



**NM DRUG OVERDOSE PREVENTION QUARTERLY MEASURES REPORT  
FOURTH QUARTER OF 2022 (2022Q4)**

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This report is produced quarterly to track indicators related to drug overdose prevention. The indicators reported here allow for the tracking of three key interventions for prescription drug overdose: improving prescribing of controlled substances, increasing the availability of treatment for opioid dependence, and the increasing availability of naloxone in the community.

This report is based on calendar quarters: Q1 is January-March of the calendar year.

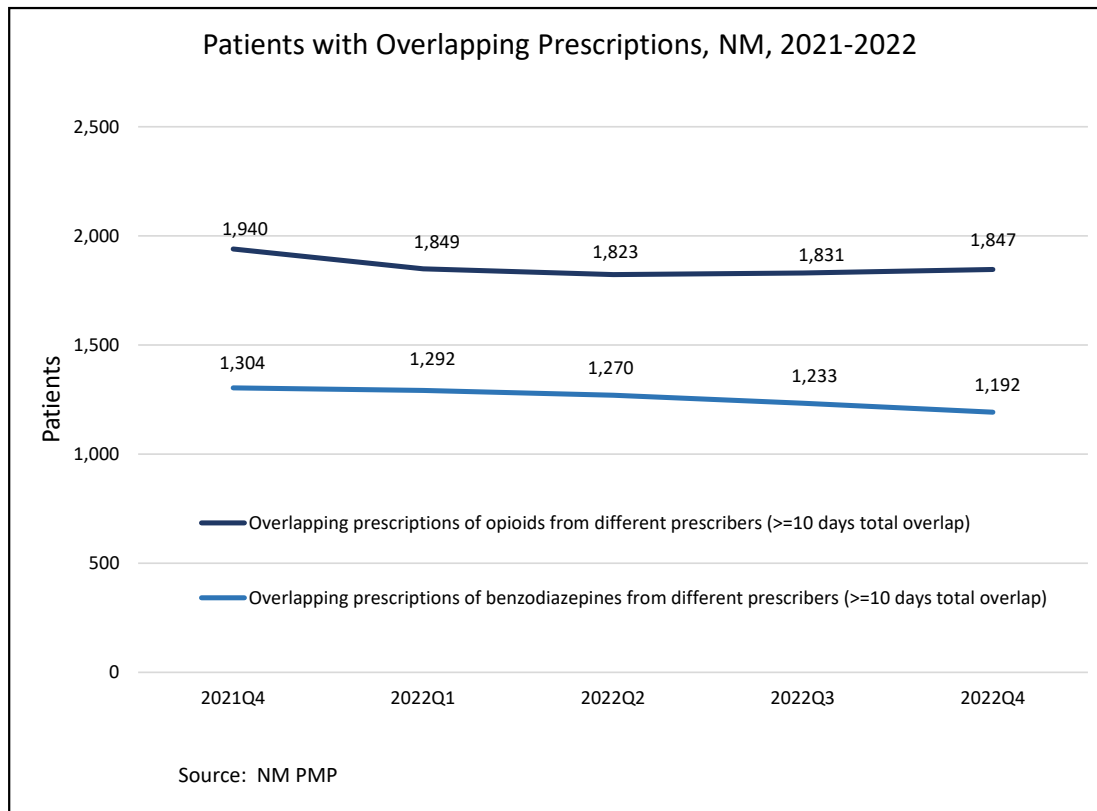
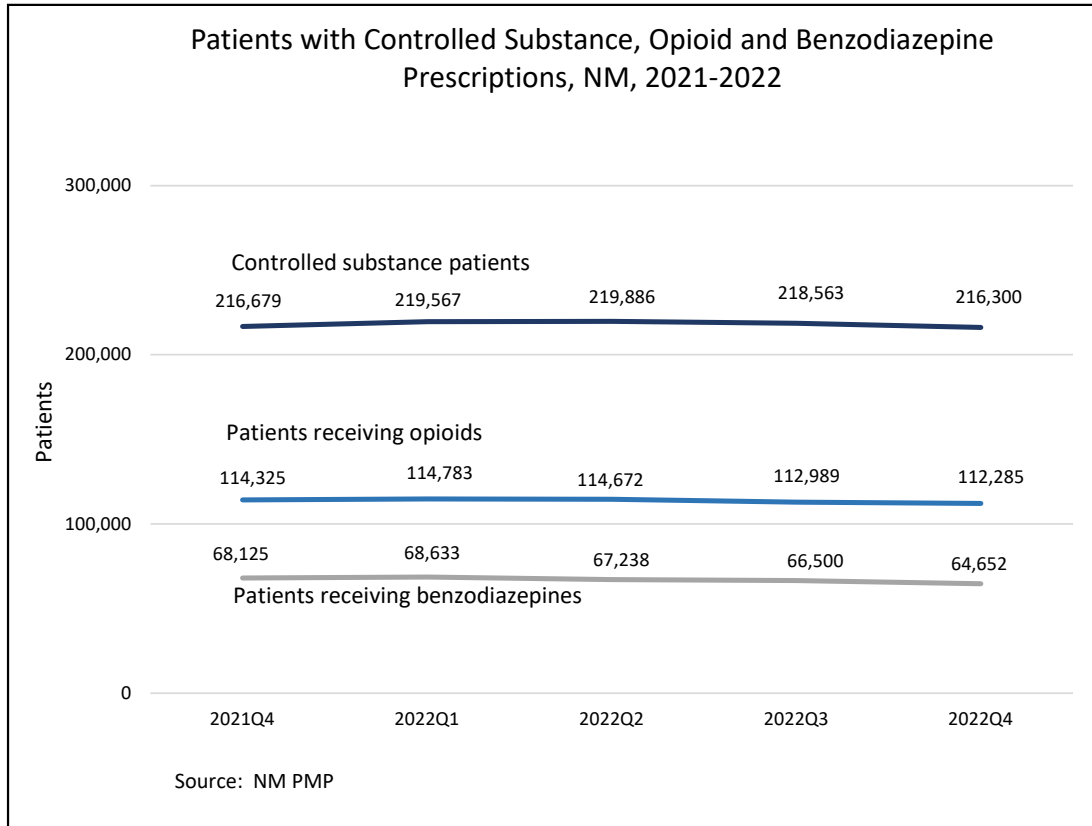
Data for this report were drawn from several sources:

