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Introduced by Sen. SEPULVEDA -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Health

AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to requiring certain eligible persons or entities to acquire and possess opioid antagonists

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

1 Section 1. The public health law is amended by adding a new section
2 3000-g to read as follows:

3 § 3000-g. Opioid antagonist. 1. Definitions. As used in this section:

4 (a) "Eligible person or entity" means (i) an ambulance service or
5 advanced life support first response service; a certified first respon-
6 der, emergency medical technician, or advanced emergency medical techni-
7 cian, who is employed by or an enrolled member of any such service; (ii)
8 a children's overnight camp as defined in subdivision one of section
9 thirteen hundred ninety-two of this chapter, a summer day camp as
10 defined in subdivision two of section thirteen hundred ninety-two of
11 this chapter, a traveling summer day camp as defined in subdivision
12 three of section thirteen hundred ninety-two of this chapter; or a
13 person employed by such a camp; (iii) a school district, board of coop-
14 erative educational services, county vocational education and extension
15 board, charter school, non-public elementary and secondary school,
16 colleges, and universities in this state; or any person employed by any
17 such entity, or employed by a contractor of such an entity while
18 performing services for the entity; (iv) a government office; an educa-
19 tional institution or after-school program; a community center; a
20 publicly or privately operated shelter; or any person employed by any
21 such entity, or employed by a contractor of such an entity while
22 performing services for the entity; (v) a correctional facility, a coun-
23 ty jail, a police station, or a fire station; a pharmacy, doctor's
24 office; or any person employed by any such entity, or employed by a
25 contractor of such an entity while performing services for the entity;
26 and (vi) any other person or entity designated or approved, or in a
27 category designated or approved pursuant to regulations of the commis-
28 sioner in consultation with other appropriate agencies.

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

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1 (b) "Opioid antagonist" means a drug approved by the Food and Drug
2 Administration that, when administered, negates or neutralizes in whole
3 or in part the pharmacological effects of an opioid in the body. "Opioid
4 antagonist" shall be limited to naloxone and other medications approved
5 by the department for such purpose.

6 (c) "Health care practitioner" means a health care practitioner
7 licensed, certified, or authorized to practice under title eight of the
8 education law who is authorized thereby to administer drugs, and who is
9 acting within the scope of their practice.

10 2. Possession and use. (a) Any eligible person or entity shall acquire
11 and possess and may use an opioid antagonist for emergency treatment of
12 a person appearing to experience an opioid-related overdose.

13 (b) An eligible person or entity shall possess at least two provisions
14 of an opioid antagonist at all times.

15 (c) An eligible person or entity shall designate one or more individ-
16 uals who have completed the training required by paragraph (d) of this
17 subdivision to be responsible for the storage, maintenance, control, and
18 general oversight of the opioid antagonist acquired by the eligible
19 person or entity.

20 (d) No one may use an opioid antagonist on behalf of an eligible
21 person or entity unless such person has successfully completed a train-
22 ing course in the use of opioid antagonists approved by the commis-
23 ioner, or is directed in a specific instance to use an opioid antagonist by
24 a health care practitioner.

25 (e) This section does not prohibit the use of an opioid antagonist (i)
26 by a health care practitioner or (ii) by a person acting pursuant to a
27 lawful patient-specific prescription.

28 (f) Every eligible person and entity authorized to possess and use an
29 opioid antagonist pursuant to this section shall use, maintain and
30 dispose of such antagonist pursuant to regulations of the department.

31 (g) Nothing in this section shall require any eligible person or enti-
32 ty to administer an opioid antagonist.

33 3. Prescriptions. (a) A health care practitioner who is authorized to
34 prescribe drugs may prescribe, dispense or provide an opioid antagonist
35 to or for an eligible person or entity by a non-patient-specific
36 prescription.

37 (b) A pharmacist may dispense an opioid antagonist pursuant to a non-
38 patient-specific prescription under this subdivision.

39 (c) This subdivision does not limit any other authority a health care
40 practitioner or pharmacist has to prescribe, dispense, provide or admin-
41 ister an opioid antagonist.

42 4. Application of other laws. (a) Use of an opioid antagonist pursuant
43 to this section shall be considered first aid or emergency treatment for
44 the purpose of any statute relating to liability.

45 (b) Purchase, acquisition, possession or use of an opioid antagonist
46 pursuant to this section shall not constitute the unlawful practice of a
47 profession or other violation under title eight of the education law or
48 article thirty-three of this chapter.

49 (c) Any person otherwise authorized to sell or provide an opioid
50 antagonist may sell or provide it to a person or entity authorized to
51 possess it pursuant to this section.

52 § 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundred twentieth day after
53 it shall have become a law. Effective immediately, the addition, amend-
54 ment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implemen-
55 tation of this act on its effective date are authorized to be made and
56 completed on or before such effective date.