

Naloxone Standing Order FAQ

1. What is naloxone?

Naloxone (generic naloxone, Narcan®, Kloxxado®, RiVive®, Zimhi®) is an FDA-approved medication that reverses the effects of an opioid overdose by blocking receptors in the brain and restoring breathing. Naloxone is easy to use, works within minutes, and is not addictive. Studies have shown there is no difference in the ability of different brands and types of naloxone to reverse an opioid overdose.

2. What is the Naloxone Standing Order?

This standing order allows a pharmacist to dispense naloxone under the authority of the delegating physician in Texas. It also allows any employee or volunteer of a requesting organization to distribute naloxone without a prescription. It also allows any employee or volunteer of a requesting pharmacy or organization to administer naloxone for a suspected opioid overdose. Under Texas law, once you are covered under this standing order, you are protected legally to distribute naloxone to people who want or need it.

3. Why is a standing order needed in Texas?

Naloxone is a medication that, without a standing order, would require a prescription from a physician or other clinician. The standing order allows pharmacists and employees or volunteers of organizations to distribute naloxone without a prescription. It also allows for the administration of naloxone by anyone covered under the standing order.

4. Who is eligible to apply for a standing order?

Any pharmacy or other organization operating in Texas may request our standing order to distribute naloxone. There is no cost to get the standing order.

5. How long does it take to get the standing order?

The standing order usually takes about 10 business days to receive since we need to verify the information that you provide to us.

6. What is the cost for the standing order?

There is no cost for pharmacies or other organizations operating in Texas to request and receive the standing order.

7. What are the data reporting requirements for applicants?

There are no reporting requirements other than those required by your local municipalities/counties, state or federal requirements pertaining to your particular organization.

8. Does the standing order expire?

This standing order has no expiration date. If there are legislative changes that require revisions to the current standing order, we will issue revised and updated versions to all organizations who have received standing orders from us.

9. The standing order was signed in 2025, is it still valid?

Yes, there is no expiration date for this standing order, but new standing orders may be reissued as legislative changes are made regarding naloxone access.

10. Is training required to distribute or administer naloxone?

No training is required to stock, distribute, or administer naloxone. Most naloxone products have basic instructions on the packaging that can help guide someone on how to give the medication, even if they've never been trained.

The University of Texas at Austin's College of Pharmacy offers free trainings on opioids and overdose response, including how to administer naloxone, available at:

<https://utpharmacyce.learningexpressce.com/index.cfm?fa=view&eventID=18752>

11. How can my organization receive naloxone at no cost to us?

Individuals and organizations located in Texas can request the intranasal form of naloxone (Narcan®) free of cost at: <https://www.naloxonetexas.com>