



NEVADA COUNTY Public Health

How to Become a Narcan Distributor

What is Narcan/Naloxone?

AND HOW DOES IT PREVENT OVERDOSE?

Naloxone is a life-saving medication that works to reverse an opioid overdose while having little to no effects on an individual if opioids are not present in their system. Naloxone blocks opioid receptor sites, reversing the toxic effects of opioid overdose.

The Process of Becoming a Distributor

Organizations can become distributors of naloxone by submitting an application to the California Department of Public Health (CDPH). CDPH has a "standing order" that allows approved organizations to distribute naloxone without additional doctors' prescriptions, if they are able to meet certain minimum requirements.

Once approved by CDPH, an organization is then eligible for a free naloxone supply from the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS).

Step 1:

APPLY FOR APPROVAL FROM CDPH

Organizations must apply for approval from CDPH to become a "point of distribution" under CA's standing order. On the final page of this application process, you will be given a downloadable PDF of your Standing Order. Make sure you download this form to submit during step 2!

This initial application process can be started here: <https://bit.ly/2QoelKV>

Step 2:

APPLY TO DHCS FOR SUPPLY OF NARCAN

Once approved by CDPH, the organization must apply to DHCS for a supply of Narcan. To submit your application, the form must be filled out and emailed, along with your Standing Order from step 1, to naloxone@dhcs.ca.gov or mailed to the address listed on the bottom of the application

The application can be found here:

<https://bit.ly/3epzFrp>

Training

Staff of community organizations and other entities distributing naloxone under the statewide standing order are required to receive **opioid overdose prevention and treatment training**, and are also required to train individuals who receive naloxone from them. Minimum training requirements and an example of a training are included on the application page.

For additional training resources, please visit the California Department of Public Health's Naloxone Grant Program. If your organization is interested in applying and has additional questions about training needs, Public Health can assist. Please email Toby.Guevin@co.nevada.ca.us with your questions or needs.

For more information, please visit
<https://www.mynevadacounty.com/naloxone>