

## Opioid overdose reversal medication distribution

### Overview

Second Substitute Senate Bill 5195 (2SSB 5195) instructed the distribution of naloxone in emergency departments and behavioral health settings to increase access to opioid overdose reversal medication for all individuals at-risk of an opioid overdose. Effective January 1, 2022, impacted organizations, including emergency departments (EDs) and licensed or certified behavioral health agencies (BHAs), must facilitate the provision, education, and billing of pre-packaged naloxone to individuals at risk of opioid overdose.

### Technical assistance

#### Website

A Health Care Authority [website](#) is available and serves as a central repository for all published materials, contact information, technical assistance, and updates. Recordings of trainings are posted following each training event.

#### Educational materials

In compliance with [RCW 71.24.594](#), HCA produced [educational materials](#) on directions for use of naloxone, medications for opioid use disorder (MOUD) and [harm reduction services and strategies](#) in all relevant, community languages.

#### Toolkits

ED and BHA specific [toolkits](#) are available and serve as the cornerstone of DBHR technical assistance. Included in the toolkits is guidance on policy development and implementation as well as editable word templates for policies, staff education materials, smart phrases, FAQ sheets, and other resources supporting naloxone distribution.

### Upcoming program development

#### January- December 2023

- Provide ongoing training and technical assistance for implementing sites

- Collaborate with regional partners to evaluate and disseminate best practices

### Authority

2021 Washington State Legislation [2SSB 5195](#)

[RCW 71.24.594](#)

### Key partners

- Washington State Department of Health
- University of Washington- Addictions, Drug and Alcohol Institute
- The Office of the Insurance Commissioner
- HCA Medicaid Program Divisions (MPD)
- HCA Clinical Quality and Care Transformation (CQCT)

### Funding

DBHR identified alternative funding streams to produce requisite educational material in 2022.

### Oversight

DBHR oversees the educational and technical assistance requirements. Other HCA divisions, including MPD and CQCT, oversee billing and purchasing.

### Bulk purchasing and distribution program

CQCT has established a workstream for the bulk purchasing and distribution of pre-packaged naloxone.

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