1. The Prescription Monitoring Program (PMP) operated by the NM Board of Pharmacy, which collects data on every controlled substance prescription filled in New Mexico.
2. New Mexico Medicaid in the Human Services Department, for data on methadone treatment paid by Medicaid, and for data on claims paid for naloxone prescriptions at pharmacies.
3. The State Opioid Treatment Authority in the Human Services Department for data on methadone treatment programs operating in New Mexico.
4. The NM Department of Health Syringe Services Program for data on naloxone distributed via syringe exchange sites.
5. The Behavioral Health Services Division in the Human Services Department for data on naloxone distributed through Office of Substance Abuse Prevention programs.

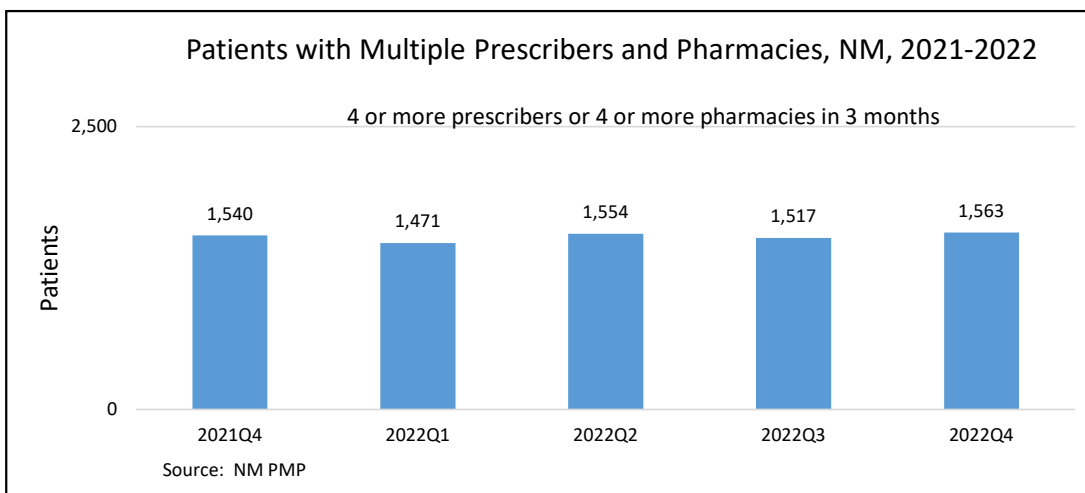
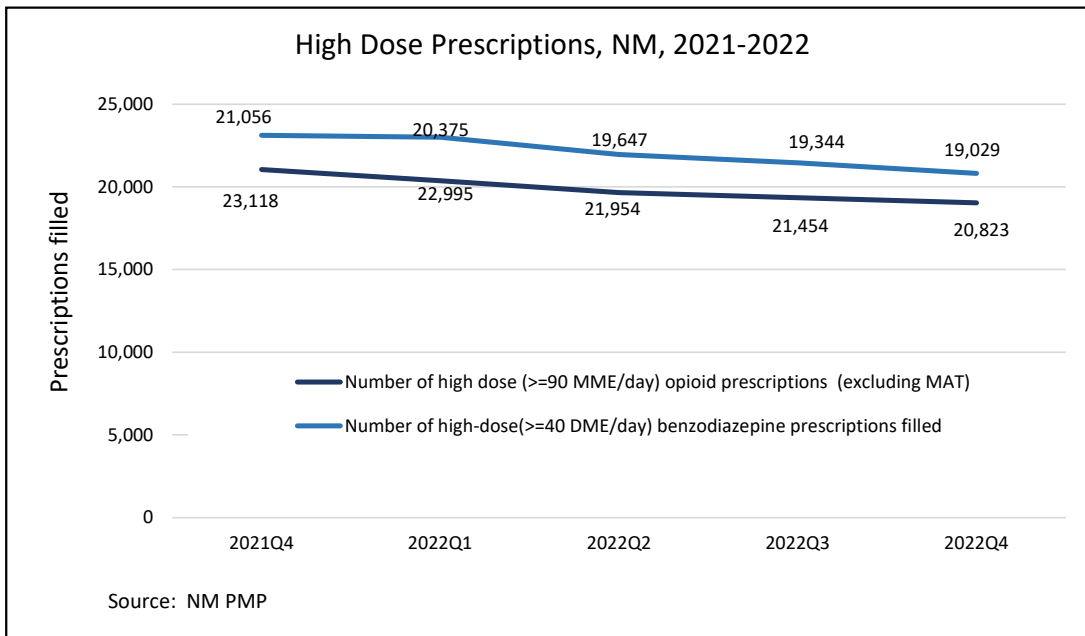
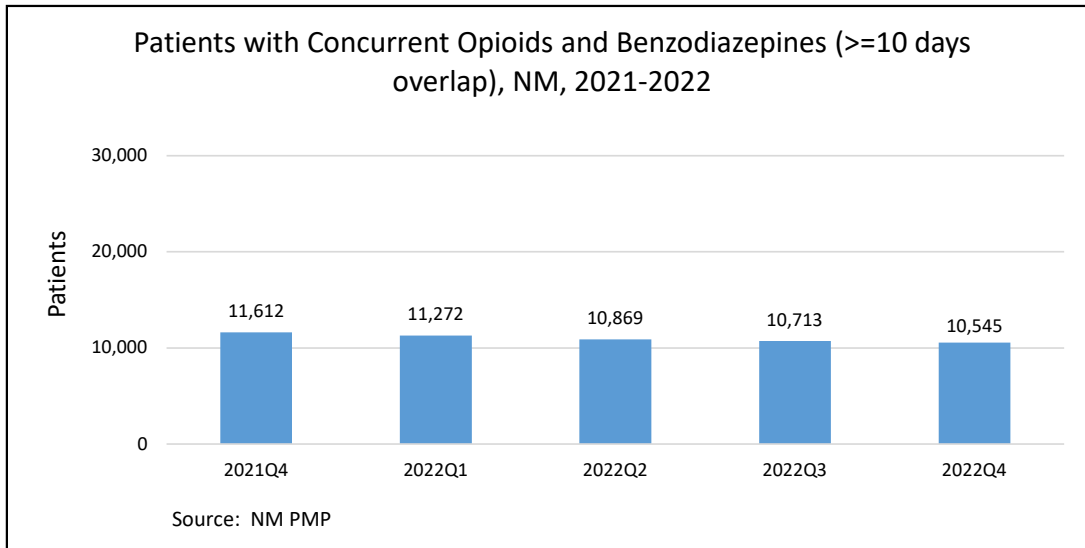
Reports for 2020 Q2 and after reflect a changed definition of medication assisted treatment (MAT). The older definition defined MAT as buprenorphine/naloxone combination products only. The new definition has been applied to all quarters included in this report and includes all buprenorphine products except a couple of types indicated for the treatment of pain. Because MAT products are usually high-dose prescriptions and are counted separately from other opioids, this change has an effect on many of the indicators in this report.

