


Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service FIRE CHIEF'S GENERAL ORDER

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TO: All MCFRS Personnel
FROM: Fire Chief Scott E. Goldstein 
SUBJECT: Leave-Behind Naloxone & Urgent Follow-Up Program
This FCGO replaces and rescinds FCGO 18-08

This update removes the requirement to notify the EMS Duty Officer for overdose patients who do not consent to transport and enables clinicians to distribute Naloxone kits to the public.

In partnership with the Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), MCFRS is participating in the *Leave Behind Naloxone & Urgent Follow-Up Program*. This program is funded entirely by grants from the Maryland Department of Health, who will provide the kits to Montgomery County. Most elements of this program will be handled through the Mobile Integrated Health (MIH) initiative and supported by clinicians in the field. Whenever available, Leave-Behind Naloxone kits will be provided to field clinicians and fire stations for dissemination to the public.

Leave-Behind kits may be given to patients, their families, or anyone who expresses interest in having a kit at any time: after an overdose, while involved in other EMS care, or by request to crews or stations.

Leave-Behind kits are separate from the Naloxone carried in our ALS and BLS medication modules to be administered by EMS clinicians. **Naloxone that is intended for EMS providers should NOT be given to the public.**

Clinicians must appropriately document all distributions of Leave-Behind kits. The preferred method is to document in the patient care report (PCR) (currently *eMeds*) if related to an EMS incident. Clinicians should strive to obtain a phone number and address for the patient and record it in PCR. A secondary means of kit distribution documentation is an electronic form, accessible by a QR code on the front of the Leave-Behind Naloxone bags. Only one method of kit documentation is necessary (PCR or electronic form).

More information is available at the MCFRS Leave-Behind page:
<https://sites.google.com/view/mcfrsnarcan/home>