



First Nations Health Authority
Health through wellness

Naloxone available at no cost to First Nations in BC

Prescription is not required

Naloxone is a 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

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 or 3 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

First Nations Health Benefits: 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

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

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

