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**COUNTY OF DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Agenda Action Form**

Item:

Budget Ordinance Amendment No. _____ to Approve an Additional \$30,000 from the North Carolina Opioid Settlement to Purchase Naloxone.

Date Of Board of Health Session: February 12, 2026

Date Of BOCC Meeting (RS): March 9, 2026

Request For Board Action:

The Board is requested to approve an additional \$30,000 from the North Carolina Opioid Settlement to purchase naloxone.

Naloxone is a medication used to reverse an opioid overdose. Naloxone distribution is an Exhibit A strategy under the NC Memorandum of Agreement, and community distribution of naloxone has been a significant part of Durham County's opioid response. In 2023, Durham County installed its first vending machine to distribute naloxone; in 2026, Durham County will purchase two additional naloxone vending machines using existing, approved opioid settlement funds to increase access to naloxone. While current funds have supported program operations, ongoing program expansion has outpaced available supplies, necessitating a request for additional funding. This request is to ensure a sufficient supply of naloxone to stock all County naloxone vending machines through the end of the current fiscal year.

Funds will be allocated to the Durham County Department of Public Health. The \$30,000 of additional funding will bring the total funds allocated to the harm reduction strategy to \$371,143 for the 25-26 fiscal year.

The Board of Health has approved this amendment.

Alignment With Strategic Plan: This item aligns with Durham County Strategic Goal: Healthy and Inclusive Community.

Resource Persons: Rodney Jenkins, DrPH, MHA, Public Health Director

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board approve Budget Ordinance Amendment No. _____ to approve an additional \$30,000 from the North Carolina Opioid Settlement to purchase naloxone.