

## UPDATED Notice from the Executive Officer: Funding of Naloxone Nasal Spray through the ONPP and Updates to the Existing Program

**April 27, 2018**

This is an update to the original EO notice dated March 21, 2018.

This notice is to provide information on updates to the Ontario Naloxone Program for Pharmacies and revisions to the **naloxone kit instructional insert and contents**.

### Overview

On **March 27, 2018**, intra-nasal naloxone spray (INNS) (Narcan<sup>®</sup> Nasal Spray) was publicly funded through the Ontario Naloxone Program for Pharmacies (ONPP) to all eligible recipients. Criteria for an eligible recipient include:

- A person who is either currently using opioids or is a past opioid user who is at risk of returning to opioid use, or
- A family member, friend or other person in a position to assist a person at risk of overdose from opioids.

The addition of INNS kits was an expansion of the ONPP program. Naloxone injectable kits continue to be funded through the existing ONPP. Eligible recipients have the choice between injectable naloxone and INNS kits.

Also, effective March 27, 2018, in limited circumstances, pharmacists may:

- Provide naloxone kits to Ontarians who do not have an Ontario health card or to those who do not wish to provide identification; and
- Provide two naloxone kits to an eligible recipient at one time.

Please refer to the details later in this notice for more information.

### Background

On June 3, 2016, the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care (ministry) introduced the ONPP, making publicly funded injectable naloxone kits available in pharmacies.

For further information on naloxone and the ONPP, please refer to the EO Notice and FAQs on naloxone posted on the ministry's website in August 2016:

[http://www.health.gov.on.ca/en/pro/programs/drugs/opdp\\_eo/eo\\_communiq.aspx](http://www.health.gov.on.ca/en/pro/programs/drugs/opdp_eo/eo_communiq.aspx)

### **Pharmacy Compliance**

As of March 27, 2018, all pharmacies are eligible to provide naloxone kits with intra-nasal naloxone at no cost to eligible persons, if certain terms and conditions are met. This notice and the accompanying updated Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) constitute a ministry policy that pharmacy operators must comply with when submitting claims through the Health Network System (HNS). Compliance with the ministry policy is required under section 3.2 of the HNS Subscription Agreement for Pharmacy Operators.

### **Procedures for Providing Intra-Nasal Naloxone Kits**

The Ontario Pharmacists Association (OPA) has developed an online education module and a guidance document for the providing or selling of naloxone available on their website. There may be other resources available to pharmacists.

The pharmacist who provides the publicly funded naloxone kit must be identified in the pharmacist field on the claim submitted for payment through the HNS using the appropriate PIN that was provided.

Pharmacists, where possible, must ensure that the quarterly report-back form (available at: [www.health.gov.on.ca/en/pro/programs/drugs/opdp\\_eo/eo\\_communiq.aspx](http://www.health.gov.on.ca/en/pro/programs/drugs/opdp_eo/eo_communiq.aspx)) relating to outcomes for individuals who were provided a naloxone kit, be completed and returned to the ministry by 30 days after end of each quarter in a fiscal year. Please refer to the FAQs for details on the reporting schedule.

The ministry does not provide pre-made kits. Pharmacies may procure pre-made naloxone kits or the required supplies to assemble the injectable and INNS kits through usual and/or other local suppliers. All kits shall be assembled by a pharmacist, or a person under the supervision of a pharmacist. For more information refer to the Ontario Pharmacists Association website at:

[https://www.opatoday.com/professional/naloxone\\_kit\\_tools](https://www.opatoday.com/professional/naloxone_kit_tools)

Each intra-nasal spray (INNS) kit must include:

- One hard case (preferred zippered hard black case with red “naloxone” cross);
- Two doses of 4mg/0.1ml naloxone hydrochloride intra-nasal spray;
- One rescue breathing barrier
- One pair of non-latex gloves
- One card that identifies the person trained to give the naloxone
- One updated instructional insert (English and French)

Each injectable naloxone kit must include:

- One hard case;
- Two 1 ml ampoules or vials of naloxone hydrochloride 0.4 mg/ml injection
- Two safety engineered syringes with 25g one inch needles attached
- Two safe ampoule-opening devices (also known as breakers, snappers, or openers), as applicable
- One rescue breathing barrier
- One pair of non-latex gloves
- One card that identifies the person trained to give the naloxone.
- One updated instructional insert (English and French)

The list of items for both kits can be found at: <https://www.ontario.ca/page/get-naloxone-kits-free#section-3>.

Pharmacies are encouraged to seek out these and/or other local suppliers for obtaining components required for pharmacy-assembled naloxone kits. Additionally, pharmacies must print the attached instructional insert for replacement in existing naloxone kits. A copy of the ministry insert is attached.

