

**STANDING ORDER OF THE STATE HEALTH OFFICER
NALOXONE DISTRIBUTION FOR OVERDOSE PREVENTION**

Naloxone Hydrochloride (naloxone) is an opioid antagonist indicated for the reversal of an opioid overdose, whether from legally prescribed opioids or from illegal opioids such as heroin or illegally produced fentanyl, in the setting of respiratory depression or unresponsiveness. It may be delivered intranasally with a mucosal atomizer device, intranasally with a nasal spray, or intramuscularly with a needle.

I. PURPOSE

This standing order is intended to ensure that naloxone is readily obtainable by any person who is:

- A. An individual at risk of experiencing an opioid-related overdose; or
- B. A family member, friend, or other individual, including law enforcement, fire department, rescue squad, and volunteer fire department personnel, who is in a position to assist a person at risk of experiencing an opioid-related overdose.

II. AUTHORITY

This standing order is issued pursuant to Act 2016-307, which authorizes the State Health Officer to prescribe naloxone via standing order.

III. AUTHORIZATION

This standing order may be used as a prescription to obtain naloxone from a pharmacy in the event there is an inability to obtain naloxone or a prescription for naloxone from an eligible person's regular health care provider or another source. This order is authorization for pharmacists to dispense naloxone and devices for its administration solely in the forms prescribed herein.

IV. ORDER TO DISPENSE

Upon receipt of written communication that provides a factual basis for a reasonable conclusion that the person to receive the naloxone is an eligible person, **and** upon receipt of basic instruction and information on how to recognize and respond to a possible opioid overdose and how to administer naloxone, dispense one naloxone kit. (*Refer further to Protocol, Pharmacist Actions set out on page 5.*) Naloxone kits may be dispensed in bulk quantities to law enforcement agencies, fire departments, rescue squads, and volunteer fire departments. Pharmacists should use clinical judgment to determine preferred formulation. Unlimited refills are authorized.

A. Intranasal naloxone with atomizer kits must contain a minimum of the following:

- Two 2-mL Luer-Jet Luer-lock syringes prefilled with naloxone hydrochloride
- Two mucosal atomization devices (MAD).

- Step-by-step instructions for administration of intranasal naloxone including a possible second dose, along with basic instructions on calling 911, providing rescue breathing, and monitoring the overdose victim until professional help arrives.

B. Intranasal naloxone spray kits must contain a minimum of the following:

- One package of two doses of naloxone nasal spray.
- Step-by-step instructions for administration of intranasal naloxone including a possible second dose, along with basic instructions on calling 911, providing rescue breathing, and monitoring the overdose victim until professional help arrives.

C. Intramuscular naloxone kits must contain a minimum of the following:

- Two single-use 1mL vials of naloxone hydrochloride.
- Two intramuscular needles with syringes.
- Step-by-step instructions for administration of intramuscular naloxone including a possible second dose, along with basic instructions on calling 911, providing rescue breathing, and monitoring the overdose victim until professional help arrives.

D. Intramuscular auto-injector naloxone kits must contain a minimum of the following:

- One naloxone hydrochloride prepackaged kit containing two auto-injectors with audio instructions and one training device.
- Step-by-step instructions for administration of intramuscular naloxone including a possible second dose, along with basic instructions on calling 911, providing rescue breathing, and monitoring the overdose victim until professional help arrives.

V. APPROPRIATE USE AND DIRECTIONS

A. Call 911 as soon as possible for a person suspected of an overdose with respiratory depression or unresponsiveness and initiate rescue breathing.

B. Administer naloxone as follows (pharmacist to indicate to the client which instructions to follow based upon the form of naloxone being dispensed):

1. Intranasal naloxone with syringe and atomizer:

- Pop off two colored caps from the delivery syringe and one from the naloxone vial.
- Screw the naloxone vial gently into the delivery syringe.
- Screw the mucosal atomizer device onto the tip of the syringe.
- Spray half (1mL) of the naloxone in one nostril and the other half (1mL) in the other nostril.
- Repeat if there is no response after 3 minutes, or if the victim relapses back into respiratory depression or unresponsiveness before emergency assistance arrives.