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STANDING ORDERS:

THE ADMINISTRATION OF NALOXONE BY TLCHD EMPLOYEES

This document is a standing order advising naloxone-trained TLCHD employees that they are encouraged to administer naloxone to any opiate overdose victims they may encounter at the health department offices, or when they are doing their assigned work in the field.

PLAN OF CARE:

Detailed instructions on how to administer naloxone are contained in the TLCHD Policy and Procedure: "The Emergency Administration of Naloxone" effective 7/2017.

OHIO LAW PERTAINING TO THIS STANDING ORDER:

Health department employees attempting to reverse an opiate overdose with naloxone are exempt from any legal action as provided by the Ohio Revised Code: 2925.61 "Lawful administration of naloxone."

This 2014 law gives full immunity from criminal prosecution to employees or volunteers of a service entity when they administer naloxone provided they do the following:

- Act in good faith
- Use naloxone provided by their employer
- Administers the naloxone to an individual who is apparently experiencing an opioid-related overdose
- Attempts to summon emergency services as soon as practicable either before or after administering the naloxone.



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Legal Authority: Ohio Revised Code: 2925.61 "Lawful administration of naloxone."

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Approved by: Date: 5-16-17

Medical Director

Standing Orders must be reviewed and updated as necessary, and signed and dated at least annually.

Revised: