

# Nasal Naloxone (Narcan)

## ***Now Available at no cost to BC First Nations***

Effective April 1, 2018 Nasal Naloxone is available to First Nations Health Authority clients.

Adding Nasal Naloxone as a drug benefit is intended to save lives. We encourage those at risk of an opioid overdose and people close to them to have naloxone and the training to use it.

### **QUICK FACTS ABOUT ACCESSING NASAL NALOXONE FOR YOURSELF AND YOUR LOVED ONES:**

What is Nasal Naloxone (Narcan)? How do I use it?

- Nasal Naloxone is the same chemical as injection Naloxone; the only difference is the delivery method.
- Nasal Naloxone is easy to administer.
- Learn how to use Nasal Naloxone from your pharmacist.

#### **At the Pharmacy Counter:**

- To access Nasal Naloxone, First Nations in BC may request it directly from the pharmacy. It does not require a prescription from a doctor or nurse practitioner. You will need your Status number and Personal Health Number.
- Pharmacy claims for Nasal Naloxone will be processed through the NIHB program and not Plan W (PharmaCare).
- If your claim is rejected, ask your pharmacist to try again:
  - Option 1:** (preferred) - billing to NIHB
  - Option 2:** using NIHB
- *You can pick up Nasal Naloxone for yourself, a friend or a loved one.* The client requesting Naloxone does not have to specify who it is for. However, it will be billed to the FNHB program under the name of the client requesting it.

#### **PLEASE NOTE:**

Because Nasal Naloxone is newly listed, some pharmacies may not have inventory and we encourage our clients to contact their health centre or call ahead to their pharmacy to ensure it is available.



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