

Fee-for-Service Pharmacy Provider Notice #217
****Narcan[®] Nasal Spray (naloxone HCl)****

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Dear Kentucky Medicaid Provider:

Across the United States, substance abuse has become a prominent concern and growing public health threat. Due to the drastic increase in the number of deaths related to drug overdose, legislators have increased funding and passed laws that aid our peace officers, healthcare providers, advocacy groups, as well as a number of non-profit organizations in saving lives and providing individuals opportunity to seek appropriate treatment. The Kentucky Department for Medicaid Services recognizes the growing substance abuse crisis faced by our nation and throughout the Commonwealth of Kentucky, and has taken action to increase access to Narcan[®] Nasal Spray, a life saving product.

The Food and Drug Administration lists Narcan[®] Nasal Spray as an opioid antagonist indicated for the emergency treatment of known or suspected opioid overdose, as manifested by respiratory and/or central nervous system depression. Narcan[®] Nasal Spray is intended for immediate administration as an emergency therapy in settings where opioids may be present. Narcan[®] Nasal Spray is not a substitute for emergency medical care or substance use treatment.¹

The Kentucky Medicaid Fee-for-Service Program now allows **ONE** Narcan[®] Nasal Spray kit to be dispensed every 30 days for any covered recipient without the necessity of a prior authorization. Most of the Medicaid Managed Care Organizations (MCO) have or plan to begin to adopt this same allowance, but always refer to the respective MCO to obtain specific guidelines.

Kentucky Medicaid recognizes that pharmacists play an important role in substance abuse prevention, education, and assistance. Pharmacists may independently initiate the dispensing of naloxone products, without a prescription, based on a physician approved protocol (201 KAR 2:360).

Saving a life today gives an individual the opportunity for change tomorrow! Thank you for your continued commitment to the health and wellness of Kentuckians throughout the Commonwealth!

¹ Narcan Nasal Spray[®] Prescribing Information. Adapt Pharma, Inc. Radnor, PA. November 2015. <http://narcannasalspray.com/pdf/NARCAN-PI.pdf> Accessed 12/01/2016.



Please contact **Magellan Medicaid Administration** at kyproviders@magellanhealth.com for any additional information or questions you may have regarding this notice.

Sincerely,

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Kentucky Medicaid Fee-for-Service Pharmacy Program's Contact Information		
Clinical Support Center	1-800-477-3071 Sunday – Saturday 24 hours a day	Please contact the Clinical Support Center to request a PA or to check the status of a request. NOTE: The only drugs that are now required to be submitted via fax are Brand Medically Necessary, Buprenorphine products, Synagis®, and Zyvox®.
Pharmacy Support Center	1-800-432-7005 Sunday – Saturday 24 hours a day	Please contact the Pharmacy Support Center when claims assistance is required. Timely filing, lock-in, and early refill (ER) overrides can be obtained through this call center.
Provider Services	1-877-838-5085 Monday – Friday 8:00 am – 4:30 pm	Please contact Provider Services if you have questions about enrollment or when updating your license or bank information.
Member Services	1-800-635-2570 Monday – Friday 8:00 am – 5:00 pm	Please contact Member Services if you are a member or if you as the provider have questions regarding the member's benefits or eligibility coverage dates.