



NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

Quarterly Providers Meeting

Naloxone Saturation Activities in NJ

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Naloxone Distribution

Opioid Overdose Prevention Program (OOPP) and Opioid Overdose Prevention Network (OOPN)

- Both initiatives provide training statewide regarding signs and symptoms of opioid overdose, rescue response and use of naloxone.
- OOPP provides training to individuals, OOPN provides training to organizations



One-time distribution events to EMS, Law Enforcement (LE), Pharmacies

- EMS and LE were only able to use naloxone to administer
- Some did not have budgets to maintain a supply of naloxone
- Pharmacy distribution was available statewide and enabled individuals to receive it free and anonymously



2021 Statute Change Increases Naloxone Access

P.L. 2021, Chapter 152. Expanded definition of health care practitioner who can prescribe or dispense naloxone

- Added law enforcement, emergency medical personnel, public transportation hubs, schools of higher education, public libraries enabling these entities, or individuals within these entities, to administer and distribute naloxone.
- Previously, a narrowly defined group of entities (working in the behavioral health field) outside of those who have dispensing in their scope of practice were able to distribute). This includes law enforcement and emergency medical personnel who could administer but not dispense naloxone.
- The new law enables any person to obtain, administer and distribute opioid antidote to others in a private or professional capacity.
- The law requires that certain entities “leave behind” naloxone to individuals once treated for an opioid overdose.

Saturation Plan Based on Research

- Identification of drug-related deaths, opioid-related hospitalizations and naloxone administrations by first responders
- Established minimum amount of naloxone to be distributed based on research conducted in Scotland (Bird et. al., 2014) and the US (Irvine et. al., 2022).
- Bird study suggests that saturation plans should target issuing 20 times as many kits as there are opioid related deaths per annum. Based on NJ 2021 numbers, 62,480 kits.
- Irvine study suggests 500 kits per 100,000 to avert 4.5 deaths. NJ 2021 adult population was 7.247M. Suggesting that we would need to distribute 36,234 kits to avert 326 deaths.

Naloxone Distribution Program

- **Developed Naloxone Distribution Program (2022) – Online Portal**
 - Online portal for first responders and not-for-profit service agencies are able to ensure ample supply for administration and leave-behind program
 - Approved organizations receive naloxone shipped from manufacturer
 - Participant organizations include:

- Law Enforcement
- Local health department
- County prosecutors
- Family support agencies
- EMTs
- Mobile Outreach Vehicles
- Mental health agencies
- Special events (minor league baseball games, college health fairs, EMS conference)
- Reentry agencies
- Shelters
- Libraries
- Harm Reduction agencies
- SUD agencies

Upcoming Initiatives

Distribution on college and university campuses

- Outreach to the Office of the Secretary of Higher Education for conversation with presidents and chancellors of 2 year, 4 year private and public colleges and universities
- Received input from colleges and universities regarding initiative and how to best approximate the number of kits needed per institution
- Colleges and universities will soon be able to receive free naloxone through the naloxone portal

Naloxone 365 Pilot Program

Naloxone 365



Naloxone (4mg intranasal spray) will be available in participating pharmacies across the state.

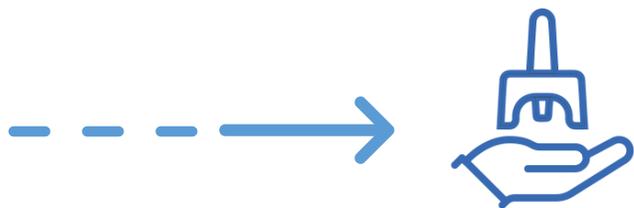
Pharmacies must sign up with the NJ Board of Pharmacy to participate.



Pharmacies will purchase naloxone through their network of medication distributors



Pharmacies provide recipient with information and resources about the disease of addiction, harm reduction, prevention, treatment and recovery services



Pharmacists will provide naloxone to individuals over the age of 14. Verbal confirmation is sufficient.

Anonymity is a cornerstone of the initiative.



Once naloxone is dispensed, pharmacy bills special code through NJMMIS to receive reimbursement at the current Medicaid rate



NALOXONA SALVA VIDAS

La Naloxona puede revertir las sobredosis de opioides

CONSÍGALA AQUÍ



Gratis



Sin receta médica



No se requiere dar el
nombre o motivo



Ser mayor de 14



Límite de un kit de
dos dosis por visita

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needed



No name or reason
required



Age 14 and older



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kit per visit

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