

HB20-1065 Concerning Measures to Reduce Harm Caused by Substance Use Disorders

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This bill addresses access to the life-saving medication, naloxone:

- Extends civil and criminal immunity for a person who acts in good faith to administer naloxone that is expired to an individual suffering an opiate-related drug overdose.
- Requires health insurance carriers to reimburse a hospital if the facility provides a covered person with naloxone upon discharge.
- Requires a pharmacist to notify an individual dispensed an opioid about the availability of naloxone when there would be benefit based off the pharmacist's judgement.

This bill promotes public health through preventing the spread of blood-borne pathogens:

- Promotes public health safety by providing permissive language for pharmacies to provide syringes.
- Removes a regulatory barrier to operating syringe exchange programs.



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