



# Leave Behind Narcan 310-3-0

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The sole purpose of this program is to prevent overdose deaths in Clay County.

The use of Leave Behind Narcan Kits has been proven to decrease patient mortality and morbidity in our community by reducing the “down-time” of overdose patients, decreasing rates of hospitalization, and the incidence of costly long-term care related to anoxic brain injury.

After patient care is complete, while on the scene with the patient or bystanders, Clay County Fire Rescue (CCFR) will offer a Leave Behind Narcan Kit that contains two doses of nasal naloxone and information to seek recovery help and social services through the Community Paramedicine program.

Additionally, the patient can accept referral for CCFR Community Paramedicine to make contact, offering services toward recovery. It is important to keep in mind that the distribution of the kit is not the solution to the opioid epidemic, but it serves as a mechanism to begin the conversation of access to care, treatment, and recovery. To that end, it is important to professionally convey that treatment and recovery services are available through the contact information found in the kit.

This policy is in compliance with section [381.887](#), Florida Statutes. covers the possession and distribution of naloxone kits for the CCFR Opioid Overdose Prevention Program.

This policy authorizes the Medical Director’s designee to pick up naloxone kits from a pharmacy, maintain supplies of naloxone kits, and to distribute free naloxone kits to designated members to distribute kits directly to people who use drugs, people with a history of drug use, others at risk of experiencing an overdose, and to friends/family that may witness an overdose.

## DISTRIBUTION

The following people are authorized to receive free naloxone kits under this standing order:

- People who use drugs, especially people who use heroin or fentanyl
- People who have previously experienced a drug overdose, especially people who experienced a heroin, fentanyl, or other opioid-related overdose
- People entering, enrolled, or being discharged from substance use disorder treatment services, including detox, inpatient, residential, outpatient, abstinence-based treatment programs, or aftercare
- People entering, enrolled, or being discharged from methadone, buprenorphine/suboxone, and naltrexone/Vivitrol programs

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- People on a waitlist or call-back list to receive substance use treatment services, especially those seeking treatment for opioid use disorder
- People with a history of opioid or other drug use who are currently abstaining from drugs
- People receiving recovery support services
- People who inject drugs
- People participating in a syringe exchange program
- People currently experiencing homelessness / people without stable housing
- People re-entering the community from jail or prison
- People with a prescription for opioid pain medication
- Family members, friends, or others who know someone at risk of opioid overdose and are likely to witness an opioid overdose
- Others likely to experience or witness an opioid overdose

## ORDER TO DISTRIBUTE

Distribute free naloxone kits directly to any of the groups mentioned above. People who are actively using drugs should be offered a minimum of 2 naloxone kits (with the option to request more or take less) so they can provide kits to their friends that may use drugs/are at risk of overdose.

Naloxone kits should include at a minimum:

- Two devices of NARCAN® Nasal Spray
- Instructions on how to use NARCAN® Nasal Spray (instructions are included in each Narcan kit – additional materials are not required)

## DIRECTIONS FOR KIT ADMINISTRATION

Administer NARCAN® Nasal Spray to a person believed to be experiencing an opioid overdose with respiratory depression or unresponsiveness as follows:

1. Activate emergency medical services / call 911
2. If indicated, initiate rescue breathing
3. Push the middle portion of the NARCAN Nasal Spray device to spray 4mg of naloxone into one nostril
4. Continue rescue breathing and monitor respiration and responsiveness of NARCAN recipient
5. If no response after 2-3 minutes, administer the second dose of NARCAN Nasal Spray into the alternate nostril, and repeat Step 4
6. When emergency medical services arrive, inform personnel that NARCAN has been administered to the individual



## PROCEDURE

- The Opioid Kit shall not be administered by CCFR during treatment of suspected opioid overdose.
- If patient chooses to refuse transportation, confirm that the patient meets CCFR decision making criteria.
- Medical Director contact shall be made for post Narcan administration refusals.
- The Opioid Kit can be given to the patient and/or an involved bystander.
- The number of kits to be given is at your discretion (standard will be 2 kits)
- For DCF program reporting purposes, notify the Community Paramedicine Coordinator of the number of kits given out and number of overdose reversals for kits used. These numbers will be sent to DCF in a monthly report.
- The public may obtain replacement kits by contacting the Community Paramedicine program at (904)-284-7703.



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