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**PROTECTION AND PERMANENCY MEMORANDUM, 25-07**

**TO:** Service Region Administrators  
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**SUBJECT:** SOP G1.27 Drug Testing

This memorandum provides additional clarification for staff regarding [SOP G1.27 Drug Testing](#). The following information has been added to the Practice Guidance section.

- Upon knowledge of a positive response to naloxone, also known as Narcan, by a child or caregiver, a comprehensive drug screen of caregivers, which includes synthetic opioids, should be requested through consultation with the FSOS.

This is a shift in practice moving toward the best practice of ensuring this comprehensive drug screen is completed when there is evidence of a response to naloxone, also known as Narcan. Naloxone is a life-saving medication used to rapidly reverse the effect of Opioids. It is an opioid antagonist, meaning it attaches to opioid receptors in the brain, which effectively blocks and reverses the effects of opioids. Therefore, a response to naloxone by a caregiver or child is a notable piece of evidence to indicate use and/or exposure to illicit substances that could be life-threatening.

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