



First Nations Health Authority  
Health through wellness

# Naloxone available at no cost to First Nations in BC

## Prescription is not required

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Naloxone is an injectable medication that can reverse the effects of an overdose from opioid drugs such as fentanyl, morphine, and heroin.

### First Nations Health Benefits:

- Accepts claims for naloxone when recommended by a pharmacist
- Accepts prescriptions for naloxone from physicians or nurse practitioners

### Naloxone is available for First Nations clients from:

- Provincial and First Nations harm reduction service locations
- Pharmacies and is covered by First Nations Health Benefits as noted above

## Coverage for Naloxone

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Injectable and nasal spray forms of naloxone are covered by First Nations Health Benefits and claims are processed by Pacific Blue Cross. The following items are covered:

| Drug                                | DIN/pDIN                        |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Naloxone 0.4mg/mL one mL injection  | 02148706; 02393034; or 02453258 |
| Narcan® Nasal Spray                 | 02458187                        |
| Naloxone Kits – Two ampules/vials   | 09991460                        |
| Naloxone Kits – Three ampules/vials | 09991488                        |
| Nasal Naloxone Kits – 2 sprays      | 09991475                        |

Where pharmacies are providing ancillary supplies to support safe naloxone administration and overdose management, providers can bill the cost of naloxone and ancillary supplies together as a “naloxone kit” under the appropriate Pseudo-DIN. The ancillary items should not be billed separately from the naloxone.

Accepted contents in a naloxone kit include:

- 2 x one mL ampoules or vials of naloxone 0.4mg/mL
- Alcohol swabs
- Safety syringes
- Rescue breathing mask
- Ampule breakers (if ampoules dispensed)
- Gloves

Accepted contents in a nasal naloxone kit include:

- 2 x 4mg naloxone nasal spray devices
- Rescue breathing mask
- Gloves
- Carrying case

## Resources

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First Nations Health Benefits: [www.fnha.ca/benefits](http://www.fnha.ca/benefits)

FNHA Substance Use Prevention and Treatment:  
[www.fnha.ca/what-we-do/mental-wellness-and-substance-use/substance-use-prevention-and-treatment](http://www.fnha.ca/what-we-do/mental-wellness-and-substance-use/substance-use-prevention-and-treatment)

Naloxone Saves Lives' Video: <https://vimeo.com/164669763>

Toward the Heart: <http://towardtheheart.com/naloxone/>