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### New Prescription Drug Laws Take Effect November 1

The Red Rock Regional Prevention Coordinator would like to educate the community on some new legislation passed regarding prescription drugs. November 1, 2013 new prescription drug laws take effect throughout the State of Oklahoma. House Bills 1781, 1782, and 1783 are all bills related to prevention of opiate overdose deaths.

HB1781-grants the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services (ODMHSAS) and the State Board of Health access to central repository information for statistical, research, substance abuse prevention and educational purposes without compromising confidentiality.

HB1782-allows first responders to administer an opiate antagonist without a prescription to an individual exhibiting signs of an opiate overdose under the Good Samaritan Act. Additionally, upon request a provider may prescribe an opiate antagonist to an individual for personal use with a family member exhibiting signs of an opiate overdose. The family member would be covered under the Good Samaritan Act.

HB-1783-as modified by Senate Amendment, prohibits a written or oral prescription containing hydrocodone from being refilled.

Red Rock RPC's primary focus is to serve as a prevention community liaison. Red Rock RPC educates and informs communities through multiple strategies including community based services, environmental strategies, early recognition, and referral. We take the proactive approach in reducing substance abuse among communities. The Red Rock RPC is funded through the Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services. For more information about the Regional Prevention Coordinator please visit [www.redrockrpc.com](http://www.redrockrpc.com) or contact the Red Rock RPC at (580)323-9736.