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The Indiana General Assembly passed legislation to expand the distribution and use of naloxone rescue kits. This legislation is referred to as Aaron's Law after Aaron Sims of Indianapolis, who died in 2013 at the age of 20 from a heroin overdose. Naloxone is a lifesaving overdose intervention drug for individuals who are experiencing an opioid overdose. Laypeople are now allowed to carry and administer naloxone and are protected from civil liability as long as they administer it in good faith and follow certain requirements.

To expand the number of naloxone rescue kits available to save lives, entities can now sell or distribute naloxone to laypeople and first responders.

The expansion permitting entities to sell or distribute naloxone added requirements that entities had to follow. In addition, the public needed to know where to go for naloxone rescue kits. To make it easier, the optIN.in.gov website was created.

Entities are required to:



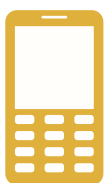
1. Provide education and training on drug overdose response and treatment to individuals they sell or distribute rescue kits to. This training includes the administration of naloxone and calling 9-1-1 immediately before or after administering the drug.



2. Provide drug addiction treatment information and referrals to drug treatment programs, including programs in the local area and programs that offer medication-assisted treatment.



3. Register annually with the Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH) in order to sell or distribute an overdose intervention drug. An entity includes a pharmacy that sells naloxone or a group that has the rescue kits on hand to distribute free of charge. Examples of these groups include: treatment centers, overdose prevention organizations and local health departments.



4. Registered entities are also required to keep their information up to date. This includes their listed phone number and whether they still offer naloxone rescue kits. Entities are also required to report their annual sales or distribution activities by December 31 of each year, but may submit monthly reports. Required information includes the volume of sales or distribution, broken down by the technique used to administer the naloxone (Intranasal, auto injector or other injectable). There are currently more than 800 entities registered for optIN. These entities range from single-location facilities to larger companies with locations statewide.



Requirements to sell or distribute free-of-charge naloxone rescue kits

To register as a new entity, visit <https://optIN.in.gov/>

Select "Register as a New Naloxone Entity."

Follow the prompts.

Registered entities wanting to update their information on file, submit their annual report or get a copy of the Indiana state health commissioner's standing order should go to <https://optIN.in.gov/>.

Select "Current Entities Only."

Follow the prompts.

Where can I find a naloxone rescue kit?

When an entity registers, it is given a pin on a map of the state that is displayed on the website. By hovering over a pin, visitors can find the name, phone number and address of the entity.

To locate the nearest entity, visit <https://optIN.in.gov/>

Select "Locate Current Naloxone Entities."

Enter the search criteria in the filter box and select "Filter."

Hover over the pins for name, phone number and address.



You can also report a problem with a listed entity not having naloxone available.

To report that a listed entity does not have naloxone, go to: <https://optIN.in.gov/>

Select "Locate Current Naloxone Entities".

Select "Are you having trouble finding Naloxone? Click here."

Complete the "Contact an ISDH optIN Administrator" form and submit.

Someone will contact you.

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