NALOXONE IN NEW MEXICO

New Mexico has the 11th* HIGHEST drug overdose death rate IN THE NATION

*rate is based off the CDC ranking and is subject to change as final rates adjust (CDC, National Center for Health Statistics site last updated March 1, 2022)

In 2020, deaths due to opioids (including prescription opioids, heroin, and fentanyl) accounted for MORE THAN 66% of all drug related deaths

- NMDOH

INCREASING NALOXONE AVAILABILITY HELPS PREVENT OPIOID OVERDOSE DEATHS

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WHAT IS NALOXONE?

PRESCRIPTION MEDICATION USED TO REVERSE THE EFFECTS OF AN OPIOID (PRESCRIBED OR NOT) OVERDOSE. IT IS EASY TO ADMINISTER AND SAFE TO USE

NALOXONE, also known as NARCAN, has been used for decades by emergency responders and in hospital settings.
In New Mexico, DOH has been distributing naloxone SINCE 2001 through its HARM REDUCTION PROGRAMS.

**GOT NALOXONE?**

In 2016, legislation enacted permitting the possession, storage, distribution, prescribing, and administration of naloxone.

**MEDICAID Managed Medical Care Organizations (MCOs) PAY FOR NALOXONE**

**From January - December 2020:**

- 1,319 new enrollees in NMDOH naloxone distribution programs
- 76,040 Naloxone doses dispensed
- 2,642 overdose reversals reported to NMDOH harm reduction program
- 18,400 Medicaid reimbursement claims processed from 286 outpatient pharmacies

Naloxone should be prescribed alongside opioid prescriptions

All outpatient pharmacies should stock and distribute naloxone

*(as of March 2022)*

**HOW TO INCREASE AVAILABILITY?**

- Require private insurers to pay for naloxone.
- Increase prescription of naloxone by licensed prescribers with any opioid prescription.
- Expand stocking and distributing naloxone to all outpatient pharmacies.
- Increase education on naloxone use and application and where to obtain it.

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