



MEMORANDUM TO: All Chiefs of Police and
Commissioner J.V.N. (Vince) Hawkes
Chairs, Police Services Boards

FROM: Stephen Beckett
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SUBJECT: **Expansion of the Ontario Naloxone Program to Police
Services**

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On December 7, 2017, Dr. Eric Hoskins, Minister of Health and Long-Term Care, and Marie-France Lalonde, Minister of Community Safety and Correctional Services, were joined by Dr. David Williams, Chief Medical Officer of Health and Provincial Overdose Coordinator, and Dr. Dirk Huyer, Chief Coroner for Ontario to announce the expansion of the Ontario Naloxone Program to police and fire services.

Eligibility

Police services will be eligible to receive naloxone kits through their local public health unit (see Appendix A for a list of local public health units). The program will provide access to police officers or First Nations constables who may reasonably encounter a situation where a person has overdosed and may require naloxone. Under this program police services are eligible¹ to provide access to:

- Municipal police officers
- Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) officers
- First Nations constables

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¹ Note: The focus of the program's expansion is to provide access to police officers - RCMP officers, Special Constables, auxiliaries and civilians are ineligible at this time.

How to Enroll

To enroll in the Ontario Naloxone Program, police services will need to:

- Consult with their legal counsel and other experts about the use of naloxone as a public health and community safety measure.
- Complete a form to indicate interest in enrollment and confirm the number of naloxone kits the service is requesting.
- Enter into an agreement with the appropriate public health unit.
- Develop and/or adopt program-related policies and procedures within each service, including how naloxone would be carried and deployed.
- Arrange training and education for staff. Some services who have already developed training material on naloxone may be willing to share with other interested police services.

All forms and agreements will be provided by the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care. To begin the enrollment process, please contact the appropriate public health unit.

Enrolled police services will be required to report quarterly to their local public health unit using a standardized form on the use of naloxone in their service.

The province will not reimburse police services for naloxone previously procured. However, police services that have already procured naloxone are eligible to apply to the program to receive new supplies of naloxone as needed.

Police services will be eligible to order naloxone in early 2018. The ministry will advise services of the effective date once it has been determined.

For further information on the Ontario Naloxone Program you can visit the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care website at <https://www.ontario.ca/page/get-naloxone-kits-free>.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Beckett', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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