

## STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA

### DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN RESOURCES

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# EMS Distributing Naloxone July 15, 2022

There is another way for you to save lives. The ability of EMS agencies to distribute Naloxone may save lives. You will be able to leave nasal Naloxone at the location where you treat a patient with Naloxone for a suspected overdose.

Using the brochures that will be provided to you; you will educate a person who is at that location and/or the patient who receives the Naloxone. You will cover the signs and symptoms of an overdose, making sure they have someone to call 9-1-1, how to position the individual, explain how to maintain an airway, and how to use the nasal Naloxone. Tell them to stay with the patient and note that the Naloxone may wear off. Encourage them to take a CPR class and assist with breathing using a one-way valve CPR Mask. Make sure that they are aware of the number to call for someone to talk with and get information about treatment.

When you complete your PCR, note in the narrative that you distributed naloxone and include the number of nasal units and the type of unit (4 mg).

Each Eligible EMS agency shall, in accordance with West Virginia Code §16- 46-6(a)(2), report its distribution of opioid antagonist pursuant to this standing order on a monthly basis, prior to the 10<sup>th</sup> day of the month, to the Office of Drug Control Policy (ODCP), and may use the following web survey:

## https://survey123.arcgis.com/share/ac8e147f66b64c85b2864abe43682a63

Naloxone may be requested via this email (naloxone@ucwv.edu). There is no charge for the Naloxone. The naloxone is provided through grant funding. You can make copies of the brochures for education and naloxone brochure resources from the websites below.

## Requirements:

Read Dr Amjad's Statewide Standing Order for The Distribution of Naloxone.

#### **STANDING ORDER**

This is a brochure that instructs how to use the product and the responsibilities of the individual who will administrate Naloxone. It includes to call 9-1-1, recognize the signs and symptoms of opioid overdose, how to position the patient, that the Naloxone may wear off, and the patient may stop breathing again.

## **Naloxone Brochure for Use of Devices**

Briefly teach the person who is at that location how to maintain an open airway, encourage them to take a CPR class, and assist with breathing using a one-way valve mask or other form of CPR mask.

This brochure contains a number to talk with someone regarding available substance use disorder treatment and recovery services: 1-844-HELP4WV.

### **Naloxone Get Help Brochure**

The specific Naloxone formulation that is available is listed below:

#### A. For Intranasal Administration

➤ NARCAN® 4mg/0.1mL nasal spray. Include face shield for rescue breathing if available. Directions for use: Administer a single spray of NARCAN® in one nostril. Repeat after three (3) minutes if no or minimal response.

## Storing Naloxone:

Naloxone must be stored at controlled room temperature 68°F to 77 °F (20°C to 25°C). Excursions permitted between 41°F to 104°F (5°C to 40°C). Do not freeze or expose to Excessive heat above 104°F (40°C). Protect from light.