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Important information about your medication coverage

Your plan now covers over-the-counter (OTC) NARCAN® Nasal Spray (naloxone). Naloxone is a life-saving medication that can reverse an overdose from opioids, including heroin, fentanyl and prescription opioid medications. NARCAN is not effective for overdoses of non-opioids, such as methamphetamine. Naloxone is safe and will not harm someone if you give it to them when they are not overdosing on an opioid.

This notice is informational and is being sent to all members who have OTC NARCAN coverage. This applies to the nasal spray formulation only.

Why is NARCAN important?

NARCAN is used in emergency situations to reverse the effects of opioids and allow a person to breathe properly. Anyone can carry naloxone to help respond to an overdose. Individuals who are concerned about the risk of an opioid overdose, including people who use prescription or illicit opioids, their family members, friends and caregivers, and concerned members of the public, should consider having naloxone on hand. This allows them to administer naloxone if they witness someone experiencing an overdose.[1]

How to get OTC NARCAN through your prescription plan:

+ Take this letter to the pharmacy and let them know you are eligible for OTC NARCAN coverage
+ Pharmacies can use your Express Scripts by Evernorth prescription ID to process OTC NARCAN through your prescription benefit
+ Anyone on your prescription plan is eligible for this benefit

Additional help

To learn how to administer NARCAN, visit:
ama-assn.org/delivering-care/overdose-epidemic/how-administer-naloxone

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) National Helpline
800.662.4357
(TTY: 800.487.4889)
also known as the Treatment Referral Routing Service

[1]Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Non-prescription ("Over-the-Counter") Naloxone Frequently Asked Questions, Last Updated: 04/24/2023, samhsa.gov/medications-substance-use-disorders/medications-counseling-related-conditions/naloxone/faqs

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