

## NEW MEXICO STATEWIDE STANDING ORDER FOR OPIOID TREATMENT CENTER NALOXONE

**Background:** Drug overdose is the leading cause of unintentional injury death in New Mexico. Overdose death is preventable through administering, dispensing, and prescribing naloxone to people who are at risk of experiencing or witnessing an opioid overdose. The purpose of this standing order is to ensure that those individuals can obtain naloxone.

**Authority:** Section 24-23-1 NMSA 1978, Subsection F, which states in part: A licensed prescriber may directly or by standing order prescribe, dispense, or distribute an opioid antagonist to: 1) a person at risk of experiencing an opioid-related drug overdose, 2) a family member, friend, or other person in a position to assist a person at risk of experiencing an opioid-related drug overdose, 3) an employee, volunteer, or representative of a community-based entity providing overdose prevention and education services that is registered with the New Mexico State Department of Health, and 4) a first responder.

Additionally, section 24-23-3 NMSA 1978, Subsection A, which states in part: as agency funding and agency supplies of naloxone permit, an opioid treatment center agency operating a federally certified program to dispense methadone or other narcotic replacement as part of a detoxification treatment or maintenance treatment shall provide each patient it treats with 1) opioid overdose education, 2) two doses of naloxone in either a generic form or in a form approved by the federal food and drug administration, and 3) a prescription for naloxone.

### OPIOID TREATMENT CENTER STANDING ORDER

1. This standing order authorizes any New Mexico opioid treatment center to obtain naloxone products, including naloxone kit supplies and naloxone administration devices, from a pharmacy or other supplier/manufacturer.
2. This standing order authorizes trained staff of the opioid treatment center to distribute naloxone kits to:
  - a. Any patient who uses an opioid, regardless of how the opioid is obtained or used.
    - i. The staff member shall provide naloxone administration instructions and verbal and written education regarding opioid overdose recognition and response.
  - b. Do not distribute naloxone to a patient with a known hypersensitivity to naloxone.
3. Naloxone kit contents:

**Labeling requirements:** name of patient, date distributed, naloxone product and quantity, directions for use, licensed prescriber name: Chris Novak, MD.

- a. Intranasal administration:
  - i. *Naloxone* HCl solution 1 mg/mL; 2 mL pre-filled Luer-Lock Syringes
    - Distribute: 2 x 2 mL syringes (4 mL total) with two nasal mucosal atomizers.
    - Directions for use: Assemble and spray half of the contents of one syringe in each nostril. Give rescue breathing. Call 911. Repeat dose after 3 minutes if no response.

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- Include: Opioid overdose response and naloxone administration instructions.
- ii. *Narcan*® (naloxone HCl) 4 mg/0.1mL Nasal Spray
  - Distribute: 1 box containing two 4 mg/0.1 mL doses of naloxone
  - Directions for use: Administer single spray of *Narcan*® in one nostril. Give rescue breathing. Call 911. Repeat dose after 3 minutes if no response.
  - Include: Opioid overdose response and naloxone administration instructions.
- b. Any **other naloxone preparation** commercially available and FDA approved for the emergency treatment of known or suspected opioid overdose. Label with directions for use consistent with drug monograph. Call 911.

4. Education and instructional materials

- a. The staff member shall provide opioid overdose education and training including:
  - i. Opioid overdose recognition, signs and symptoms common to opioid overdose.
  - ii. Opioid overdose response, emphasizing importance of calling 911 and following dispatcher instructions.
  - iii. Naloxone administration instructions that are appropriate for the naloxone product distributed.
  - iv. Education and demonstration on providing rescue breathing to a person experiencing an opioid overdose.
  - v. A handout containing opioid overdose response and naloxone administration instructions.
- b. Additional education materials and information about opioid overdose prevention can be found at:
  - i. New Mexico Department of Health website: <https://nmhealth.org/>
  - ii. Overdose Prevention and Rescue Breathing in 20 minutes or less: <https://nmhealth.org/publication/view/help/1706/>
  - iii. Prescribe to Prevent website: <https://prescribetoprevent.org/>

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