Transfer or Sale of Naloxone by EMS Agencies

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Section 4729.51 of the Ohio Revised Code permits all terminal distributors of dangerous drugs to conduct occasional wholesale sales of naloxone. While termed as an “occasional wholesale sale,” neither the law nor the corresponding rule (4729:5-3-09) places a limitation on the amount of naloxone that may be transferred or sold between licensed terminal distributors of dangerous drugs.

EMS agencies and other terminal distributors transferring or selling naloxone (even at no-cost) must maintain records of any transfers or sales.

The Board has also adopted a resolution to permit EMS agencies to receive or purchase naloxone from local law enforcement agencies that are not licensed by the Board of Pharmacy (this includes the replenishment of naloxone used at the scene of a suspected overdose). EMS agencies must maintain records of any naloxone purchase from or sale to local law enforcement (even if at no-cost). For more information regarding this resolution, visit: www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/LEsale

For any questions regarding the transfer or sale of naloxone, contact the Board by visiting: www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/contact