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

FROM: Stephen Beckett
Assistant Deputy Minister
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SUBJECT: **Launch of the Expansion of the Ontario Naloxone
Program to Police Services**

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Further to the announcement by Ministers Hoskins and Lalonde on December 7, 2017, and the All Chiefs Memo dated the same day, the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care (MOHLTC) and the Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services are pleased to launch the expansion of the Ontario Naloxone Program (ONP) to include police and fire services. The intent of this expansion is to make naloxone kits available to all police services to prevent overdoses, and potentially to help police in case of exposure to opioids.

Effective **January 29, 2018**, interested police services will be able to contact their local public health unit (PHU) to order naloxone (kits and/or refills). This expansion is available to 61 municipal police services, First Nation police services, and the Ontario Provincial Police.

To enrol in the ONP, police services need to:

- Develop and/or adopt program-related policies and procedures within each service, including policies on how naloxone would be carried, stored and deployed;

- Arrange training and education for officers that will have access to naloxone;
- Contact the appropriate PHU on or after January 29, 2018 to begin the enrollment process;
- Enter into an agreement (e.g. Memorandum of Understanding, Service Level Agreement) with the appropriate PHU;
- Complete a MOHLTC form to confirm enrollment and the number of naloxone kits being ordered;
- Consult with legal counsel and other experts about the use of naloxone to prevent overdoses; and
- Consult with your boards as appropriate.

Please contact the appropriate public health unit to begin the enrollment process on or after January 29, 2018. Refer to the chart, attached, for clarification on which public health unit your police service falls under.

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

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

For further information on the ONP you can visit the MOHLTC 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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Attachment