Prior to 2020 Q4, a number of controlled substances were excluded from the analyses that are the basis of this report. These included the barbiturates and some miscellaneous controlled substances (notably testosterone and pregabalin). The inclusion of these drugs increased the number of controlled substance patients and providers reported, and increased the number of patients with multiple providers or pharmacies. Most other indicators were not affected.

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### Totals

Year and Quarter	2021Q4	2022Q3	2022Q4	Quarterly % Change 2022Q3 vs 2022Q4	Quarterly % Change 2021Q4 vs 2022Q4
Total number of controlled substance patients	216,679	218,563	216,300	-1.0%	-0.2%
Number of patients receiving opioids (excluding MAT)	114,325	112,989	112,285	-0.6%	-1.8%
Number of opioid prescriptions filled (excluding MAT)	242,343	236,936	233,260	-1.6%	-3.7%
Number of MAT buprenorphine prescriptions filled	28,033	28,522	27,935	-2.1%	-0.3%
Number of high dose ( $\geq 90$ MME/day) opioid prescriptions (excluding MAT)	21,056	19,344	19,029	-1.6%	-9.6%
Total MME of opioids filled - (excluding MAT)	175,622,906	165,948,370	162,433,449	-2.1%	-7.5%
Total MME/prescription-day	44	44	43	-1.7%	-3.0%
Number of patients receiving benzodiazepines	68,125	66,500	64,652	-2.8%	-5.1%
Number of benzodiazepine prescriptions filled	147,829	142,665	138,232	-3.1%	-6.5%
Number of high-dose( $\geq 40$ DME/day) benzodiazepine prescriptions filled	23,118	21,454	20,823	-2.9%	-9.9%
Total DME of benzodiazepines filled	71,404,884	66,223,163	64,649,797	-2.4%	-9.5%
Total DME/patient	1,048	996	1,000	0.4%	-4.6%

**SOURCE OF DATA:** NM Prescription Monitoring Program (PMP), NM Prescribers with at least 20 controlled substance patients

MAT = Medication assisted treatment - the use of buprenorphine products indicated for treatment of opioid use disorder. Excludes products indicated for the treatment of pain.

MME = Morphine Milligram Equivalent; reference at [http://www.cdc.gov/drugoverdose/pdf/calculating\\_total\\_daily\\_dose-a.pdf](http://www.cdc.gov/drugoverdose/pdf/calculating_total_daily_dose-a.pdf)

DME = Diazepam Milligram Equivalent; reference at <http://archinte.jamanetwork.com/article.aspx?articleid=217249>, 2004

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### Number of Patients with:

Year and Quarter	2021Q4	2022Q3	2022Q4	Quarterly % Change 2022Q3 vs 2022Q4	Quarterly % Change 2021Q4 vs 2022Q4
High dose opioids (>=90 MME/day) (excluding MAT)	7,831	7,123	7,139	0.2%	-8.8%
High dose benzodiazepines (>=40 DME/day)	10,140	9,461	9,236	-2.4%	-8.9%
Opioids >=90 days and <90% of days in past 6 months (excluding MAT)	14,228	13,469	13,539	0.5%	-4.8%
Opioids >=90% of days in past 6 months (excluding MAT)	25,520	24,328	23,978	-1.4%	-6.0%
Benzodiazepines >=90 days and <90% of days in past 6 months	16,431	15,529	15,178	-2.3%	-7.6%
Benzodiazepines >=90% of days in past 6 months	20,453	19,416	19,244	-0.9%	-5.9%
Overlapping prescriptions of opioids from different prescribers (>=10 days total overlap)	1,940	1,831	1,847	0.9%	-4.8%
Overlapping prescriptions of benzodiazepines from different prescribers (>=10 days total overlap)	1,304	1,233	1,192	-3.3%	-8.6%
Concurrent opioid and benzodiazepines (>=10 days overlap)	11,612	10,713	10,545	-1.6%	-9.2%
High dose opioids (>=90 MME/day) plus benzodiazepines	1,677	1,513	1,503	-0.7%	-10.4%
Multiple prescribers and pharmacies: 4 or more prescribers or 4 or more pharmacies in 3 months	1,540	1,517	1,563	3.0%	1.5%
New Opioid Patients with at least 30 days of coverage in the past 3 months (excl MAT)	2,103	1,983	1,902	-4.1%	-9.6%
New Benzodiazepine Patients with at least 30 days of coverage in the past 3 months	3,047	2,975	2,769	-6.9%	-9.1%

