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Latest HOPE Agenda Bill Signed into Law

Legislation allows certain pharmacies to offer Narcan without prescription

Green Bay – Tuesday, Governor Walker signed the latest Heroin, Opiate Prevention and Education (HOPE) Agenda bill, Assembly Bill 427, into law at Aurora BayCare Medical Center in Green Bay. Representative John Nygren (R- Marinette) released the following statement regarding the bill signing:

“I’m proud to have been part of the signing of AB 427 in Green Bay today. As a continuation of the Heroin, Opiate Prevention and Education (HOPE) Agenda, this law will expand Wisconsinites’ access to opioid antagonists like Narcan by offering the drug for purchase from certain pharmacies without a prescription.

“We are continuing the fight against our state’s heroin and opiate epidemic by further expanding access to this life saving drug. This change will certainly prevent even more unnecessary loss of life in our state.

“Many times, heroin addiction begins with an addiction to prescription medications. The transition from legal drugs to heroin is very dangerous and it’s our goal to stop addiction before it begins. As we move forward to limit instances of overprescribing of scheduled medications, we will be actively lessening the number of Wisconsinites who become addicted to heroin. I look forward to continuing to work with my colleagues, the medical community, law enforcement, and advocates statewide on these important measures in the coming months.

“Thank you to Aurora BayCare Medical Center and Aurora Chief Medical Officer, Dr. Andy Anderson, for hosting the bill signing event. Additional thanks to all who attended today’s event and those who have been strong advocates in the fight against Wisconsin’s heroin and opiate epidemic.

“Making Narcan more readily available will not be the silver bullet that fixes our state’s heroin and opiate problem, but it’s an important step in the right direction. If this change saves just one life, it’s worth it.”

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