



ALBERTA

*Office of the Minister of Health
Office of the Minister of Seniors
MLA, Edmonton-Glenora*

M.O. 31/2016

WHEREAS section 3.1 of Schedule 7.1 of the *Government Organization Act* states “[f]or the purposes of preventing, combating or alleviating a public health emergency as defined in the *Public Health Act*, the Minister may by order authorize a person or category of persons to perform one or more restricted activities subject to any terms or conditions the Minister may prescribe”;

WHEREAS section 1(hh.1) of the *Public Health Act* defines a “public health emergency” to mean “an occurrence or threat of (i) an illness, (ii) a health condition, (iii) an epidemic or pandemic disease, (iv) a novel or highly infectious agent or biological toxin, or (v) the presence of a chemical agent or radioactive material that poses a significant risk to the public health”;

WHEREAS the Minister has determined that the increasing number of overdoses as a result of the use of the drug fentanyl is a health condition that necessitates action to prevent a “public health emergency” as defined in the *Public Health Act*;

WHEREAS the Government of Alberta has established a plan for increasing access to the drug naloxone, one method of treatment if an overdose occurs;

WHEREAS part of that plan has included expanding the scope of practice of Emergency Medical Technologists-Paramedic, Emergency Medical Technicians-Ambulance and Emergency Medical Responders currently regulated under the *Health Disciplines Act* and the *Emergency Medical Technicians Regulation* in a timely manner;

WHEREAS Ministerial Order (M.O.) 41/2015, issued on December 10, 2015, authorized the expanded the scope of practice of Emergency Medical Technicians-Ambulance and Emergency Medical Responders, currently regulated under the *Health Disciplines Act* and the *Emergency Medical Technicians Regulation*, to administer naloxone;

WHEREAS M.O. 41/2015, issued on December 10, 2015, authorized the expanded the scope of practice of Emergency Medical Technologists-Paramedic, Emergency Medical Technicians-Ambulance and Emergency Medical Responders,

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currently regulated under the *Health Disciplines Act* and the *Emergency Medical Technicians Regulation*, to dispense or sell, within the meaning of the *Pharmacy and Drug Act*, naloxone;

WHEREAS M.O. 41/2015 is set to expire on July 1, 2016; and

WHEREAS it is necessary to extend the authorization of the expanded scope of practice beyond July 1, 2016;

THEREFORE, I, SARAH HOFFMAN, Minister of Health, pursuant to section 3.1 of Schedule 7.1 of the *Government Organization Act*, hereby:

1. Authorize all Emergency Medical Technicians-Ambulance and all Emergency Medical Responders registered with the Alberta College of Paramedics to perform the following restricted activities, on the terms and conditions set out in Appendix A:
 - To administer naloxone by an invasive procedure on body tissue below the dermis.
 - To dispense or sell, within the meaning of the *Pharmacy and Drug Act*, naloxone.
2. Authorize all Emergency Medical Technologists-Paramedic registered with the Alberta College of Paramedics to perform the following restricted activities, on the terms and conditions set out in Appendix A:
 - To dispense or sell, within the meaning of the *Pharmacy and Drug Act*, naloxone.
3. Repeal M.O. 41/2015.
4. Repeal this Ministerial Order on the coming into force of the *Paramedic Profession Regulation* under the *Health Professions Act* and Schedule 18 of the *Health Professions Act*.

This Order takes effect upon signing and expires on October 31, 2016.

DATED AT EDMONTON, Alberta, this 10 day of May, 2016.


SARAH HOFFMAN
MINISTER

Appendix A

Terms and Conditions Applicable to Performance of the Restricted Activity Authorized in this Ministerial Order

- An authorized person may only perform the activity authorized by this Ministerial Order for the purpose of administering, dispensing or selling the drug naloxone.
- An authorized person may only perform the activity authorized by this Ministerial Order once they have successfully completed training which has been approved by the Alberta College of Paramedics.
- An authorized person may only perform the activity authorized by this Ministerial Order once they have met any other criteria required by the Alberta College of Paramedics.
- An authorized person may only perform the activity authorized by this Ministerial Order under medical control and with an ongoing medical audit as defined in the *Emergency Medical Technicians Regulation*.
- If the regulation of Emergency Medical Technologists-Paramedic, Emergency Medical Technicians-Ambulance and Emergency Medical Responders transitions from the *Health Disciplines Act* to the *Health Professions Act* during the term of this Ministerial Order, the College under the *Health Professions Act* has the same authority as has been provided to the Alberta College of Paramedics.