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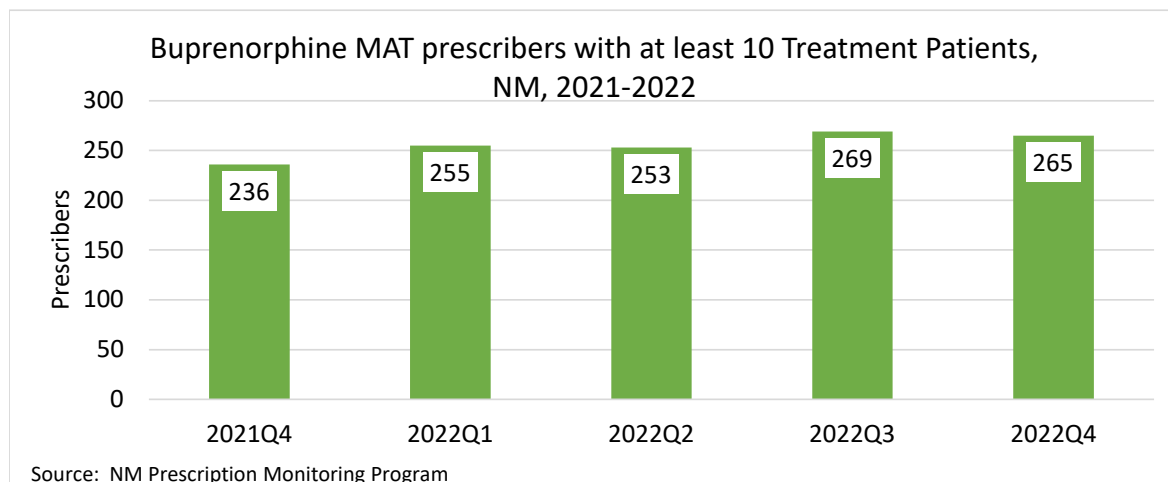
### New Mexico Prescribers with at least 20 controlled substance patients:

Year and Quarter	2021Q4	2022Q3	2022Q4	Quarterly % Change 2022Q3 vs 2022Q4	Quarterly % Change 2021Q4 vs 2022Q4
Total active controlled substance prescribers	3,038	3,074	3,022	-1.7%	-0.5%
Prescribers with at least 50% high dose of opioid prescriptions, excluding treatment prescribers	23	18	16	-11.1%	-30.4%
Prescribers with at least 50% high dose of benzodiazepine prescriptions	87	79	77	-2.5%	-11.5%
Prescribers with at least 25% of patients having concurrent opioids and benzodiazepines	2	2	-	-100.0%	-100.0%
Some PMP Use: Requested reports on at least 25% of patients estimated to require them	1,846	1,819	1,799	-1.1%	-2.5%
Zero PMP Use: Requested no PMP reports on patients filling Controlled Substances	211	208	237	13.9%	12.3%
Number of Patients with PMP reports requested by practitioners	400,459	448,249	432,088	-3.6%	7.9%
% of Chronic opioid users with a PMP request in the past 3 months*	82.8%	83.5%	83.3%	-0.2%	0.7%
% of Chronic benzodiazepine users with a PMP request in the past 3 months*	60.9%	61.1%	60.5%	-0.9%	-0.6%
% of New Opioid Patients with a PMP request in the past 3 months**	46.9%	47.4%	45.0%	-5.0%	-4.0%
% of New Benzodiazepine Patients with a PMP request in the past 3 months**	48.6%	47.5%	46.1%	-3.1%	-5.2%

\*Chronic users are those with at least 90 days of coverage in six months.

\*\*New patients are those with more than 4 days of coverage in the quarter and none in the prior quarter.

