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Introduced by M. of A. STECK, FAHY -- read once and referred to the Committee on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee -- again reported from said committee with amendments, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the mental hygiene law and the public health law, in relation to the availability of opioid antagonists

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

- 1 Section 1. Subdivision (1) of section 19.09 of the mental hygiene law,
2 as added by chapter 434 of the laws of 2021, is amended to read as
3 follows:
4 (1)(1) The office, in consultation with the department of health,
5 shall maintain on its website a publicly available directory of all
6 distributors of opioid antagonists to the public, including but not
7 limited to, pharmacies, prevention programs and not-for-profits. As used
8 in this subdivision, the following terms shall have the following mean-
9 ings:
10 (i) "Opioid" means an opiate as defined in section thirty-three
11 hundred two of the public health law.
12 (ii) "Opioid antagonist" means a federal food and drug administra-
13 tion-approved drug that, when administered, negates or neutralizes in
14 whole or in part the pharmacological effects of an opioid in the body.
15 The [~~opioid antagonist shall be limited to naloxone or other medications~~
16 ~~approved by the department of health for this purpose~~] department of
17 health shall make available any formulation and dosage of opioid antag-
18 onist that are approved by the federal food and drug administration.
19 (2) The directory required by this subdivision shall include and be
20 searchable by the following information:
21 (i) addresses of each distributor of opioid antagonists;

EXPLANATION--Matter in italics (underscored) is new; matter in brackets
[-] is old law to be omitted.

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1 (ii) contact information, such as phone numbers or email addresses,
2 for each distributor;

3 (iii) services offered by each distributor at each location if more
4 than one, as well as information providing which opioid antagonists are
5 currently available at each distributor;

6 (iv) special populations served;

7 (v) insurance providers accepted;

8 (vi) hours of operation of each distributor;

9 (vii) contact information of opioid addiction prevention programs; and

10 (viii) any other information the commissioner deems necessary.

11 (3) The office may utilize an existing directory to satisfy the
12 requirements of this subdivision.

13 (4) The office shall allow for choice of any formulation and dosage of
14 opioid antagonist that are approved by the federal food and drug admin-
15 istration in the purchase, distribution or authorization to prescribe or
16 dispense such products.

17 § 2. Subdivision (b) of section 25.18 of the mental hygiene law is
18 amended by adding a new paragraph 4 to read as follows:

19 4. Any expenditure used for the purchase or distribution of an opioid
20 antagonist, as defined in subparagraph (ii) of paragraph one of subdivi-
21 sion (1) of section 19.09 of this title, shall allow for choice of any
22 formulation or dosage that is approved by the federal food and drug
23 administration.

24 § 3. Subparagraph (i) of paragraph (a) of subdivision 3 of section
25 3309 of the public health law, as amended by chapter 42 of the laws of
26 2014, is amended to read as follows:

27 (i) "Opioid antagonist" means a drug approved by the Food and Drug
28 Administration that, when administered, negates or neutralizes in whole
29 or in part the pharmacological effects of an opioid in the body.
30 [~~"Opioid antagonist" shall be limited to naloxone and other medications~~
31 ~~approved by the department for such purpose] The department shall make
32 available any formulation and dosage of opioid antagonist that are
33 approved by the federal Food and Drug Administration.~~

34 § 4. Section 3309 of the public health law is amended by adding a new
35 subdivision 9 to read as follows:

36 9. Any purchase, distribution or authorization to prescribe pursuant
37 to this section by the commissioner shall allow for choice of any formu-
38 lation or dosage that is approved by the federal Food and Drug Adminis-
39 tration.

40 § 5. This act shall take effect immediately.