NALOXONE IN NEW MEXICO

New Mexico has the 17th HIGHEST drug overdose death rate IN THE NATION

In 2017, deaths due to opioids (including prescription opioids, heroin, and fentanyl) accounted for MORE THAN 66% of all drug related deaths

INCREASING NALOXONE AVAILABILITY HELPS PREVENT OPIOID OVERDOSE DEATHS

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.
GOT NALOXONE?

In New Mexico, DOH has been distributing naloxone SINCE 2001 through its HARM REDUCTION SERVICES.

In 2013, MEDICAID Managed Medical Care Organizations (MCOs) started PAYING FOR NALOXONE.

From January - September 2018:

1,741 new enrollees in NMDOH naloxone distribution programs
9,846 Naloxone doses dispensed
1,493 overdose reversals reported to NMDOH harm reduction program
5,366 Medicaid reimbursement claims processed from 260 outpatient pharmacies

Naloxone should be prescribed alongside opioid prescriptions
All outpatient pharmacies should stock and distribute naloxone

In 2016, legislation passed that eases restrictions on possession, storage, distribution, and prescribing and administration of naloxone.

HOW TO INCREASE AVAILABILITY?

- Make the cost of naloxone covered by private insurers.
- 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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