



MI-PDO FOCUS NEWSLETTER

Prevention of Prescription
Drug/Overdose Related Death



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DEA to Temporarily Schedule 7-OH and Related Substances to Protect Public Safety

U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration filed its intent to temporarily place 7-hydroxymetazynine (7-OH) and three related substances into Schedule I of the Controlled Substances Act (CSA). Prior to DEA issuing this notice, the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) confirmed synthetic 7-OH, and the three related substances have no accepted medical use and a high potential for abuse.

[Access the resource here.](#)

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July Awareness: Supporting Substance Use Disorder Awareness & Prevention

July is an opportunity to continue conversations about Substance Use Disorder (SUD), prevention, treatment, harm reduction, and recovery. Substance use can affect individuals, families, and entire communities, making education and access to supportive resources especially important.

Understanding Substance Use Disorder

Substance Use Disorder is a health condition in which the use of alcohol or other drugs can lead to significant challenges in a person's daily life, health, relationships, or responsibilities. SUD can range from mild to severe, and every person's experience is different.

Recognizing SUD as a health condition helps reduce stigma and encourages people to seek support without fear of judgment.

Prevention Starts With Education

Education is an important part of preventing substance misuse and overdose. Communities can help by providing accurate information about prescription medications, opioids, alcohol, and other substances.

Safe medication practices are also important. Prescription medications should be:

- Taken only as directed
- Stored securely and away from children and others
- Never shared with another person
- Properly disposed of when they are no longer needed

Community prevention efforts can also include youth education, mental health resources, peer support, treatment referrals, and opportunities for individuals and families to connect with trusted organizations.

Naloxone Saves Lives

Naloxone, commonly known by the brand name Narcan, is a medication that can rapidly reverse an opioid overdose. Community members, family members, caregivers, and others can learn how to recognize an overdose and administer naloxone.

Having naloxone available does not encourage substance use; it provides an opportunity to save someone's life and connect that individual with additional support.

If you believe someone is experiencing an opioid overdose, call 911 immediately, administer naloxone if available, and remain with the person until emergency assistance arrives.

Supporting People Without Stigma

The words we use can make a difference. Instead of defining someone by their substance use, use respectful, person-first language such as "a person with a substance use disorder" or "a person in recovery."

Support can also mean listening without judgment, providing information about available resources, encouraging treatment when appropriate, and recognizing that recovery may include different pathways.

Take Action This July

This July, consider learning more about substance use prevention and recovery resources in your community. Attend a naloxone training, learn how to safely dispose of unused medications, share prevention information with family and friends, or connect someone with treatment and recovery resources.

Every conversation can increase awareness. Every connection can provide support. Every dose of naloxone available in the community has the potential to save a life. By working together, we can reduce stigma, strengthen prevention efforts, support recovery, and help create healthier and safer communities.



OPEN WARMLINE SERVICE

The OPEN Warmline offers same-day telehealth prescribing for buprenorphine for people in the State of Michigan who use opioids. Telehealth visits can be done by a video visit or phone.

Explore the Warmline

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