

Committee: Westchester County Society of Health- Systems Pharmacist

Topic: Narcan Program Support

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WHEREAS, healthcare institutions play a significant role in protecting the public health and regulating the practice of health professions, and are critical in reversing the prescription drug epidemic or opioid crisis

WHEREAS, newly overdosed patients admitted to the emergency rooms are at a high risk of recidivism,

WHEREAS, a number of tools are being used to combat prescription opioid overdoses, including: proper disposal of prescription drugs; increasing the availability of substance abuse treatment; and providing education and training on overdose risk factors, signs and symptoms

Be it resolved:

The New York State Council of Health-System Pharmacists supports programs allowing emergency departments to dispense Narcan without a prescription to new overdosed patients.

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