



NARCAN[®] (naloxone HCl)

NASAL SPRAY 4mg

To obtain

NARCAN[®] Nasal Spray

at no cost to you, request it

directly from the pharmacy

and present your status card

and personal health number.¹

NARCAN[®] Nasal Spray is used to treat someone who has overdosed on opioids. It can be used by anyone to reverse the effects of the overdose until medical help arrives. Always read the label and follow the directions for use.²



Client reimbursement requests:

Client reimbursement requests can be submitted to Express Scripts Canada by mail, fax or online through your NIHB client web account.³



Express Scripts Canada Website

<https://nihb-ssna.express-scripts.ca>



Express Scripts Canada's NIHB
call centre 1-888-441-4777

How to obtain NARCAN® Nasal Spray

**1**

Visit your pharmacy

Note: Not all pharmacies carry NARCAN® Nasal Spray. It's best to call ahead to check whether your pharmacy has any in stock.⁴

**2**

Present this pamphlet

to the pharmacist; direct their eyes to the inside of this pamphlet.

**3**

Ask the pharmacist

any questions you might have about NARCAN® Nasal Spray.

Pharmacists: see inside for details



All patients receiving an opioid should proactively be dispensed a take-home naloxone (THN) kit and counselled by a pharmacist.

— 2020 Canadian national consensus guidelines for naloxone prescribing by pharmacists⁵



1**Confirm eligibility⁶**

Effective March 27, 2018, NARCAN[®] Nasal Spray was listed as an open benefit for clients of the Non-Insured Health Benefits (NIHB) program (i.e., it's available to any NIHB client without restriction and without qualifying criteria).

- NARCAN[®] Nasal Spray is eligible for reimbursement when prescribed or recommended by a pharmacist (see pages 8-9 for details).
- NARCAN[®] Nasal Spray may be requested for a client's personal use, or to protect an at-risk person.
 - The client requesting naloxone does not have to specify who it is for; however, it must be billed to the NIHB program under the name of the eligible client who is requesting it (even if it is not for their personal use).

* Eligible recipients have the choice to obtain either NARCAN[®] Nasal Spray or injectable naloxone from their pharmacist.¹

2**Provide NARCAN[®] Nasal Spray, and answer any questions the recipient may have**

Reimbursement details⁶

DIN 02458187

One NARCAN[®] Nasal Spray



Pseudo-DIN 09991475

One kit containing NARCAN® Nasal Spray

Including:

- 2 x 4 mg NARCAN® Nasal Spray devices
- 1 rescue breathing mask
- 1 pair of gloves
- Carrying case



Reimbursement requirements⁷

The NIHB program accepts client-specific written recommendations for the National Association of Pharmacy Regulatory Authorities (NAPRA) Schedule II, III, unscheduled (non-prescription) drugs and other eligible health products when the item(s) falls within the health care provider's scope of practice.



Claims submitted will be reimbursed the drug cost and dispensing fee according to NIHB reimbursement policies. Documentation must be maintained and available for review on audit.

NIHB will reimburse claims for NARCAN® Nasal Spray on the basis of either:

- 1** A valid prescription, including if written by a pharmacist where permitted by legislation;
- 2** A pharmacist's documented recommendation, which at a minimum must include:
 - Date
 - Name and address or date of birth of the client
 - Proper name, common name or brand name of the prescribed drug, and the quantity thereof
 - Dosage
 - Signature of the health professional

**See the NIHB
Prescriber Policy
for Pharmacy
Benefits:**



How to submit claims to Non-Insured Health Benefits⁶

- Create a “drug card” (file) for the kit containing NARCAN[®] Nasal Spray that incorporates the appropriate pseudo-DIN (see pages 6-7 for details).
- Ensure the drug card for the NARCAN[®] Nasal Spray submits the price of the drug plus the kit supplies (plus any permitted markup and dispensing fee) to ensure you get compensated appropriately.
- Markup and dispensing fee vary by province/region.

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