



## New Hampshire Fee-For-Service Medicaid Pharmacy Program

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**TO:** New Hampshire Medicaid Providers  
**FROM:** New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services/ Magellan Rx Management  
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**SUBJECT:** Standing Order for Dispensing Opioid Antagonist Agents

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Updated Standing Orders for Opioid Antagonist Agents have been issued by Department of Health and Human Services.

These standing orders authorize any licensed pharmacist in New Hampshire to dispense naloxone or nalmefene to any person who is:

- A person at risk of experiencing an opiate-related overdose OR
- A family member, friend, or other person in a position to assist a person at risk of experiencing such an overdose AND who has been provided with opioid overdose response counseling.

Pharmacies needing assistance may call the Magellan Call Center at (866) 675-7755.



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**Standing Order for Dispensing of Opioid Antagonist Agents**

Naloxone and nalmefene are indicated for the reversal of an opioid overdose induced by natural or synthetic opioids in the setting of respiratory depression or unresponsiveness. It should not be given to anyone known to be hypersensitive to the agent. This standing order authorizes any licensed pharmacist in New Hampshire to dispense naloxone or nalmefene to any person who is: Either a person at risk of experiencing an opiate-related overdose; OR a family member, friend, or other person in a position to assist a person at risk of experiencing such an overdose; AND who has been provided opioid overdose response counseling.

**1. Intranasal Naloxone:**

- Naloxone HCl 1mg/ml
  - Dispense two 2ml Luer-lock needleless syringes prefilled with Naloxone HCl 1mg/mL and equivalent quantity mucosal atomizing devices. Dispensing instructions: Call 911. Administer naloxone in accordance with written instructions. Written step-by-step instructions for administration of intranasal naloxone must be given to patient and reviewed with patient by pharmacist.
- Naloxone HCl Nasal Spray 4mg (Narcan – brand name)
  - Dispense one two-pack box of single-step Naloxone HCl Nasal Spray 4mg which contains two (2) 4mg doses of naloxone HCl in 0.1 ml of nasal spray. Dispensing instructions: Call 911. Spray the contents of one sprayer (0.1ml) into one nostril. May repeat every 2-3 minutes if symptoms of an opioid emergency persist. Written step-by-step instructions for use of naloxone must be given to patient and reviewed with patient by pharmacist.
- Naloxone HCl Nasal Spray 8mg (Kloxxado – brand name)
  - Dispense one package of Naloxone HCl Nasal Spray 8mg (Kloxxado – brand name). Dispensing instructions: Call 911. Spray the contents of a new sprayer into one nostril. May repeat every 2-3 minutes with a new sprayer if symptoms of an opioid emergency persist, alternating nostrils. Written step-by-step instructions for administration of intranasal naloxone must be given to patient and reviewed with patient by pharmacist.

**2. Intranasal Nalmefene:**

- Nalmefene Nasal Spray 2.7mg (OPVEE – brand name)
  - Dispense one package of Nalmefene nasal spray only for use on persons age 12 and older. Dispensing instructions: Call 911. Spray the contents into one nostril. May repeat every 2-5 minutes with a new sprayer if symptoms of an opioid emergency persist. Written step-by-step instructions for use of nalmefene must be given to patient and reviewed with patient by pharmacist.

**3. Intramuscular Naloxone:**

- Naloxone HCl 0.4mg/ml
  - Dispense 1x 10ml as one flip-top, or 2 x 1ml single dose vials;
  - 1 intramuscular (IM) syringe, 23 gauge, 3ml, 1 inch;
  - Dispensing instructions: Call 911. Administer naloxone in accordance with written step-by-step instructions for administration of intramuscular naloxone as reviewed with patient by pharmacist.

**4. Pharmacist Instructions:** must provide opioid overdose response counseling to all patients covering, at a minimum:

- 1.) Recognition of an opioid overdose; 2.) Calling 911; 3.) Administration of opioid antagonist; and
- 4.) Orientation to and explanation of the contents of the medication packaging.

In accordance with NH RSA 318-B:15, IV, New Hampshire law allows a pharmacist or organization to dispense or distribute opioid antagonists pursuant to a prescription or standing order, when acting in good faith and with reasonable care, and in accordance with specific procedures, training and safeguards, as outlined in this Standing Order.

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in providing opportunities for residents to achieve health and independence.*