

In 2018, the Philadelphia City Council passed Bill No. 180695, requiring all pharmacies in Philadelphia to stock naloxone at all times and post a sign indicating naloxone availability. Anyone in Pennsylvania can access without an individual prescription using the Department of Health's Standing Order. Naloxone is also now available over the counter. For more details on the requirements of the law, see the full Naloxone Action Kit for Pharmacists: <https://www.phila.gov/documents/2023-naloxone-action-kit-for-pharmacists/>

NALOXONE STOCKING

How much naloxone do I need to stock?

All retail pharmacies in Philadelphia must maintain a stock sufficient to fill at least two requests for naloxone. For example, two boxes of nasal Narcan (each with two doses) would meet this requirement. The requirement applies regardless of whether naloxone is requested with or without a prescription under Pennsylvania's standing order.

What formulations am I required to stock?

Any formulation of naloxone approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration as an emergency treatment for opioid overdose. Including, but not limited to:

- 1) Over-the-counter nasal spray (e.g., Narcan)
- 2) Generic 1ml single-dose vials w/ 3ml syringe and 23–35-gauge 1-1.5-inch needles
- 3) Prefilled 2mL luer-lock syringes w/ intranasal mucosal atomizing device (MAD 300)
- 4) Prescription nasal spray (e.g., Kloxxado)
- 5) Auto-injector (e.g., ZIMHI)

My pharmacy usually stocks it, but I dispensed our last kits. I have ordered more, but they have not yet arrived. Is that a violation?

No. If it has been less than 7 days since you last had at least two kits of naloxone in stock and your records show that you have ordered more, this does not constitute a violation. In the meantime, direct customers to <https://www.substanceusephilly.com/get-supplies> to find out where they can get naloxone from the Philadelphia Department of Public Health free-of-charge.

SIGNAGE

What does this law require?

The law requires that all retail pharmacies display a sign no larger than 8.5 x 11", visible from the point(s) where a pharmacist dispenses medications to customers, indicating that naloxone is available. The sign is issued by the Philadelphia Department of Public Health. A sign is included in this Action Kit and is available for download at <http://bit.ly/NaloxoneSign>.

Can I use my own sign?

If a retail pharmacy is interested in posting their own sign with equivalent information, they may do so, but only after first obtaining approval from the Department of Public Health. Proposed signs must be submitted to the Department via email (dph.opioid@phila.gov).

ENFORCEMENT

How will this law be enforced?

The Department of Public Health will periodically call and visit pharmacies to ensure they are stocking naloxone and in compliance with the law. Additionally, the Department will follow-up on consumer complaints we receive about the inability to purchase naloxone. Each violation of the law is \$250. Each day a violation continues shall constitute a separate offense.

BILLING & DISPENSING

Who is eligible for naloxone?

Everyone. Over-the-counter Naloxone can be purchased by anyone. The Pennsylvania Department of Health naloxone standing order applies to persons at risk of experiencing an opioid-related overdose, or who are family members, friends or other persons who are in a position to assist a person at risk of experiencing an opioid-related overdose.

Can I bill insurance for naloxone?

Yes. The dispensing of naloxone formulations in accordance with the standing order regulations allows pharmacists to bill Medicaid, State funded insurance plans, and private insurance plans. Most formulations of naloxone are covered by third party plans. For more information and resources about dispensing naloxone visit <http://www.PAPharmacists.com/page/Naloxone>.