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**Memorandum to: Minnesota Treatment Centers, Halfway Houses and Sober Living Facilities/Homes
 STATEMENT**

As providers of treatment and recovery support, we are all in the business of selling hope. And as long as there is life, there is hope. But the reality is, not everyone will make it to treatment and not everyone who does will stop using drugs. It is in our best interest, and in the best interest of those we serve, to do everything we can to assure that people live long enough to achieve recovery. We have investigated the efficacy, the routes of administration, the potential liability and the cost of administering naloxone in a treatment or support setting. And we believe it is a no brainer. Having naloxone available for administration, should you experience an opiate overdose in or near your facility, is akin to providing CPR to someone who has a heart attack. We seriously hope you never have to use naloxone, but urge you in the strongest possible terms to have it available. Having it and not needing it is good policy. Needing it and not having it could be fatal. In all likelihood having naloxone available on site will ultimately become part of required first aid training.

Steve's Law provides the legal protection to house and administer naloxone. **Naloxone is a non-addictive opioid antagonist used to counteract the effects of opiate overdose. Naloxone is not a controlled substance, has no abuse potential and can be administered by ordinary citizens with little or no formal training.** Naloxone is a true opiate antagonist, as opposed to agonists like Methadone and Suboxone. It produces no euphoria and has zero potential for addiction or abuse.

Naloxone is available by prescription. Your medical director or a doctor of your choice can write a prescription for this drug for third party administration. Training is available at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bgU2s9fwNiU>. Alternatively you may obtain a prescription and training through the Steve Rummler Hope Foundation: <http://steverummlerhopefoundation.org/>

Steve's Law SAVES LIVES in Minnesota by:

- Providing immunity to those who call 911 in good faith to save a life, and
- Allowing law-enforcement and every citizen in Minnesota to have and administer naloxone to save lives

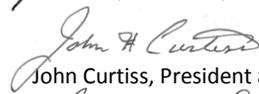
As a suggested 2nd step, it is in your client's best interest to receive a naloxone kit and training upon discharge to ensure their long-term safety.

This is our chance to get out in front of history and do the right thing.

Signed,



Dan Cain, President, RS Eden



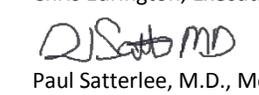
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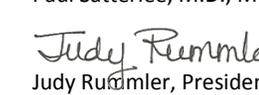
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