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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Alert Medication-Combination drug product buprenorphine hydrochloride and naloxone (brand name Suboxone®)* has been rescinded.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](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>