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SYNOPSIS

Requires anyone administered opioid antidote to treat drug overdose be provided with information concerning substance treatment programs and resources.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As reported by the Assembly Health and Senior Services Committee on November 30, 2017, with amendments.

(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 12/8/2017)

1 AN ACT concerning substance abuse treatment and supplementing
2 Title 24 of the Revised Statutes.

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
5 of New Jersey:

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7 1. a. If an opioid antidote is administered by a health care
8 professional or a first responder to a person experiencing a drug
9 overdose, information concerning substance abuse treatment programs
10 and resources ²including information on the availability of opioid
11 antidotes² shall be provided to the person as follows:

12 (1) If the person is admitted to a health care facility or receives
13 treatment in the emergency department of a health care facility, ³a
14 staff member designated by³ the health care ³[professional with
15 primary responsibility for the person's care] facility, who may be a
16 social worker, addiction counselor, or other appropriate professional,³
17 shall provide the information to the person at any time after treatment
18 for the drug overdose is complete ^{3,3} but prior to the person's
19 discharge from the facility. The ³[health care professional]
20 designated staff member³ shall document the provision of the
21 information in the person's medical record, and may ³, in collaboration
22 with an appropriate health care professional,³ additionally develop an
23 individualized substance abuse treatment plan for the person.

24 (2) If the opioid antidote is administered by a first responder and
25 the person experiencing the overdose is not subsequently transported
26 to a health care facility, the first responder shall provide the
27 information to the person at the time treatment for the drug overdose is
28 complete.

29 b. As used in this section:

30 "First responder" means a law enforcement officer, paid or
31 volunteer firefighter, paid or volunteer member of a duly incorporated
32 first aid, emergency, ambulance, or rescue squad association, or any
33 other individual who, in the course of that individual's employment, is
34 dispatched to the scene of an emergency situation for the purpose of
35 providing medical care or other assistance.

36 "Health care facility" means a health care facility licensed pursuant
37 to P.L.1971, c.136 (C.26:2H-1 et seq.).

38 c. The ¹[Commissioner of Health, in consultation with the]¹
39 Commissioner of Human Services ¹[,]¹ shall develop informational
40 materials concerning substance abuse treatment programs and
41 resources ²and information on the availability of opioid antidotes² for
42 dissemination to health care professionals and first responders to

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **[thus]** in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

¹Senate SHH committee amendments adopted March 7, 2016.

²Senate floor amendments adopted May 9, 2016.

³Assembly AHE committee amendments adopted November 30, 2017.

1 facilitate the provision of information to patients pursuant to this
2 section.

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4 2. This act shall take effect the first day of the fourth month
5 next following the date of enactment, except that the Commissioner
6 of ¹**【Health】** Human Services¹ may take such anticipatory
7 administrative action in advance thereof as shall be necessary for
8 the implementation of this act.