

SUBJECT: NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH – REGISTERED OPIOID OVERDOSE PREVENTION PROGRAM

The Board of Education (“the Board”) of the Union Springs Central School District (“the District”) recognizes that many factors, including the use and misuse of prescription painkillers, can lead to the dependence on and addiction to opiates, and that such dependence and addiction can lead to overdose and death among the public, including district students and staff. The Board adopts the following measures to minimize the chances of death by overdose.

Participation in Approved Program

The Board approves the District to participate in an existing NYSDOH Registered Opioid Overdose Prevention Program operated by Cayuga County Mental Health (“the Program”), under the direction of the Program’s Clinical Director (“the Clinical Director”). The Program shall make available a communal NYSDOH-provided naloxone (also known as Narcan, among other names) nasal spray kits to trained responders. All provided naloxone kits shall be stored as specified by the Program. Naloxone shall be accessible during school hours. The district shall comply with all recordkeeping, inventory, documentation and notification requirements of the Program.

Required Training for Volunteer School Personnel

As a participant with an existing NYSDOH-registered opioid overdose prevention Program, the District’s volunteer school personnel are required to complete a NYSDOH approved training Program known as “Opioid Overdose Training for School Personnel: Recognizing a Life-Threatening Opioid Overdoses and Using an Opioid Antagonist.”

After successful completion of this training, an individual will receive a certificate of training in opioid overdose prevention valid for 2 years. The District shall maintain a current list of its trained school personnel. This list will be maintained in the health office or another location designated by the Superintendent.

School Nurses

NYS registered professional nurses (RNs) may administer opioid-related overdose treatment pursuant to a non-patient specific order and protocol prescribed only by a licensed physician or a certified nurse practitioner; they are not able to follow a non-patient specific order written by a physician’s assistance. Accordingly, the Clinical Director issuing the non-patient specific order must be a NYS licensed physician or a certified nurse practitioner. School nurses also can participate in the Program and are able, within the scope of their licensure and authorized practice, to administer either intramuscular (IM) naloxone or IN naloxone pursuant to a non-patient specific order and protocol issued by the Clinical Director.

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Maintenance of Opioid Antagonists in the District's Schools

As a District that is participating under an existing NYSDOH Registered Provider (Option #3), the District may receive naloxone overdose kits for free through the NYSDOH, as prescribed by the Clinical Director.

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