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Notice of Rescission

TO: Medication Administration Program Administrators and Registered Sites
FROM: David E. Johnson, Director, Drug Control Program
DATE: May 28, 2019
SUBJECT: Notice of Rescission – MAP Policy 08-7 High Alert Medication-Combination drug product buprenorphine hydrochloride and naloxone (brand name Suboxone®)

In accordance with current safeguards and standards afforded to any Massachusetts resident, MAP Policy 08-7 *High Alert Medication-Combination drug product buprenorphine hydrochloride and naloxone (brand name Suboxone®)* has been rescinded.

Below are resources for assistance in supporting individuals with or without substance use disorder (“SUD”):

1. Voluntary Non-Opioid Directive (VNOD)
 - a. The Voluntary Non-Opioid Directive (VNOD) form and circular letter was created as part of the implementation of the STEP Law (chapter 52 of the acts of 2016). https://www.mass.gov/files/documents/2017/01/xd/non-opioid-directive_0.pdf
 - b. An individual, supported by MAP, may choose to use a VNOD (like any other health care directive), and a copy given to their Health Care Provider(s).
2. Non-Opioid Drug Products for Pain Management
 - a. The List of Non-Opioid Drug Products for Pain Management, was created by the Drug Formulary Commission (and is updated annually) may be used as a complement to the VNOD, or for any situation where the authorized prescriber/individual wishes to treat pain with something other than an opioid. <https://www.mass.gov/files/documents/2018/08/30/non-opioid-drug-list-final-august-2018.pdf>