

Virginia Statewide Standing Order for Naloxone

Date Issued: November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2016

This order authorizes pharmacists who maintain a current active license practicing in a pharmacy located in Virginia that maintains a current active pharmacy permit to dispense one of the following naloxone formulations in accordance with § 54.1-3408 and the current Board of Pharmacy-approved protocol.

This order is effective for 2 years from the date issued, unless otherwise discontinued by the Commissioner or upon her resignation, removal, or retirement.

The pharmacy must maintain a copy of the standing order if dispensing naloxone pursuant to the order.

The Code of Virginia’s Good Samaritan Act states in part that any person who:

16. In good faith prescribes, dispenses, or administers naloxone or other opioid antagonist used for overdose reversal in an emergency to an individual who is believed to be experiencing or about to experience a life-threatening opiate overdose shall not be liable for any civil damages for ordinary negligence in acts or omissions resulting from the rendering of such treatment if acting in accordance with the provisions of subsection X of § [54.1-3408](#) or in his role as a member of an emergency medical services agency.

Va. Code § 8.01-225.

Please call the Office of the Commissioner at (804) 864-7002 with questions about the standing order.

Please call the Board of Pharmacy at (804) 367-4456 with questions about the standing order protocol.

Please call the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services at (804) 786-0464 with questions about the Revive program.

**Approved Options for Intranasal or Auto-Injector Administration:**

| Intranasal   | Auto-Injector  | Intranasal  |
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| Naloxone 2mg/2ml prefilled syringe, # 2 syringes<br>SIG: Spray one-half of the syringe into each nostril upon signs of opioid overdose. Call 911. May repeat x 1.<br>Mucosal Atomization Device (MAD) # 2<br>SIG: Use as directed for naloxone administration.<br>Kit must contain 2 prefilled syringes and 2 atomizers and instructions for administration. | Naloxone 0.4 mg/0.4 ml<br>#1 twin pack<br>SIG: Use one auto-injector upon signs of opioid overdose. Call 911. May repeat x 1.<br>No kit is required.<br>Product is commercially available. | Narcan Nasal Spray 4mg, #2<br>SIG: Administer a single spray intranasally into one nostril. Call 911. Administer additional doses using a new nasal spray with each dose, if patient does not respond or responds and then relapses into respiratory depression. Additional doses may be given every 2 to 3 minutes until emergency medical assistance arrives.<br>No kit is required. Product is commercially available. |

Signed: Marissa Levine, MD, MPH  
Prescriber’s Signature

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