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Dear Healthcare Provider:

Nevada, like the rest of the nation, is currently suffering the worst overdose epidemic in history. To help combat unnecessary loss of life and help save the lives of Nevada's most vulnerable, the legislature approved Senate Bill 459. One important component of the legislation allows first responders, family members, and friends the ability to obtain and administer the antidote medication, Naloxone – a medication that can reverse an overdose that is caused by an opioid drug, such as a prescription pain medication or heroin.

It is critical that we have your help and support to ensure that the goals of the legislation are fulfilled. Important elements of the legislation that should be of interest to you are:

- Naloxone is safe and legal to prescribe;
- the legislation provides legal immunity for prescribers who make Naloxone accessible to individuals; and
- physicians, advanced practice registered nurse, and physicians' assistants can prescribe the medication to a patient that may need to administer it to another individual.

Please take the time to educate yourself on Naloxone and consider it an option when caring for patients and their loved ones. You can find educational and awareness materials at the following websites: www.dpbh.gov (information about Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Agency) and www.prescribetoprevent.org)guidance on writing prescriptions, stocking, billing, etc.).

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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