According to Utah Code 26-55-107(8) the Utah Department of Health shall report to the Legislature’s Social Services Appropriations Subcommittee no later than September 1 of each year on the outcomes of the Opiate Overdose Outreach Pilot Program.

The rate of opioid overdose deaths has steadily increased over the past several years. This includes deaths from prescription opioids and heroin (Figure 1). As a result of the Opiate Overdose Outreach Pilot Program, the expected outcome is to reduce opioid drug overdose deaths.

![Figure 1: Rate of opioid overdose deaths per 100,000 adults ages 18+ by type of opioid, Utah, 2000-2014](image)

**Rulemaking**

The Utah Department of Health (UDOH) Violence and Injury Prevention Program (VIPP) filed an emergency rule with the Utah Department of Administrative Services to establish procedures and application processes pursuant to Title 26, Chapter 55 for the UDOH by July 1 to provide funds to pay for the purchase of an opiate antagonist or to pay for the cost of providing training on the proper administration of an opiate antagonist in response to an opiate-related drug overdose event. The emergency rule was published in the July 15, 2016, issue (Vol. 2016, No. 14) of the Utah State Bulletin ([www.rules.utah.gov/publicat/bull_pdf/2016/b20160715.pdf](http://www.rules.utah.gov/publicat/bull_pdf/2016/b20160715.pdf)). A new rule was filed with the Utah Department of Administrative Services to replace the 120-day emergency rule in order to make the rule permanent prior to September 1, 2016.
Grants
The UDOH VIPP released a Request for Proposals (RFP) to contract with qualified opiate overdose outreach providers to provide access to naloxone and provide training on the proper administration of naloxone for individuals who are at risk for an opiate-related drug overdose event, as well as their family or friends. The application deadline was August 26, 2016 and six applications were received by the deadline primarily covering rural areas of Utah (Figure 2).

A total of $90,647.00 is awarded for a total of 1,033 kits being purchased for dissemination (Table 1).

Contracts with each of the grantees are currently in process with the following reporting requirements: The grantee shall submit an interim and final report to the UDOH and will include:

1. The amount of opiate antagonist purchased and dispensed by the grantee during the reporting period;
2. The number of individuals to whom the opiate antagonist was dispensed by the grantee;
3. The number of lives known to have been saved during the reporting period as a result of the opiate antagonist dispensed by the grantee; and
4. The manner of which the grantee shall record, preserve, and make available for audit by the department, the annual report requirements listed above.

The RFP will be re-opened with an anticipated date of September 26, 2016 for one month in order to allocate the remaining funds designated for the Opiate Overdose Outreach Pilot Program.