



NYS Medicaid FFS Program Naloxone Coverage through a Non-Patient Specific (Standing Order) Prescription

Per NYS Public Health Law (Article 33, Title 1, Section 3309(3)(b)(ii), a pharmacist may dispense an opioid antagonist to an opioid antagonist recipient through a non-patient-specific (standing order) prescription.

Pharmacies outside the City of New York that do not have a standing order are able to dispense naloxone under the Harm Reduction Coalition's standing order by sending an email to: naloxone@harmreduction.org. In some cases, pharmacies may be redirected to local health departments for obtaining a standing order. Pharmacies within the City of New York are able to dispense under a standing order from the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene by following the protocol available at: <http://www1.nyc.gov/site/doh/providers/health-topics/naloxone-and-overdose-prevention-in-pharmacies.page>

Once a pharmacy has received a standing order, their name will be added to the Department of Health's "Directory of Pharmacies Dispensing Naloxone with Standing Orders", which can be found online at: http://www.health.ny.gov/diseases/aids/general/opioid_overdose_prevention/docs/pharmacy_directory.pdf

The following conditions apply for NYS Medicaid FFS reimbursement:

- Pharmacies should only bill for naloxone that is intended for use by Medicaid fee-for-service non-dual enrollees. Medicaid managed care enrollees will continue to access Naloxone through their health plans. Dual eligible enrollees will continue to access Naloxone through Medicare.
- The ordering or standing order prescriber's NPI and patient information is required on the claim. The prescriber must be enrolled in the NYS Medicaid FFS Program in order for the claim to be reimbursed.
- Services must be provided and documented in accordance with NYS Department of Education laws and regulations.
- Standing orders must be kept on file at the pharmacy.
- Naloxone products reimbursable by NYS Medicaid FFS can be found at: <https://newyork.fhsc.com/> and <https://www.emedny.org/info/formfile.aspx>

Information on programs that conduct overdose trainings, as well as additional resources, can be found at: http://www.health.ny.gov/diseases/aids/general/opioid_overdose_prevention/

Questions regarding NYS Medicaid FFS coverage of naloxone as a pharmacy benefit may be sent to: ppno@health.ny.gov