

# Naloxone Rescue Kit *Standing Order* for Dispensing Naloxone Rescue Kits to Individuals at Risk of Experiencing or Witnessing an Opioid-Related Overdose

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## Overview of Pharmacy Naloxone Rescue Kit Access Program

### Requirements:

- A copy of the standing order must be maintained on file and readily retrievable at each participating pharmacy site
- Standing order must be filed with the Board of Registration in Pharmacy (Board) via email: **[naloxonestandingorders@Massmail.State.MA.US](mailto:naloxonestandingorders@Massmail.State.MA.US)**.

## Naloxone Overview

### • Patient indications for Naloxone Distribution

**Naloxone** is indicated for the reversal of respiratory depression or unresponsiveness caused by an opioid overdose. It may be delivered intranasally with the use of a mucosal atomizer device or intramuscularly with use of a needle.

Take-home naloxone rescue kits can be dispensed by a pharmacist without a prescription under this standing order to patients at risk of an opioid overdose or witnessing an opioid overdose.

Some indications for dispensing naloxone are:

1. Previous opioid intoxication or overdose
2. History of nonmedical opioid use
3. Treatment with methadone or buprenorphine for an opioid use disorder
4. Higher-dose (>50 mg morphine equivalent/day) opioid prescription
5. Receiving any opioid prescription for pain plus:
  - a. Rotated from one opioid to another because of possible incomplete cross-tolerance
  - b. Smoking, COPD, emphysema, asthma, sleep apnea, respiratory infection, other respiratory illness
  - c. Renal dysfunction, hepatic disease, cardiac illness, HIV/AIDs
  - d. Known or suspected concurrent alcohol use
  - e. Concurrent benzodiazepine or other sedative prescription
  - f. Concurrent antidepressant prescription
6. Patients who may have difficulty accessing emergency medical services (distance, remoteness)
7. Voluntary request from patient or caregiver

### • Side Effects:

*Naloxone* can neither be *abused* nor cause *overdose*. Hypersensitivity (rash, worsening difficulty breathing, anxiety) is very rare. *Too much naloxone* can cause withdrawal symptoms such as:

- Anxiety, runny nose and eyes, chills, muscle discomfort, disorientation, combativeness, nausea/vomiting, diarrhea

## Take-home Naloxone Order

1. This standing order authorizes Registered Pharmacists at \_\_\_\_\_ locations to maintain supplies of naloxone rescue kits for the purpose of dispensing to a person at risk of

experiencing an opioid-related overdose or a family member, friend or other person in a position to assist a person at risk of experiencing an opioid-related overdose.

2. This standing order authorizes Registered Pharmacist(s) at \_\_\_\_\_ locations to dispense naloxone rescue kits to a person at risk of experiencing an opioid-related overdose or a family member, friend or other person in a position to assist a person at risk of experiencing an opioid-related overdose.
3. The Pharmacist Manager of Record must file a copy of the signed standing order with the Massachusetts Board of Registration in Pharmacy and must maintain a copy of this signed standing order and the “*Naloxone Pamphlet*” on file and readily retrievable at each pharmacy location.
4. The pharmacy that assembles naloxone rescue kits will label kits and note the expiration date based on the expiration date of the included naloxone hydrochloride unit.
5. The Registered Pharmacist dispensing naloxone rescue kits must be familiar with the “*Naloxone Pamphlet*” and the use of naloxone rescue kits.
  - Available: [www.mass.gov/eohhs/gov/departments/dph/programs/hcq/dhpl/pharmacy/dispensing-of-naloxone-by-standing-order-.html](http://www.mass.gov/eohhs/gov/departments/dph/programs/hcq/dhpl/pharmacy/dispensing-of-naloxone-by-standing-order-.html)
6. All Registered Pharmacists dispensing naloxone rescue kits must document successful completion of 1 hour of training approved by the DPH Commissioner or standing order prescriber (Dr. Walley) on overdose prevention and naloxone rescue kits. The following trainings are approved in accordance with *M.G.L. c 94C § 19B (c)*:
  - a. The approved Pharmacist Letter online training program
  - b. The approved End Mass Overdose online training program at [www.endmassoverdose.org](http://www.endmassoverdose.org)
  - c. The approved CVS and Walgreens Pharmacy intranet training programs available to employees

Course completion must be documented completed and tracked by

7. \_\_\_\_\_ will maintain a record of the number of naloxone rescue kits dispensed from each location under the standing order, the zip code of the people receiving the kits, and whether the kits were covered by insurance along with other fields. These records will be submitted to and reviewed by Dr. Walley. The report will be created from our corporate office for all locations in Massachusetts.

#### **NARCAN NASAL SPRAY**

- NARCAN Nasal Spray, a ready-to-use, needle-free device, delivers a 4 mg dose of naloxone in a single 0.1 ml nasal spray. (NDC 69547-353-02) OR
- NARCAN Nasal Spray, a ready-to-use, needle-free device, delivers a 2 mg dose of naloxone in a single 0.1 ml nasal spray. (NDC 69547-212-04)
- NARCAN Nasal Spray requires no assembly or priming prior to use.
- Patient information pamphlet with overdose prevention information and step by step instructions for overdose responses and naloxone administration.

#### **NASAL NALOXONE RESCUE KITS** contain the following at a minimum:

- Two 2 mL Luer-Jet luer-lock syringes prefilled with naloxone (concentration 1 mg/mL) (NDC 76329-3369-01)
  - Two mucosal atomization devices- Teleflex MAD 300

- Patient information pamphlet with overdose prevention information and step by step instructions for overdose responses and naloxone administration.

**MUSCLE NALOXONE RESCUE KITS** contain the following at a minimum:

- Naloxone HCL 0.4mg/mL
  - 1 (one) 10mL multidose fliptop vial (NDC 0409-1219-01) or
  - 2 (two) 1 mL vials (NDC 00409-1215-01)
- 2 (two) intramuscular syringes, 25 gauge 3cc 1" long
- Patient information pamphlet with overdose prevention information and step by step instructions for overdose responses and naloxone administration.

**NALOXONE AUTO-INJECTOR KIT**

- The pre-packaged kits (NDC 60842-0030-01 for the 0.4mg dose– [to be discontinued]: NDC 60842-051-01 for the 2mg dose) include 2 auto-injectors with audio instructions and 1 training device
- Also include patient information pamphlet with overdose prevention information for overdose response and naloxone administration.
  - [www.mass.gov/eohhs/gov/departments/dph/programs/hcq/dhpl/pharmacy/dispensing-of-naloxone-by-standing-order-.html](http://www.mass.gov/eohhs/gov/departments/dph/programs/hcq/dhpl/pharmacy/dispensing-of-naloxone-by-standing-order-.html)

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<b>Physician's Signature</b>	<b>MA License Number</b>	<b>Date</b>
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<b>Physician's Name (Print)</b>	<b>Order Expiration Date*</b>
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By signing this Naloxone Standing Order, the Pharmacy Manager of Record attests that all Registered Pharmacists at this location have read and understand both the Naloxone Standing Order and the “*Naloxone Pamphlet*”

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It is recommended that the Standing Order be renewed annually.

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