

## **POLICY #221 LEAVE BEHIND NALOXONE:**

### **I. PURPOSE**

- A. To establish guidelines and procedures for Emergency Medical Services personnel to leave behind intranasal naloxone kits with at-risk individuals, family members, or other bystanders at the scene of a suspected opioid overdose or in situations where opioid overdose risk is identified.

### **II. POLICY**

EMS personnel may utilize this policy while following any SLOEMSA treatment protocols and may leave behind naloxone kits when any of the following occur:

- A. Scene of suspected opioid overdose with patient revived or refusing transport;
- B. High-risk individuals identified (e.g., known opioid users, with paraphernalia present);
- C. Upon request by patient, family, or bystander;
- D. Regardless of overdose involvement, if EMS personnel assess risk in others present.

### **III. PROCEDURE**

A. Assessment and Education

1. Confirm opioid involvement or risk factors.
2. Provide brief training on:
  - Signs/symptoms of opioid overdose
  - Proper intranasal naloxone administration
  - Importance of dialing 911
  - Good Samaritan protections

B. Distribution

1. Provide a SLOEMSA-approved naloxone kit (typically two doses of 4mg intranasal naloxone, naloxone instruction, resource handout, and fentanyl test strips).

C. Documentation

Document in the ePCR:

- Indication for leave behind
- Number of kits left

- Recipient's relationship to patient (if applicable)
- Verbal consent and understanding of use
- If there is no PCR generated (e.g., a cancel, no patient found, or no medical complaint), but EMS personnel believe a leave behind Naloxone kit would be beneficial, they may leave the kit without documentation.

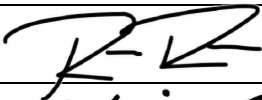
D. Resupply

Participating agencies are responsible for procuring and supplies through the California DHCS Naloxone Distribution Project or the County of San Luis Obispo's Opioid Safety Coalition.

IV. AUTHORITY

- California Health and Safety Code, Division 2.5,
- Title 22, California Code of Regulations, Division 9
- California Civil Code § 1714.22

Approvals:

EMS Agency, Administrator	
EMS Agency, Medical Director	