



# NEW MEXICO CORRECTIONS DEPARTMENT

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CD-173300 Discharge of Inmates with Naloxone	Issued: 07/03/17 Effective: 07/03/17	Reviewed: 5/27/26 Revised: 04/04/19
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## AUTHORITY:

A. HB 370, 2017 Legislative Session

## REFERENCE:

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## PURPOSE:

The purpose of this administrative directive is to establish guidelines for the provision of naloxone to those inmates who are being discharged or released from New Mexico Corrections Department (NMCD) facilities.

## APPLICABILITY:

NMCD inmates who are discharging or releasing from NMCD facilities.

## FORMS:

None

## ATTACHMENTS:

None

## DEFINITIONS:

- A. Naloxone: means naloxone hydrochloride, which is an opioid antagonist for the treatment of opioid overdose.
- B. Naloxone Rescue Kit: means a kit containing two doses of naloxone in either a generic form or in a form approved by the federal food and drug administration; and

- C. Opioid Overdose Education: overdose education materials and training that conform to New Mexico Department of Health or federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration guidelines for opioid overdose education that explain the signs and causes of an opioid overdose and instructs when and how to administer in accordance with medical best practices: 1) life-saving rescue techniques; and 2) an opioid antagonist (naloxone).

**POLICY:**

- A. NMCD recognizes naloxone as a life-saving medication that can reverse the effects of an opioid overdose and aid in the rescue of a person who might otherwise not survive.
- B. It is the policy of the NMCD to support naloxone accessibility by providing two doses of naloxone to every NMCD inmate who is discharging or releasing from an NMCD facility.
- C. It is the policy of NMCD to assure that NMCD inmates discharging or releasing from an NMCD facility are informed that naloxone is available without a prescription from licensed pharmacies in New Mexico.
- D. It is the policy of NMCD to assure that NMCD inmates discharging or releasing from an NMCD facility receive appropriate opioid overdose education.



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## PROCEDURES:

- A. Health Services Bureau staff and Reentry Specialist staff are responsible for coordinating, maintaining and delivering appropriate opioid overdose education to discharging inmates. The educational content provided shall:
1. Conform to New Mexico Department of Health or Federal substance abuse and mental health services administration guidelines for opioid overdose education;
  2. Explain the causes of an opioid overdose;
  3. Instruct when and how to administer in accordance with medical best practices: 1) Life-saving rescue techniques; and 2) an opioid antagonist; and;
  4. Explain how to contact appropriate emergency medical services.
- B. Medical staff are responsible to provide naloxone as appropriate to the inmates covered under this policy.