medical direction and consultation and maintain 24/7 physician coverage over the direction and control of Milwaukee County EMS providers. This medical direction and control is hereby extended to this Law Enforcement agency via this MOU. As such, the Medical Director shall exercise the supervision and oversight necessary to ensure compliance with the terms of this agreement, including but not limited to the following as appropriate:
 - 1) Provide initial and continuing education in opioid overdoses and opioid antagonists to law enforcement officers aligning with the EMS fee-for-service education structure while allowing variances to ensure the training is not cost prohibitive;
 - 2) Provide continued medical direction to participating municipalities at no cost;
 - 3) Assist law enforcement agencies in publishing protocols, which address storage, training, operations, and administration of Naloxone;
 - 4) Assist in obtaining the opioid antagonist and supplies from an appropriate vendor;
 - 5) Establish performance measures in collaboration with law enforcement agencies;
 - 6) Track the quality assurance of field-administered naloxone; and
 - 7) Collaborate with participating law enforcement agencies in the continued quality improvement and performance reviews of field-administered naloxone.
- The Medical Director covenants that during the period of this MOU that he/she has and will maintain in effect the appropriate licensure and medical malpractice insurance with a limit of liability not less than \$1,000,000 each incident, \$3,000,000 aggregate or such higher limits as may be required to comply with the provisions of Section 655.23 (4) of the Wisconsin Statutes. The Medical Director understands and agrees that this Law Enforcement agency will not be responsible for the Medical Director's acts or omissions.

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- Ensure law enforcement officers are properly trained via OEM, EMS or via their local fire department in identifying patients under the influence of an opioid, that person's subsequent respiratory/circulatory distress, and the safe dispensing of naloxone;
- Establish department standard operating procedures in the administration of naloxone that adhere to the medical direction of OEM and MCW;
- Provide appropriate field data to OEM, EMS & the MCW Medical Director to allow performance tracking and quality assurance; and
- Collaborate with OEM, EMS & MCW Medical Director in the continued quality improvement of field-administered naloxone.

MILWAUKEE COUNTY OEM
LAW ENFORCEMENT ADMINISTERED NALOXONE MOU

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