



MISSISSIPPI STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

## Mississippi Statewide Opioid Antagonist Standing Order

### **Authority**

Naloxone is indicated for the reversal of opioid overdose induced by natural or synthetic opioids in the setting of respiratory depression or unresponsiveness. It is contraindicated in patients known to be hypersensitive to naloxone hydrochloride.

Nalmefene is indicated for emergency treatment of known or suspected overdose induced by natural or synthetic opioids in patients 12 years and older, as manifested by respiratory and/or central nervous system depression. It is contraindicated in patients known to be hypersensitive to nalmefene or any of its other ingredients.

§ 41-29-319 of the Mississippi Code of 1972 Annotated allows a practitioner acting in good faith and in compliance with the standard of care applicable to that practitioner to directly or by standing order prescribe an opioid antagonist to a person at risk of experiencing an opioid-related overdose or to a registered pain management clinic, family member, friend or other person in a position to assist such person at risk of experiencing an opioid-related overdose; further, a practitioner acting in good faith and in compliance with the standard of care applicable to that practitioner may issue a standing order to one or more individual pharmacies that authorizes the pharmacy to dispense an opioid antagonist to a person at risk of experiencing an opioid-related overdose or to a family member, friend or other person in a position to assist such person at risk of experiencing an opioid –related overdose, without the person to whom the opioid antagonist is dispensed needing to have an individual prescription; and a pharmacist acting in good faith and in compliance with the standard of care applicable to pharmacists may dispense an opioid antagonist under a prescription or a standing order issued in accordance with the law. This standing order by the Mississippi State Health Officer covers the dispensing and administration of naloxone by a pharmacist licensed to practice in the state of Mississippi as authorized under § 41-29-319 of the Mississippi Code of 1972 Annotated (“The Pharmacist”). Dispensing and/or administration shall be in full compliance with Mississippi Pharmacy Practice Regulations.

The pharmacist is authorized to dispense naloxone or nalmefene in accordance with § 41-29-319 of the Mississippi Code of 1972 Annotated.

**Order to dispense:**

The pharmacist is authorized to dispense the below formulations of naloxone to any person regardless of age:

Formulation (Generic or Brand Name acceptable)	Directions for Use	Quantity to Dispense	Refills
Naloxone 2 mg/2mL single dose Luer-Lock prefilled syringe  *Dispense with two intranasal mucosal atomizer devices for intranasal administration or two 1-1.5 inch, 23-25g needles for intramuscular/subcutaneous administration.	Intranasal: Spray one-half of syringe (1 mL) into each nostril. May repeat every 2-3 minutes if no response.	Two syringes	PRN
	Injection: Inject 2 mL intramuscularly or subcutaneously into the shoulder or thigh. May repeat every 2-3 minutes if no response.		
Naloxone 0.4 mg/mL single dose vial  *Dispense with 3cc, 23g-25g, 1-1.5 inch syringes.	Inject 1 mL into the shoulder or thigh. May repeat every 2-3 minutes if no response.	Two vials	PRN
Narcan® Nasal Spray (4 mg/0.1 mL)	Spray into one nostril. May repeat with new device every 2-3 minutes if no response.	Two pack kit	PRN
Kloxxado™ Nasal Spray (8 mg/0.1 mL)	Spray into one nostril. May repeat with new device every 2-3 minutes if no response.	Two pack kit	PRN
ZIMHI™ (One case containing one ZIMHI™ (naloxone HCL injection, USP) 5 mg/0.5 mL single-dose, prefilled syringe)	Inject intramuscularly or subcutaneously in thigh with the needle facing downwards. May repeat every 2-3 minutes if no response.	One case	PRN
ZIMHI™ (One carton containing two cases, each of which contains one ZIMHI™ (naloxone HCL injection, USP) 5 mg/0.5 mL single-dose, prefilled syringe)	Inject intramuscularly or subcutaneously in thigh with the needle facing downwards. May repeat every 2-3 minutes if no response.	One carton	PRN

The pharmacist is authorized to dispense the below formulations of nalmefene to persons 12 years and older:

Formulation (Generic or Brand Name acceptable)	Directions for Use	Quantity to Dispense	Refills
OPVEE (nalmefene) nasal spray (2.7 mg/0.1 mL)	Administer a single spray into one nostril. May repeat with new device every 2-5 minutes if no response.	One carton containing two devices	PRN

**Recordkeeping:**

1. A copy of the standing order signed by the Mississippi State Health Officer must be maintained on file and readily retrievable at each participating pharmacy.
2. Prescriptions shall be maintained by the pharmacy in accordance with Mississippi Pharmacy Practice Regulations.

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Order Expiration Date: 05/04/2025