

# **SB 87 NALOXONE** **AMENDMENTS**

**SB 87 EXTENDS LIABILITY PROTECTIONS FOR SUPPLYING OR ADMINISTERING NALOXONE RESCUE KITS IN COMMUNITY SETTINGS UP TO 24 MONTHS BEYOND THE EXPIRATION DATE**

## **WHAT IS NALOXONE?**

NALOXONE IS THE ANTIDOTE OR REVERSAL MEDICINE FOR AN OPIOID OVERDOSE. IT IS LEGAL FOR ANYONE IN UTAH TO CARRY AND ADMINISTER IN THE EVENT OF A SUSPECTED OPIOID OVERDOSE (SINCE 2014). RESCUE KITS CAN COST UP TO \$40-\$50, AND OFTEN HAVE ONLY 12 MONTHS BEFORE "EXPIRATION."

## **THE UTAH EXPERIENCE**

- OVER 500,000 DOSES HAVE GONE OUT INTO UTAH COMMUNITIES RESULTING IN OVER 15,000 REVERSALS BY EVERYDAY COMMUNITY MEMBERS,
- IN 2014, UTAH WAS 4<sup>TH</sup> HIGHEST IN THE NATION FOR OPIOID OVERDOSES, BY 2024, WE WE 42<sup>ND</sup>

## **BACKGROUND**

STUDIES HAVE SHOWN THAT EXPIRED NALOXONE RETAINS ITS EFFECTIVENESS FOR AS LONG AS 30 YEARS PAST ITS EXPIRATION DATE.

NALOXONE RESCUE KITS ARE BEING CARRIED IN CRITICAL COMMUNITY SPACES LIKE LAW ENFORCEMENT, COMMUNITY RECOVERY SPACES, PUBLIC SAFETY, AND FRIENDS AND FAMILY MEMBERS.



## **COMMUNITY BENEFITS**

THIS BILL ALLOWS OPIOID OUTREACH PROVIDERS TO KEEP, DISTRIBUTE, AND USE NALOXONE UP TO TWO YEARS AFTER THE EXPIRATION OF THE NALOXONE, ALONG WITH SOME TERMINOLOGY ADJUSTMENTS. THESE NALOXONE DOSES WOULD OTHERWISE BE THROWN AWAY, INCREASING COSTS FOR PROVIDERS AND UTAH RESIDENTS WHO CARRY NALOXONE. THIS BILL HAS THE POTENTIAL TO SAVE