

The Virginia Department of Health (VDH) Naloxone Distribution Program distributes no-cost naloxone to eligible partners to provide to individuals at high risk of witnessing or experiencing an overdose. VDH is currently distributing over-the-counter (OTC) 4mg naloxone nasal spray to partners. Prior to the availability of OTC naloxone, VDH distributed prescription naloxone to partners. **The following requirements apply to the naloxone nasal spray that partners receive from VDH at no-cost.**

## ➤ Requirements for All No-Cost Naloxone Nasal Spray Received from VDH

- Organizations must manage inventory securely and monitor expiration dates.
- The person issuing the naloxone must provide the recipient with instruction on the administration of naloxone and the current REVIVE! brochure available on the [REVIVE!](#) Webpage. Completion of REVIVE! training is strongly recommended, but not required to receive naloxone.
- Organizations may only provide no-cost naloxone to individuals and may **not** distribute it to other organizations. Organizations should instead refer interested organizations to VDH to receive no-cost naloxone.

## ➤ Additional Requirements for Prescription Naloxone

- Persons identified as “authorized dispensers” on the [Statewide Standing Order for Naloxone and Other Opioid Reversal Agents](#) may dispense prescription naloxone, pursuant to the Statewide standing order, to a person to administer to another person believed to be experiencing or about to experience a life-threatening opioid overdose.
  - Per Virginia Code 54.1-3300, “Dispense” means to deliver a drug to an ultimate user pursuant to the lawful order of a practitioner, including the prescribing and administering, packaging, labeling, or compounding necessary to prepare the substance for delivery.
  - The Statewide Standing Order for Naloxone and Other Opioid Reversal Agents is the “lawful order of a practitioner”.
- If using the Statewide Standing Order as the prescription order, it is required by law to dispense naloxone pursuant to the Virginia Board of Pharmacy [Naloxone or Other Opioid Antagonists Protocol](#), which requires labeling of the medication and recordkeeping in accordance with Board of Pharmacy regulations. See section **1C** of the protocol for dispensing requirements.

## ➤ Additional Requirements for OTC Naloxone

- OTC naloxone should be provided as is, without an added prescription label.
- Organizations should develop internal policies and procedures for providing OTC naloxone to high-risk individuals or their close networks. The person giving naloxone should provide no-cost naloxone in accordance with the agreement and organization policies. Authorization via a standing order is **not** required to provide OTC naloxone.

## How to Tell Which Naloxone Product You Have

Both prescription and OTC products are available as a brand name product, NARCAN<sup>®</sup>, and a generic product, naloxone.

### Prescription Naloxone

Prescription naloxone will always have “Rx only” on the package, per federal regulations.



Prescription NARCAN<sup>®</sup>



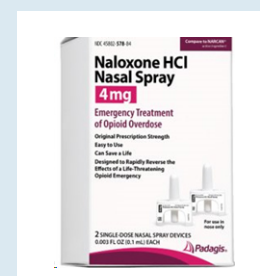
Prescription naloxone generic

### OTC Naloxone

All OTC medications are packaged with instructions for use and additional information for individuals to use safely.



OTC Narcan<sup>®</sup>



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