



Michelle Lujan Grisham, Governor
Kari Armijo, Secretary
Alex Castillo Smith, Deputy Secretary
Kathy Slater Huff, Deputy Secretary
Niki Kozlowski, Acting Deputy Secretary
Alanna Dancis, Acting Medicaid Director

MEMORANDUM

Date: September 15, 2026

To: To all DD Waiver Agencies and Providers

From: Melissa McBride, MBA, MSN, RN Clinical Services Bureau (CSB) Chief 

Subject: Naloxone (Narcan) Availability in Supported Living Agencies

Our goal at DDS is to educate all supported living agencies on the importance of maintaining Narcan (Naloxone is generic medication) on-site and ensure staff are prepared to respond appropriately in the event of a suspected opioid overdose. We are currently scheduling training through the HCA's Behavioral Health Services Division (BHSD) on to further support agencies in implementing effective Narcan access and overdose response practices.

To support this initiative, an exception to the medication labeling standards will be allowed for Narcan in this specific circumstance. Because Narcan is an emergency rescue medication intended for use during a suspected opioid overdose, **individual labeling requirements will not apply**. This exception is limited to Narcan maintained for emergency response purposes and does not change labeling requirements for other medications.

Under New Mexico's Good Samaritan protections, individuals who administer Narcan in good faith during a suspected opioid overdose are generally protected from criminal and civil liability. These protections are intended to encourage people to seek emergency medical assistance and provide lifesaving care without fear of legal consequences. In New Mexico, these protections apply to both the person administering Narcan and the individual experiencing the overdose when actions are taken in good faith with the intent to save a life.

The Behavioral Health Services Division (BHSD) website provides valuable resources for supported living agencies, including information on obtaining free naloxone kits, training opportunities, and educational materials.

The Health Care Authority also offers **A Dose of Reality** — an opioid addiction prevention, treatment, and recovery campaign dedicated to ensuring every New Mexican has access to quality health care and essential support services. Resources include information on naloxone (Narcan), overdose prevention, access, and training.

[Naloxone \(Narcan\) in New Mexico | Access, Training & Overdose Prevention Dose of Reality](#)

We encourage all agencies to take advantage of these resources and consider incorporating naloxone training into staff orientation and ongoing education. BHSD will also be scheduling a virtual naloxone training session soon.

Thank you for your continued commitment to the health, safety, and well-being of the individuals you support. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Melissa McBride, Bureau Chief for the Clinical Services Bureau at (505) 231-2304 or via email at Melissa.McBride@hca.nm.gov.