

## **Maryland Overdose Response Program Statewide Naloxone Standing Order**



### **Background**

Naloxone is a prescription medication indicated for the reversal of respiratory depression or unresponsiveness due to opioid overdose. Under Maryland law,<sup>1</sup> a physician employed by the Maryland Department of Health (MDH) may prescribe naloxone by issuing a standing order which authorizes dispensing to any individual who may be at risk of opioid overdose or in a position to assist someone experiencing an opioid overdose. A person-specific paper or electronic prescription is not required to dispense under this standing order, and an individual is not required to have previously received training or education on opioid overdose response to be dispensed naloxone. An individual prescribed and dispensed naloxone under this standing order may possess naloxone and the necessary supplies for its administration and administer it to anyone they believe may be experiencing an opioid overdose. More information about opioid overdose response, naloxone and guidance to pharmacists regarding this standing order is available from the Maryland Overdose Response Program and online at [www.naloxonemd.org](http://www.naloxonemd.org).

### **Statewide Standing Order**

This standing order is issued by **Jinlene Chan, MDH, MPH (NPI # 1194847624), Assistant Secretary of Health, Maryland Department of Health**. The standing order authorizes any Maryland-licensed pharmacist to dispense naloxone to any individual in accordance with the conditions of this order, enumerated below.

Dispense **two (2) doses** of naloxone hydrochloride and necessary paraphernalia for administration. The specific naloxone formulation shall be selected from the list below in accordance with the individual's preference or training to administer a particular formulation.

#### **1. For intranasal administration**

- NARCAN<sup>®</sup> 4mg/0.1mL nasal spray. Include face shield for rescue breathing if available.  
**Directions for use:** Administer a single spray of NARCAN<sup>®</sup> in one nostril. Repeat after 3 minutes if no or minimal response.  
*Or*
- 2mg/2mL single-dose Luer-Jet prefilled syringe. Include one luer-lock mucosal atomization device (MAD 300) per dose dispensed. Include face shield for rescue breathing if available.  
**Directions for use:** Spray 1 mL in each nostril. Repeat after 3 minutes if no or minimal response.

#### **2. For intramuscular injection**

- 0.4mg/mL in 1mL single dose vials. Include one 3cc, 23g, 1" syringe per dose dispensed. Include face shield for rescue breathing and alcohol swabs if available.  
**Directions for use:** Inject 1 mL IM in shoulder or thigh. Repeat after 3 minutes if no or minimal response.

#### **3. For intramuscular or subcutaneous injection**

- EVZIO<sup>®</sup> 2mg/0.4mL auto-injector, #1 Two-pack  
**Directions for use:** Follow audio instructions from device. Place on thigh and inject 0.4 mL. Repeat after 3 minutes if no or minimal response.

***I declare this standing order as a statewide prescription for the dispensing of naloxone.***

  
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<sup>1</sup> Health-General Article, Title 13, Subtitle 31, Code of Maryland.