

# ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES

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Date: 7/21/2021

To: All Arizona EMS First Responder Organizations  
All Arizona Ground and Air Ambulance Organizations

Sub: Standing Order and Clinical Treatment Protocol for Suspected Opioid Overdose

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Arizona Governor Doug Ducey declared a Public Health State of Emergency on June 5th, 2017 in response to the increase of opioid/opiate overdoses and deaths in the state.

First Responders and EMCTs are uniquely positioned to impact this epidemic through their rapid administration of naloxone/Narcan®. We strongly urge all First Responders to receive appropriate training and become equipped to recognize opioid overdose and administer this life-saving intervention.

For those organizations/individuals with an Administrative Medical Director of record, you should follow your Medical Director's guidance in the training, equipping, and administration of naloxone/Narcan®.

For those organizations/individuals that cannot obtain Administrative Medical Direction for an opioid overdose recognition and treatment program, The Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS) authorizes you to purchase, carry, and administer naloxone/Narcan® to patients whom you suspect are experiencing an opioid overdose, provided that both (a) your agency's chief executive approves, and (b) you have received the appropriate training pursuant to A.R.S. § 36-2228.

Attached, please find two important documents that shall guide your organization's naloxone program:

1. Standing Order for the purchase of Naloxone signed by Dr. Gail Bradley, Medical Director ADHS BEMSTS, pursuant to A.R.S. § 36-2266 and A.R.S. § 36-2228.
2. Clinical Treatment Protocol to be used in patients with suspected Opioid Poisoning/Overdose pursuant to A.R.S. § 36-2266 and A.R.S. § 36-2228. This protocol was developed and approved by the Medical Direction Commission pursuant to A.R.S. § 36-2203.01(C).

Thank you for all of the work that you do each day to improve the health and wellness of all Arizonans.

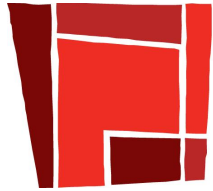
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### STANDING ORDERS FOR NALOXONE ADMINISTRATION

This standing order is issued by Dr. Gail Bradley (NPI #1952333247), Medical Director of Arizona Department of Health Services Bureau of Emergency Medical Services and Trauma System. The standing order authorizes any Arizona certified Emergency Medical Care Technician (EMCT), having met requirements of A.R.S. 36-2228, to administer naloxone to any individual with suspicion of opioid- overdose, in accordance with the protocols of this order.

Administer one of the two following naloxone products based on product availability and preference.

1	<p><b>For intranasal administration</b></p> <p><u>Dispense:</u> NARCAN™ 4mg/0.1ml nasal spray</p> <p><u>Sig:</u> Administer a single spray of NARCAN™ in one nostril. Repeat after 3 minutes if no or minimal response.</p> <p><u>Refills:</u> PRN x 1 year</p>
2	<p><b>For intramuscular or subcutaneous injection</b></p> <p><u>Disp:</u> EVZIO™ 2mg/0.4ml auto-injector, #1 Two-pack</p> <p><u>Sig:</u> Follow audio instructions from device. Place on thigh and inject 0.4ml. Repeat after 3 minutes if no or minimal response.</p> <p><u>Refills:</u> PRN x one year</p>

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