### Pharmacy Record Requirements

Standard record keeping requirements under current standards of practice apply. Pharmacies must keep a record when the naloxone kit (see table below) is provided to the eligible recipient. Pharmacists shall keep records consistent with their obligations under the *Pharmacy Act, 1991*, the *Drug and Pharmacies Regulation Act* and any guidance (i.e., [Documentation Guidelines](#)) provided by the Ontario College of Pharmacists or the ministry.

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For billing purposes, pharmacy records must be maintained in a readily available format for post-payment verification for a minimum of 2 years.

### **Naloxone Kit PINs**

Naloxone kits are reimbursed by the Ontario government. The PINs listed in Table 1 below are to be used whenever a naloxone kit is provided to any eligible Ontarian, regardless of the person's eligibility under the Ontario Drug Benefit (ODB) Program.

**Table 1: PINs to support reimbursement of Naloxone Kits**

<b>PIN</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Dosage Form</b>	<b>Total Amount Reimbursed</b>
93877255	Intra-Nasal Naloxone Kit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ \$110 – naloxone kit</li> <li>▪ \$10 – professional fee</li> </ul>	Intra-Nasal	\$120.00
93877251	Initial Injectable Naloxone Kit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ \$35 – naloxone kit</li> <li>▪ \$10 – professional fee</li> <li>▪ \$25 – training fee</li> </ul>	Injectable	\$70.00
93877252	Replacement Injectable Naloxone Kit (or initial kit with no training) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ \$35 – naloxone kit</li> <li>▪ \$10 – professional fee</li> </ul>	Injectable	\$45.00
93877256	Two Intra-Nasal Naloxone Kits (one professional fee only) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ \$220 – two naloxone kits</li> <li>▪ \$10 – professional fee</li> </ul>	Intra-Nasal	\$230.00
93877257	Two Injectable Naloxone Kits (one initial and one replacement kit with one professional fee only) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ \$70 – two naloxone kits</li> <li>▪ \$10 – professional fee</li> <li>▪ \$25 – training fee</li> </ul>	Injectable	\$105.00
93877258	Two Injectable Naloxone Kits (two replacement kits with one professional fee only) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ \$70 – two naloxone kits</li> <li>▪ \$10 – professional fee</li> </ul>	Injectable	\$80.00

Claims must be submitted using the ministry-assigned PIN associated with the naloxone kit and service provided. Do not use the Drug Identification Number (DIN) of the naloxone product that is contained in the naloxone kit.

## Pharmacy Billing Procedure

At this time, a maximum of **two (2) naloxone kits** may be provided to an eligible recipient at one time. For more details on providing multiple kits please refer to the FAQs.

### For **ODB-eligible** recipients:

The claim submission follows the normal process for submitting claims on the HNS with the following additional information:

- Intervention code 'PS': (Professional Care Services)
- Product Identification Number (PIN): see table above for list of PINs
- Valid Pharmacist ID
- Professional Fee: see table above for "Total Amount Reimbursed" for each kit

### For **Non-ODB eligible** recipients WITH an Ontario health care number:

When submitting a claim for an eligible person who does not have ODB coverage, pharmacists must submit the following information:

- Person's Gender: 'F' = female; 'M' = male
- Person's Date of Birth: Valid YYYYMMDD
- Person's Ontario Health Card number
- Intervention codes:
  - PS: Professional Care Services
  - ML: Established eligibility coverage (i.e., 1 day of the Plan 'S' coverage)
- Carrier ID: 'S'
- Product Identification Number (PIN): see table above for list of PINs
- Valid Pharmacist ID
- Professional Fee: see table above for "Total Amount Reimbursed" for each kit

### For **Non-ODB eligible** recipients **WITHOUT** an Ontario health card number:

When submitting a claim for any eligible recipient who does not have an Ontario health card, pharmacists must submit the following information:

- First Name: HARM
- Last Name: REDUCTION

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- Person's Gender: 'F' = female; 'M' = male; (or) Blank
- Person's Date of Birth: Valid YYYYMMDD (if known) or 20000101
- Proxy patient ID: 89999 999 91
- Intervention codes: PS (Professional Care Services)
- Product Identification Number (PIN)
- Valid Pharmacist ID
- Maximum Reimbursement Amount

### **Additional Information:**

#### **For pharmacies:**

Please call ODB Pharmacy Help Desk at: 1-800-668-6641

#### **For all other Health Care Providers and the Public:**

Please call ServiceOntario, Infoline at 1-866-532-3161 TTY 1-800-387-5559. In Toronto, TTY 416-327-4282.