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## II. Medication Assisted Treatment (buprenorphine and methadone) Measures

Year and Quarter	2021Q4	2022Q3	2022Q4	Quarterly % Change 2022Q3 vs 2022Q4	Quarterly % Change 2021Q4 vs 2022Q4
Buprenorphine MAT prescribers with at least 10 treatment patients	236	269	265	-1.5%	12.3%
Buprenorphine MAT patients (>=10 days)	8,241	8,444	8,550	1.3%	3.7%
Buprenorphine MAT prescriptions filled	28,033	28,522	27,935	-2.1%	-0.3%
Total Practitioners with DATA Waiver	1,319	1,469	1,496	1.8%	13.4%
Nurse Practitioners and PAs with DATA Waiver	483	561	578	3.0%	19.7%
<b>Medicaid Methadone Treatment</b>					
Number of distinct individuals with methadone claims paid by NM Medicaid	6,241	5,926	5,627	-5.0%	-9.8%
Number of distinct NM Medicaid providers of methadone	13	13	13	0.0%	0.0%

<b>Methadone Treatment Programs by Survey Date</b>	Dec 2021	Sep 2022	Dec 2022		
Number of Methadone Treatment Programs	21	21	21	0.0%	0.0%
Number of Methadone Treatment Patients in those Programs	7,335	8,019	7,584	-5.4%	3.4%

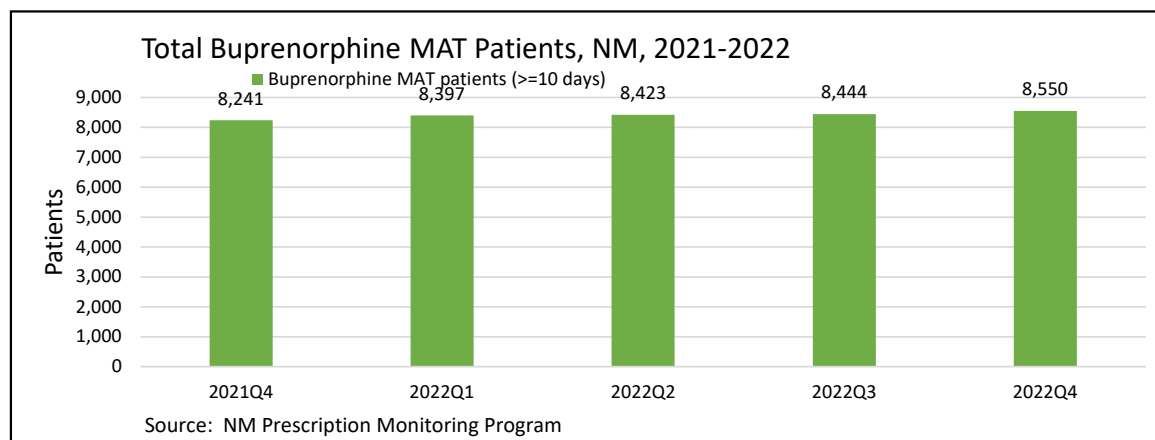
DATA Waivered provider data are as of the last month of the quarter  
After December 2022, the DATA waiver will no longer be needed to provide OUD treatment

Methadone treatment data for 2022 Q4 are incomplete

Sources:

Buprenorphine MAT data: NM Prescription Monitoring Program

Methadone data: NM Human Services Department, State Opioid Treatment Authority; NM Medicaid



### III. Naloxone Distribution and Usage Measures

Year and Quarter	2021Q4	2022Q3	2022Q4	Quarterly % Change 2022Q3 vs 2022Q4	Quarterly % Change 2021Q4 vs 2022Q4
New Enrollments in NM State Government Naloxone Programs	3,486	826	449	-45.6%	-87.1%
Total Number of NM Naloxone Doses distributed*	17,490	10,847	10,182	-6.1%	-41.8%
Total Number of NM Reported Reversals**	1,059	1,002	725	-27.6%	-31.5%

Year and Quarter	2021Q4	2022Q3	2022Q4	Quarterly % Change 2022Q3 vs 2022Q4	Quarterly % Change 2021Q4 vs 2022Q4
Pharmacies Presenting Medicaid Naloxone Claims+	254	234	237	1.3%	-6.7%
Number of Medicaid Naloxone Claims Processed	4,079	5,122	4,702	-8.2%	15.3%

\*Some naloxone doses were given to organizations and may not have been distributed in that quarter.

\*\*Reported Reversals are not necessarily individual level data, as one person could have overdosed and been reversed more than once. Data on reversals are combined across several agencies and programs, and the definition of a reversal may vary.

+An outpatient pharmacy could present claims in more than one quarter. The total number was obtained by counting each pharmacy once. There were 286 outpatient Pharmacies with a NM address in 2019 according to the Board of Pharmacy.

Sources: NM DOH Programs; NM HSD/BHSD Programs; NM Medicaid

