Structured Administration and Supply Arrangement (SASA)

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| **TITLE:** | **Supply of naloxone for emergency reversal of drug overdose**  |

1. **Authority:**

Issued by the Chief Executive Officer of Health under Part 6 of the *Medicines and Poisons Regulations 2016*.

1. **Scope:**

This authorises staff at approved drug and alcohol treatment organisations to supply naloxone for use in the emergency treatment of opioid overdose.

1. **Criteria:**

This SASA authorises the actions specified in the table below.

| **Practitioner:** | Employed or volunteer staff, who have completed approved training, working in approved drug and alcohol treatment organisations. |
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| **Practice setting:** | Premises named on a current Health Service Permit issued under the *Medicines and Poisons Regulations 2016*, where the purpose of the Permit is for the Take Home Naloxone Pilot. |
| **Approved activity:** | Supply. |
| **Approved medicines:** | Naloxone when included in Schedule 3 of the Standard for the Uniform Scheduling of Medicines and Poisons (SUSMP). |
| **Medical conditions:** | Emergency reversal of opioid overdose. |

1. **Conditions:**

The supply of medicines under this SASA is subject to the conditions that:

1. the medicine is not being offered for retail sale.
2. the staff member must:
* have successfully completed WA Naloxone Projects Training, conducted by the Mental Health Commission; and
* be authorised by the employing organisation to participate in the naloxone peer supply scheme at that site.
1. on each occasion of supply:
* the supplying staff member must reasonably believe that access to the medicine is required by the client to administer to reverse a likely opioid overdose (appropriate therapeutic purpose) and the client does not intend to use the medicine for any other purpose;
* the supplying staff member supplies a quantity (reasonable amount) that is suitable for personal use, by that client, for that purpose; and
* the client is properly educated on the safe and effective administration of the medicine, via verbal counselling according to standard procedures of the employing organisation, and by provision of hard copy training materials approved by the Mental Health Commission.
1. the staff member complies with the *WA Naloxone Projects 2018 – 2021: Guidelines for the Supply of Take-Home Naloxone to Clients.*
2. the medicines are procured, stored and supplied in accordance with Part 9 of the Medicines and Poisons Regulations 2016 (the Regulations):
	* procurement is by a Medicines and Poisons Permit Holder;
	* all storage is secure and out of public access, within an approved Permit site, in accordance with all relevant Permit conditions; and
	* at all times, medicines are labelled and packaged in accordance with the SUSMP and the Regulations.
3. **References:**
4. Mental Health Commission. *WA Naloxone Projects 2018 – 2021:* *Guidelines for the supply of take-home naloxone to clients.*
5. **Issued by:**

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