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Remittance Advice (RA) Message

Title: **Opioid Reversal Agents**

Issue Date: 08/17/2016

Run Length: 6 weeks

Provider Type(s): All

Message: The risk of death from opioid overdose increases when an individual has had a previous opioid overdose experience. To provide a safety net for patients who have experienced prior opioid overdoses, Alaska Medicaid will alert a pharmacist filling a prescription for an opioid reversal agent when the patient has filled three or more prescriptions for naloxone within a 365-day rolling period.

PHARMACISTS are asked to intervene with the prescriber and inquire if any modifications of the patient's opioid regimen are warranted.

PRESCRIBERS are asked to review high-risk patients' regimens to consider modifications.

For more information on this safety net, please review the Analgesics, Opioid & Reversal Agents information available at <http://dhss.alaska.gov/dhcs/Pages/pharmacy/medpriorauthoriz.aspx#analgesics-opioid>.

To learn more about opioid prescribing and risks, please visit the *CDC Guidelines for Prescribing Opioids for Chronic Pain* at <http://dx.doi.org/10.15585/mmwr.rr6501e1>. To aid prescribers and providers in decreasing the risk of opioid dependence, overdose and death, the CDC also has resources available at <http://www.cdc.gov/drugoverdose/prescribing/resources.html>.