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## **Heroin and Opioid Addiction and Prevention Policy**

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The College is committed to promoting personal wellness and responsibility and recognizes that drug addiction is an illness of increasing concern throughout the state of Maryland and our country. These values are reflected in related Board policies 5092 Drug/Alcohol Free Environment and 4041 Student Drug and Alcohol Abuse Policy.

The Heroin and Opioid Education and Community Action Act of 2017 requires all-incoming full-time students to participate in an in-person or electronic heroin and opioid addiction and awareness training. Hagerstown Community College will add to existing policies by providing all incoming students with resources that alert and educate them regarding heroin and opioid addiction and prevention; when practical, in person education and training will occur.

The new law requires the College will obtain and store a supply of overdose reversing medication to be used in an emergency situation. College police and security personnel, as well as designated administrators, will be trained to recognize the symptoms of an opioid overdose, in procedures for administration of overdose reversing medications, and in the proper follow-up emergency procedures related to an opioid overdose. Further, the College will make available instruction in substance use disorders, effective treatment for substance use disorders, and pain management. The College will also follow all reporting requirements related to this Maryland law. Per state law, except for any willful or grossly negligent act, campus police, or other designated personnel who have been trained in use of overdose medications and who respond in good faith to the overdose emergency of a student, may not be personally liable for any act or omission in the course of responding to the emergency.