



First Nations Health Authority  
Health through wellness

## Prescription Is Not Required for Naloxone and Other Treatments for First Nations Peoples in BC

First Nations Health Benefits (FNHB) provides options for pharmacists to initiate treatments for First Nations clients. This allows easier access to select OTC medications. First Nations Health Benefits accept recommendations from pharmacists for claims for the following types of over-the-counter items:

- Prenatal vitamins
- Medications for the prevention and treatment of nausea and vomiting in pregnancy
- Emergency contraception (the 'morning after pill')
- Vaginal yeast infection treatments
- Smoking cessation aids
- Lice treatments
- Allergy medications
- Constipation treatments
- Naloxone

### Coverage for Naloxone

Naloxone is an injectable medication that can reverse the effects of an overdose from opioid drugs (e.g. fentanyl, morphine, heroin). Naloxone 0.4mg/mL 1mL ampoules and Narcan® nasal spray are regular pharmacy benefits. The following DINs are included:

Drug	DIN	Manufacturer
Naloxone 0.4mg/mL one mL ampoule	02148706	SDZ
Naloxone 0.4mg/mL one mL ampoule	02453258	SDZ
Naloxone 0.4mg/mL one mL vial	02393034	OMG
Narcan® Nasal Spray	02458187	UNK
Naloxone Kits – Two ampoules/vials	09991460	
Naloxone Kits – Three ampoules/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 the naloxone and ancillary supplies as a 'naloxone kit' under pseudo-DIN 09991460 or 09991488. The ancillary items should not be billed separately from the naloxone.

Accepted contents in a naloxone kit include:

- 2 or 3 x one mL ampoules or vials of naloxone 0.4mg/mL
- Alcohol swabs
- Safety syringes
- Rescue breathing mask
- Ampule breakers (if ampoules dispensed)
- Gloves

## 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>

Take Home Naloxone Program: <http://towardtheheart.com/naloxone/>

Pacific Blue Cross Pharmacy Fee Supplement for FNHA Clients:  
[https://www.pac.bluecross.ca/pdf-bin/FNHA/0799.010\\_FNHA-PHARMACY-FeeSupplement.pdf](https://www.pac.bluecross.ca/pdf-bin/FNHA/0799.010_FNHA-PHARMACY-FeeSupplement.pdf)

