

# NARCAN RESOURCE GUIDE

On March 29, 2023, the Food and Drug Administration authorized Narcan, a prescription nasal spray that reverses opioid overdoses, to be sold over the counter. Public health officials and treatment experts hope wider availability of the medicine will reduce the nation's alarmingly high drug fatality rates. With this approval, Narcan will be readily available on college campuses as well as from big-box chains, vending machines, supermarkets, convenience stores, gas stations and even online retailers. (Source: NYT article)

There is nothing within any general liability policy that Holmes Murphy places on behalf of a client that excludes coverage for merely administering Narcan to someone who is overdosing. There could be other facts that impact coverage but not for simply administering Narcan.



## Considerations:

- Narcan is a legal substance. Any member should be able to have Narcan if needed for themselves or others within the facility or at events.
- Members and chapter leadership (e.g., officers, volunteers, facility employees) should focus on education, prevention, and campus resources as they relate to Narcan. The chapter leadership should NOT create rules about who can have Narcan, determine where it is stored, or who distributes it. This takes on a duty of care for the organization that is not needed or required for a legal substance.
- Chapter leadership should always reinforce seeking immediate medical attention and calling 911 for the safety and well-being of members and guests.
- Members should know about Good Samaritan Policy/Laws of the state and university.
- There are many campus and community resources that provide education and distribution of Narcan, and individuals can and should utilize those services. Members should be aware of their local resources.

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