

Naloxone Frequently Asked Questions

How do I obtain the prescription?

The standing order is the prescription and can be obtained by downloading it from the Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH) website, www.adph.org/pharmacyunit/. It and the instructions can be found under Naloxone Distribution in the gold menu banner on the left.

What documentation or notification is required?

The standing order which serves as the prescription should be retained and filed as any other prescription. The Naloxone Client Form should be completed, signed by the recipient of naloxone, and retained (see page 6 of the standing order).

By signing the Naloxone Client Form, the recipient acknowledges that he/she has:

- (1) Received information on how to recognize and respond to a possible opioid overdose,
- (2) Received basic information on how to administer naloxone.
- (3) Been offered information/counseling on risk factors for opioid overdose, overdose prevention measures, risk and recognition of addiction, and resources for mental health and addiction treatment services.

The pharmacist should provide all of the above.

Who is a candidate for naloxone?

Patients with a history of overdosing.

Patients with a history of opioid use disorder.

Patients whose daily opioid dose is greater than 50 morphine equivalents.

Patients taking an opioid and a benzodiazepine.

Which naloxone product can be dispensed?

The naloxone standing order allows the pharmacist to choose the naloxone kit that is best for the patient or caregiver. See page 2 of the standing order for a description of each kit.

Is there any immunity from liability stated in the law?

Alabama Code §20-2-280 states that a physician or dentist who prescribes, a pharmacist who dispenses, and an individual who administers an opioid antagonist in good faith to an individual at risk of experiencing an opiate-related overdose or to a family member, friend, or other individual, including law enforcement, in a position to assist an individual at risk of experiencing an opiate-related overdose is immune from civil or criminal liability.

Are refills allowed?

The standing order allows unlimited refills.

Is there a list of mental health and addiction treatment services in my area?

The Alabama Department of Mental Health provides a list of treatment and prevention providers on their website: <http://www.mh.alabama.gov/SA/?sm=d>. The Prescription Drug Monitoring Program website also provides resources (<http://www.adph.org/PDMP/Default.asp?id=1417>)

Who should I contact if I have questions?

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