

Nebraska State Opioid Response Naloxone Program

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The Nebraska State Opioid Response Naloxone program is funded in whole through the State Opioid Response (SOR) grant from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). Naloxone requested by licensed first responders is to be used to administer to any person who is apparently experiencing an overdose. Naloxone received from this program will be the nasal spray, if the intramuscular naloxone is needed, email DHHS.sornaloxone@nebraska.gov Participating agencies will keep record of naloxone usage and the result of naloxone usage in a log that will be provided upon enrollment.

Instructions For Naloxone Use

How long does naloxone take to work?

Naloxone takes 2-3 minutes to work. If there is no response after 2-3 minutes, use another spray. Overdoses on drugs such as fentanyl may require more than one 4mg dose of naloxone.

How should I store my naloxone?

Naloxone should not be in extreme weather above 104°F, and it should not be frozen, or in direct sunlight for long periods of time. Ideally, it should be stored below 77°F.

How do I use naloxone?

First, peel back the package to remove the device. Then, hold the device with your thumb on the bottom of the red plunger and 2 fingers on the nozzle. Place and hold the tip of the nozzle in either nostril until your fingers touch the bottom of the patient's nose. Press the red plunger firmly to release the dose into the patient's nose.

How long is the shelf life of naloxone?

NARCAN® Nasal Spray has had the shelf life extended to 3 years.

Agency Enrollment Questions

What is the Nebraska No-Cost Naloxone program?

The Nebraska No-Cost Naloxone program provides naloxone to different entities that can use it to effectively reverse overdoses. These groups include first responders and pharmacies.

Who is eligible to sign up?

Eligibility for the program follows Neb. Rev. Stat 28-470, the statute that defines first responders. This includes emergency responders, law enforcement agencies, law enforcement employees, and peace officers.

What certification should my agency send with their application?

If your agency does not have an EMS Service Number please attach with the application a notarized written statement confirming your status as a first responder agency as defined by statute. This applies to groups such as law enforcement and peace officers.

Is a PO box an allowable address on the eligibility form?

No, Fedex will not be able to ship naloxone to PO boxes.

What if my agency does not have a shipping address?

The address listed on the application must be an address that naloxone can be shipped to.

Can I ship the naloxone directly to my house?

Organizations with unmanned agency buildings can ship their orders to their town/city office. Naloxone will not be shipped to an individual's house.

How often are applications approved?

Applications will be checked for approval daily from 8 AM – 4:30 PM Monday- Friday. This excludes holidays and weekends.

How much does it cost to be in the program?

Any eligible agency that is accepted into the program will get naloxone at no cost.

If an agency is denied, can they reapply?

If an agency is denied, they can reapply. They will first need to reach out to DHHS.sornaloxone@nebraska.gov to discuss why they were denied. There is no guarantee they will be accepted into the program any other time.

Narcan Ordering Questions

How do I request naloxone?

Once accepted into the program, naloxone can be requested by going to stopodne.com and clicking on the first responder order button which will take you to narcandirect.com. Once there you will be able to enter the email and password sent to you by a representative from the site, and order however many cases needed.

When should I order naloxone?

Upon entry to the program, a case of 12 kits is placed for the agency. Agencies should assess how much naloxone is left in stock, and how fast they are going through it to decide when to place another order. However, if an agency runs out of naloxone before they have sent in their data collection sheet, the sheet must be sent in filled out so the next order can be approved.

What's the minimum number of cases of naloxone I can order?

The lowest number of naloxone that can be ordered at once is one case. In one case of naloxone there are 12 kits, with two doses in each kit- equaling 24 doses.

What is the maximum number of cases of naloxone I can order?

If an agency is ordering over 2 cases of naloxone, a justification will be needed.

How often are orders approved?

Orders will be checked for approval daily from 8 AM – 4:30 PM Monday- Friday. This excludes holidays and weekends.

How long does shipping take?

Once the order is approved and confirmed, shipping will take 3-5 business days.

Can the naloxone be returned?

No, naloxone obtained through the No-Cost Naloxone program cannot be returned.

If I have a smaller agency, can I share the case of naloxone with other smaller agencies nearby?

No, naloxone received through this program is only meant for the agency that has been approved to receive it.

What form of naloxone is provided upon ordering?

The naloxone nasal spray is provided upon ordering. However, if another form of naloxone is preferred, it can be requested by emailing DHHS.sornaloxone@nebraska.gov

Data Reporting Questions

What data reporting is required?

Data about naloxone use and overdose reversals will be collected through this program. Data collected should only reflect naloxone use from naloxone received through this program.

Do I have to turn in the form if I don't use any naloxone in the month?

Yes, the data collection form must be sent to DHHS.sornaloxone@nebraska.gov every month. If no naloxone was used, be sure to make a note of it on the form.

Where do I get the data reporting form?

When accepted into the program, the primary contact for the agency will receive an email with the data reporting form.